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46 **Abstract**

47 Escalation (macroevolutionary increase) or divergence (disparity between relatives) in trait  
48 values are two frequent outcomes of the plant-herbivore arms race. We studied the defenses  
49 and caterpillars associated with 21 sympatric New Guinean figs. Herbivore generalists were  
50 concentrated on hosts with low protease and oxidative activity. The distribution of specialists  
51 correlated to phylogeny, protease and trichomes. Additionally, highly specialized *Asota*  
52 moths used alkaloid rich plants. The evolution of proteases was conserved, alkaloid diversity  
53 has escalated across the studied species, oxidative activity has escalated within one clade, and  
54 trichomes have diverged across the phylogeny. Herbivore specificity correlated with their  
55 response to host defenses: escalating traits largely affected generalists and divergent traits  
56 specialists; but the effect of escalating traits on extreme specialists was positive. In turn, the  
57 evolution of defenses in *Ficus* can be driven towards both escalation and divergence in  
58 individual traits, in combination providing protection against a broad spectrum of herbivores.

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69 **Introduction**

70 Insect-plant arms races have been suggested to support diversification and escalation of plant  
71 defenses (Ehrlich & Raven 1964), resulting in a directional trend for increased anti-herbivore  
72 traits during the macroevolution of a lineage (Agrawal *et al.* 2008). In turn, traits should  
73 escalate across plant clades (more derived lineages should have more potent defenses), with  
74 trait values positively correlating to phylogenetic distance from the root, and/or phylogenetic  
75 dissimilarity between species. Such an escalation of host-plant defenses has been found in  
76 several plant genera (Agrawal *et al.* 2008; Becerra *et al.* 2009; Pearse & Hipp 2012).

77 However, a range of alternative trends exist (e. g. Kursar *et al.* 2009; Pearse & Hipp 2012;  
78 Cacho *et al.* 2015; Salazar *et al.* 2016). For example, a decrease in chemical complexity occurs  
79 in milkweed cardenolides, which are probably now ineffective against specialized herbivores  
80 (Agrawal *et al.* 2008). Divergent defenses (traits more dissimilar between close relatives than  
81 expected under a conserved model of evolution) have been found in sympatric communities  
82 of closely related hosts. It has been suggested that insect herbivores impose divergent  
83 selection, resulting in increased chemical disparity (Becerra 2007; Kursar *et al.* 2009; Salazar  
84 *et al.* 2016). Such an increase in trait disparity between sympatric congeners should facilitate  
85 escape from shared herbivores with conservative host-use (Becerra 2007; Kursar *et al.* 2009;  
86 Salazar *et al.* 2016; Sedio *et al.* 2017).

87 The macroevolution of a given trait is likely to depend both on the ability of the trait to deter  
88 herbivores and its metabolic flexibility (Wink 2003). Consistently effective traits may be  
89 conserved, or even escalate over time, such that they have a large effect on non-adapted  
90 herbivores, while divergent traits are harder for specialists to circumvent. Generalist  
91 herbivores can consume multiple hosts, at the cost of being maladapted to potent defenses  
92 (Bernays & Chapman 2007), while specialists often track host phylogeny and adapt to such

93 defenses. The composition of insect communities attacking the host is therefore key –  
94 assemblages of specialists should select mainly for divergent traits (e.g. Becerra 2007),  
95 whereas assemblages of generalists, sensitive to specialized defenses, should impose selection  
96 for escalating traits.

97 In response to the variability of herbivore pressure between guilds and across the  
98 specialization continuum, plant defensive syndromes consist of suites of complementary  
99 traits, as found in *Asclepias* (Agrawal & Fishbein 2006). In *Asclepias* these syndromes are  
100 shaped by both shared evolutionary ancestry and herbivore driven adaptive convergence.  
101 Mixing and matching defenses over evolutionary time can allow plants to evade the current  
102 community of herbivores (Agrawal & Fishbein 2006; Janz 2011). Such evolutionary  
103 processes should result in an oscillating equilibrium between diverging and escalating  
104 defenses.

105 Rainforest assemblages of *Ficus* represent an excellent model system for exploring such  
106 evolutionary processes. This pantropical genus is extraordinarily speciose (over 800 species).  
107 The paleotropics are particularly diverse, with over 150 species found in Papua New Guinea  
108 (PNG), the global center of *Ficus* diversity (Berg & Corner 2005; Cruaud *et al.* 2012). *Ficus*  
109 can comprise ~15% of all stems with DBH  $\geq$  5 cm, in both primary and secondary lowland  
110 forests in PNG (Whitfeld *et al.* 2012). The genus *Ficus* also supports diverse insect  
111 communities, including many herbivores which are lineage specialists (Basset & Novotny  
112 1999; Novotny *et al.* 2010).

113 Over the course of ~75 MY (Cruaud *et al.*, 2012) *Ficus* has acquired a broad range of chemical  
114 and physical defenses. These include ‘universal’ traits, such as polyphenols, terpenoids, and  
115 trichomes. Most *Ficus* species also produce latex that serves as a physical defense, as well as  
116 vessel for more taxonomically restricted chemical defenses. These specialized defenses

117 include phenanthroindolizidine alkaloids (Damu *et al.* 2005) and cysteine proteases (Konno  
118 *et al.* 2004). Among these defenses, cysteine proteases likely play a prominent role, as they  
119 interfere with insect digestion and increase larval mortality (Konno *et al.* 2004). These traits  
120 show considerable interspecific variation, making *Ficus* a promising model for testing  
121 evolutionary trends in host plant defenses.

122 Here, we focus on 21 sympatric New Guinean rainforest *Ficus* species. This community  
123 approach allows us to relate *Ficus* traits to local insect communities. First, we identify the  
124 *Ficus* defenses which correlate with communities of leaf-chewing larvae, and analyze whether  
125 these correlations hold consistently across herbivores with a range of host specificity. Second,  
126 we analyze the evolutionary patterns in these defenses and test whether they are conserved,  
127 escalate over evolutionary time, or are divergent among closely related species. We predict  
128 that: I) defenses in this speciose system will show a range of evolutionary histories in response  
129 to different selective pressures; II) generalist insect community structure will correlate mainly  
130 with escalating defenses, while the structure of specialist insect communities will relate to  
131 diverging defenses; and III) traits with different anti-herbivore roles will be independent or  
132 positively correlated, and form distinctive defensive syndromes, combining various  
133 evolutionary histories (Agrawal & Fishbein 2006).

134 We suggest that insect ecology is a key element when interpreting the evolution of host-plant  
135 defenses, as escalating and diverging defenses likely have different correlations with  
136 specialist and generalist herbivores. Here we relate communities of generalist and specialist  
137 insects to defensive traits. We expect the evolution of plant defensive traits to be varied, with  
138 few trade-offs and a range of macroevolutionary dynamics. It is important to recognize that  
139 insect-herbivore interactions are reciprocal, and while ‘bottom up’ effects can determine host-  
140 use by insect herbivores, insects themselves are a key selective pressure (Marquis *et al.* 2016).  
141 In summary, we do not expect that the defenses of plants and their herbivorous assemblages

142 could be explained by a single evolutionary mechanism in speciose systems, such as tropical  
143 rainforests.

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## 145 **Methods**

### 146 *Ficus* traits

147 We measured both specialized and generalized chemical and physical defenses in *Ficus*:  
148 cysteine protease activity, alkaloid content, alkaloid diversity, polyphenol content,  
149 polyphenol diversity, polyphenol oxidative activity, polyphenol protein precipitation  
150 capacity, triterpene content, triterpene diversity, trichome density, and trichome length. We  
151 also measured resource acquisition traits correlating with leaf quality: specific leaf area (SLA)  
152 and C:N (Fig. 1). The sampling was carried out within a matrix of primary and secondary  
153 forest in a 10 x 20 km area around Madang in Ohu and Baitabag villages (PNG), sampled also  
154 for insect herbivores by Novotny *et al.* (2010). We sampled the 19 *Ficus* species surveyed by  
155 Novotny *et al.* (2010) for insect herbivores, along with two additional species lacking detailed  
156 insect data (Table S1). We avoided trees with high rates of herbivory, signs of pathogen  
157 infection or physical damage and maintained >10 m distance between trees, avoiding  
158 obviously clonal individuals. We sampled up to five individuals per species for all traits. The  
159 sampling included the subgenus *Sycomorus*, which has radiated in PNG and represents a large  
160 component of local *Ficus* diversity. The study also includes species from its sister sections,  
161 and more distant relatives, representing most sections of *Ficus* occurring in the Australasian  
162 region.

163 For the analysis of protease activity, we sampled latex by cutting the main vein of each leaf  
164 and letting latex flow into a 2 ml collection tube for 30 seconds. Protease activity was analyzed  
165 using a modified version of the methods of Konno *et al.* (2004). Alkaloids and polyphenols

166 were extracted using acetone and aqueous acetone from ca 0.5g of the *Ficus* leaf tissue.  
167 Alkaloid quantification (area of peak/mg) was obtained with non-targeted UPLC-DAD-  
168 Orbitrap-MS analysis (Table S2). The main polyphenol sub-groups were quantified (as mg/g)  
169 with UPLC-QqQ-MS/MS as detailed in Engström *et al.* (Engström *et al.* 2014; 2015).  
170 Furthermore, we measured polyphenol oxidative activity, following Salminen & Karonen  
171 (2011), and protein precipitation capacity, following Hagerman's RDA method (Hagerman  
172 & Butler 1978), as the two major functions of polyphenols in anti-herbivore protection. Low  
173 polarity terpenoids were extracted from ca 0.5g of the *Ficus* leaf tissue using methanol.  
174 Terpenoid quantification (area of peak/mg) was obtained with HPLC-Orbitrap Q-Exactive  
175 HRMS equipped with atmospheric chemical ionization (APCI) (Table S3). Chemical  
176 diversity was quantified by Shannon diversity indexes for alkaloids, polyphenols, and  
177 triterpenes. Triterpene diversity was based on the content of individual compounds. Alkaloid  
178 and polyphenol diversities, for which more detailed structural data were available, were  
179 calculated based on the content of major structural groups to account for structural diversity,  
180 rather than for the number of compounds in a sample (see Table S4 for more details).

181 The total number of trichomes per 10 mm<sup>2</sup> and their average length was measured on five leaf  
182 discs per individual, avoiding the central vein. Values for dorsal and ventral sides of the discs  
183 were averaged. SLA was measured as the area per mass using twenty dried leaf discs which  
184 were cut avoiding the central vein. Total carbon and nitrogen content were determined by dry  
185 combustion using ca 0.45 g of homogenized dry leaf material.

186 See Appendix S1 for more details on the trait measurements and chemical analyses.

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188 *Insect data*

189 The insect data were taken from Novotny *et al.* (2010) (Table S1). The data include only  
190 reared individuals, with host associations confirmed by feeding trials, sampled from 1,500 m<sup>2</sup>  
191 of leaf area per plant species. We focused on leaf-chewing larvae (including 122 Lepidoptera  
192 and two Coleoptera species) as a guild that is well represented on our focal *Ficus* species, and  
193 which inflicts a large amount of damage. We conducted additional analyses to compare the  
194 two dominant microlepidopteran taxa, which represented the majority of caterpillars in the  
195 focal communities: Pyraloidea (31% of all caterpillar individuals), a relatively polyphagous  
196 group feeding on several plant taxa, and Choreutidae (45% of all caterpillar individuals),  
197 which are mostly specialists of Moraceae in our community (Novotny *et al.* 2002). We  
198 included recent taxonomic revisions for Choreutidae (Table S1). Singleton species were  
199 removed from all statistical analyses. The residual insect community comprised several  
200 (super)families, with Noctuoidea (11%) and Tortricidae (10%) being the most abundant. We  
201 note that 84% of all noctuid individuals are in the brightly colored genus *Asota* (largely  
202 restricted to *Ficus*), a specialist genus potentially capable of alkaloid sequestration (Sourakov  
203 & Emmel 2001). We separated *Asota* in a subset of our analyses.

#### 204 *Ficus* phylogeny reconstruction

205 The host-plant phylogeny was estimated using four loci: ITS, ETS, G3PD, and GBSSI. We  
206 used sequences from Cruaud *et al.* (2012) when available. We obtained the sequences of  
207 missing species using dried leaf tissue following Cruaud *et al.* (2012). The host-plant  
208 phylogeny was reconstructed using Bayesian inference as implemented in BEAST v2.1.3  
209 (Drummond *et al.* 2012), with section level constraints taken from Cruaud *et al.* (2012).  
210 Furthermore, for section *Sycocarpus* we used constraints based on microsatellite data using  
211 Nei's distance neighbor joining trees, based on nine microsatellite loci previously published  
212 for the genus *Ficus* (Moe & Weiblen 2011; Garcia *et al.* 2012). See Appendix S1 for details.

213 *Ficus* traits and insect communities

214 To test the hypothesis that *Ficus* species form distinct groups with respect to their defensive  
215 traits, we clustered them using Ward's method with Euclidean distances as implemented in  
216 the 'pvclust 2.0' R package (Suzuki & Shimodaira 2015). The optimal number of clusters was  
217 selected using BIC. The key traits for defining these clusters were identified using a  
218 classification tree analysis in the R package 'rpart' (Therneau *et al.* 2017). All secondary  
219 metabolite contents were log transformed. The data were centered and standardized and the  
220 results were visualized using PCA in CANOCO 5 (Ter Braak & Smilauer 2012). Additionally,  
221 we analyzed correlations between traits in a phylogenetic context using PGLS in the R  
222 package 'caper' (Orme *et al.* 2013). PGLS analysis allowed us to identify whether there are  
223 any indications of trade-offs between the traits significantly correlated to insect community  
224 structure.

225 To test the hypothesis that defensive and resource acquisition traits correlated with insect  
226 community structure, we analyzed the relationships of *Ficus* traits and phylogeny with larval  
227 leaf-chewer communities using *canonical correspondence analysis* (CCA). We used species  
228 means of traits as explanatory variables, and identified those with a significant correlation  
229 with insect communities by forward selection. Phylogenetic similarity is often an integrator  
230 for trait similarity. We therefore assessed the explanatory power of both phylogeny and its  
231 covariance with traits to explain the residual variance not captured by our traits. Specifically,  
232 we ran variance partitioning analysis with the selected *Ficus* traits and significant  
233 phylogenetic axes, derived from the ultrametric tree using principal coordinate analysis  
234 (PCoA), to identify the proportion of variability in insect data explained by traits, phylogeny,  
235 and their covariation. All insect data were log-transformed. We down weighted rare species  
236 and used adjusted explained variability (Ter Braak & Smilauer 2012). To test our hypothesis  
237 that host specialization may determine which traits had explanatory power, we ran separate

238 analyses for the whole larval leaf-chewer community, generalist Pyraloidea, and *Ficus*  
239 specialized Choreutidae.

240 The ability of methods relying on a limited number of eigenvectors to include complex  
241 phylogenetic structure and model trait evolution has been criticized (Freckleton *et al.* 2011).  
242 We therefore used two additional approaches to test whether traits affected insect diversity  
243 (i.e. presence of species) and abundance. First, we used both standard binomial Generalized  
244 Linear Mixed Models (GLMM) and binomial Phylogenetic Linear Mixed Models (PGLMM)  
245 (Ives & Helmus 2011) to correlate insect presence (response variable) with defensive traits  
246 (fixed explanatory variable), while including insect and *Ficus* species identities as random  
247 effects. We included phylogenetic covariation as an additional random effect in the  
248 PGLMM's. We used R package 'pez' (Pearse *et al.* 2015) to construct PGLMM's (models  
249 were fitted using restricted maximum likelihood). We excluded all species with less than ten  
250 individuals from our binomial mixed effect models to limit the effect of rare species on the  
251 analysis, and restricted this analysis to the whole leaf-chewer community.

252 Second, the relationships between plant traits and caterpillar abundance were tested using  
253 Phylogenetic Least Squares Regression (PGLS). We controlled for phylogenetic non-  
254 independence of *Ficus* species, but note that a trait's value in defending against herbivores is  
255 not diminished by it being phylogenetically conserved (Agrawal 2007). Because traits evolve  
256 in different ways we fitted the most appropriate branch length transformation. In cases where  
257 traits followed Brownian motion, we used the 'corBrownian' correlation structure in GLS  
258 models. In cases where more complicated branch length transformations were required, we  
259 selected the parameter value of the transformation using maximum likelihood as implemented  
260 in the R package 'caper' (Orme *et al.* 2013), using the transformation as selected by AICc.  
261 For traits where a non-phylogenetic white noise model fitted best, we used GLS models  
262 without any correlation structure. We had a strong *a priori* reason to expect a correlation

263 between alkaloid diversity and *Asota* abundance, and conducted an additional PGLS analysis  
264 to test this hypothesis. All insect data were log-transformed.

### 265 *Evolution of Ficus traits*

266 Initially, we tested for phylogenetic signal in our traits using Blomberg's K (a widely used  
267 metric) and a randomization test based on Phylogenetic Independent Contrasts in the R  
268 package 'Phylosignal' (Keck *et al.* 2016). Phylogenetic signal is widely used in studies of  
269 trait distribution, and therefore provides connectivity, but it lacks the power to detect and  
270 distinguish between certain evolutionary processes. As such we test directly for divergence,  
271 trait conservatism, and finally escalation.

272 Herbivore pressure can be a key selective agent, and we tested the hypothesis that it has led  
273 to overall divergence in trait values in our community. While conserved traits i) generally  
274 follow a model of Brownian motion and ii) have a more or less constant rate of change across  
275 the phylogeny, divergent traits exhibit a dramatic increase in trait disparity at the tip. We  
276 therefore tested if individual traits followed a set of standard macroevolutionary models, by  
277 selecting and fitting models of evolution for each trait across the phylogeny. We fitted the  
278 following models: Brownian motion (the correlation structure among trait values is  
279 proportional to the extent of shared ancestry between species), white noise – a non-  
280 phylogenetic null model (the data come from a normal distribution with no covariance  
281 structure among species), and Pagel's lambda – allowing a more complex model of evolution  
282 with strong (lambda=1) to weak (lambda=0) phylogenetic covariation. The models were  
283 implemented using the 'fitContinuous' function in the R package 'Geiger' (Harmon *et al.*  
284 2008). We used the default bounds for each model, and compared the models using their AICc  
285 weights. To further examine the evolution of individual traits through time (e.g. if they  
286 diverged at the tips or followed Brownian motion), we plotted the values of trait disparity

287 through time (DTT) from the root to tips using the function ‘*dtc*’ in the R package ‘*Geiger*’  
288 (Harmon *et al.* 2008). The advantage of DTT analyses is that they not only detect significant  
289 deviations from Brownian motion, but reveal the depth in the tree at which divergence occurs.  
290 We used the average square distance metric to calculate trait disparity, and created a null  
291 distribution of DTT with 95% confidence intervals using 999 simulations under Brownian  
292 motion.

293 To test the hypothesis that herbivores may drive some traits to increase in value across the  
294 *Ficus* phylogeny, we tested for escalation in trait values across the whole phylogeny and  
295 within subclades. We tested for correlation between phylogenetic distance among plant  
296 species and trait values using linear models. First, we used Permutational Multivariate  
297 Analysis of Variance (PERMANOVA) and a patristic distance matrix derived from the host  
298 phylogeny, as implemented in the function ‘*adonis*’ in the R package ‘*vegan*’ (Oksanen *et al.*  
299 2017). We included the distance matrix as the response variable and the trait values as the  
300 explanatory variables, used 999 permutations and selected significant variables using forward  
301 selection. An increase in explanatory power with phylogenetic distance between species  
302 suggests overall escalation. Increases in explanatory power are detectable through increased  
303 sum of squares contributions at the species level, detecting local escalation within clades.  
304 Second, we used linear models to test for general directional changes in trait values from the  
305 root of the tree, by correlating Abouheif’s distance (distance from the root) with trait values,  
306 as calculated in the R package ‘*adephylo*’ (Jombart *et al.* 2010).

## 307 **Results**

### 308 *Ficus* traits and insect communities

309 Most *Ficus* traits showed high interspecific variability (Fig. 1, Table S4). Cluster analysis  
310 revealed three major clusters based on their traits: i) high polyphenol content and polyphenol

311 activities, ii) high protease activity, and iii) mixed defenses with low polyphenols (Fig. 2, Fig.  
312 S1). These clusters were mirrored by insect communities, with species from clusters i) and ii)  
313 harboring distinct assemblages (Fig. 2). Individual defenses were generally independent once  
314 phylogenetic non-independence was controlled for by PGLS, and the only significant  
315 correlation between traits relevant to insect community structure was a negative correlation  
316 between alkaloid diversity and trichome length ( $t_{19,1}=-2.56$ ,  $p=0.019$ ).

317 Multivariate analyses revealed that protease activity in latex, polyphenol oxidative activity,  
318 trichome length, and alkaloid diversity significantly correlated with overall community  
319 structure (Table 1, Fig. 2). Protease activity in latex and trichome density correlated with  
320 choreutid community structure, and protease activity in latex and polyphenol oxidative  
321 activity correlated with pyraloid community structure. Variance partitioning revealed that  
322 traits explained a significant amount of the variance in community structure for all  
323 comparisons apart from choreutids, while phylogeny was a consistently significant  
324 explanatory variable in all cases (Table 1, Fig. S2).

325 The results using binary occurrence of insect species were in broad agreement with the  
326 multivariate analyses (Table 2), with the strong negative correlation between protease latex  
327 and herbivore occurrence remaining once phylogenetic non-independence had been filtered  
328 out. Non-phylogenetic analyses also revealed a negative correlation between oxidative  
329 activity and herbivore occurrence that was not detected in PGLMM's. In contrast to our  
330 multivariate analyses, mixed effect models uncovered a positive relationship between both  
331 triterpene and polyphenol diversity and insect occurrence, with the latter correlation  
332 remaining in phylogenetically controlled analyses.

333 PGLS analyses for the whole larval leaf-chewer community showed that only protease  
334 activity had a significant negative relationship with larval leaf-chewer abundance ( $t_{17,1}=-2.86$ ,

335 p=0.011). However, there was a strong positive correlation between the abundance of *Asota*  
336 individuals and alkaloid diversity ( $t_{17,1}=3.90$ ,  $p=0.001$ ).

### 337 *Evolution of Ficus traits*

338 The chemical traits having a significant correlation with insect communities, including  
339 protease activity, alkaloid diversity, and polyphenol oxidative activity showed phylogenetic  
340 signal when analyzed using Blomberg's K and PICs (Table 3). They followed Brownian  
341 motion or Lambda models of evolution, and showed limited disparity among closely related  
342 *Ficus* species in DTT plots (Fig. 3). On the other hand, trichome density and length followed  
343 a white noise model of evolution and showed high disparity among closely related species of  
344 *Ficus* (Fig. 3, Table 3). The non-significant traits (according to CCA) followed various  
345 models of evolution (Fig. S3).

346 Among the traits that correlated with insect community structure, we found significant trait  
347 escalation in the case of alkaloid diversity ( $F=21.43$ ,  $p<0.001$ ,  $R^2=0.49$ ) and polyphenol  
348 oxidative activity ( $F=4.43$ ,  $p=0.034$ ,  $R^2=0.10$ ) in the PERMANOVA analyses. Alkaloid  
349 diversity escalated from the root towards the terminal clade of section *Sycocarpus*.  
350 Polyphenol oxidative activity escalated slightly within section *Sycidium* and significantly in  
351 *Adenosperma* (see Table S5 for details). None of the other traits showed local or general  
352 escalation. Tests of escalation using Abouheif's distance from root to terminal clades  
353 confirmed a strong positive correlation between alkaloid diversity and distance from the root  
354 ( $F_{19,1}=14.10$ ,  $p=0.001$ ,  $R^2=0.32$ ) while more limited escalation of oxidative activity (restricted  
355 to two clades) was non-significant in a general context ( $F_{19,1}=0.001$ ,  $p=0.969$ ,  $R^2<0.01$ ; Fig.  
356 S4). There was no significant correlation with distance from the root for any of the other traits.

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## 358 **Discussion**

359 Previous studies have suggested macroevolutionary escalation (Agrawal *et al.* 2008; Becerra  
360 *et al.* 2009; Pearse & Hipp 2012) or divergence (Becerra 2007; Kursar *et al.* 2009; Salazar *et*  
361 *al.* 2016) of defensive traits. Here we propose (Hypothesis I) that defensive traits in large  
362 plant genera show a range of evolutionary histories, which are strongly dependent on the  
363 selective pressures exerted by the insects attacking them. In the case of the focal *Ficus* species,  
364 some traits were phylogenetically conserved, others escalated globally or within clades and  
365 others diverged between close relatives. Such variability in the evolutionary history of  
366 individual defenses is expected in species-rich communities, reflecting the myriad selective  
367 pressures imposed by diverse communities of insect herbivores (Agrawal & Fishbein 2006).  
368 It is likely that any individual defense is only effective against a subset of the herbivores in a  
369 given system (Koricheva *et al.* 2004; Volf *et al.* 2015). Our results show that the structure of  
370 generalist and specialist insect communities correlates with traits that have evolved in  
371 different ways.

372 We predicted (Hypothesis II) that generalist insect community structure would correlate  
373 mainly with escalating defenses, while the structure of specialist insect communities would  
374 relate to divergent defenses. Escalation not only results in trait dissimilarity increasing with  
375 phylogenetic distance, thus restricting generalists from shifting between unrelated hosts, but  
376 also increases toxicity for non-specialized herbivores. This is the case in some plant genera,  
377 such as *Asclepias* or *Bursera* (Agrawal *et al.* 2008; Becerra *et al.* 2009), which harbor almost  
378 exclusively specialist herbivores. Here we observed that generalist pyraloids (spread across  
379 many plant families) (Novotny *et al.* 2002; Novotny *et al.* 2010) have distinct and often  
380 depauperate communities on hosts with high oxidative activity. These hosts are often derived  
381 species in clades with otherwise low oxidative activity, demonstrating the power of local  
382 escalation. The local escalation of traits is reminiscent of ‘co-evolutionary hotspots’  
383 (Thompson 1994), and may demonstrate an early stage of the *escape and radiate* model of

384 evolution proposed by Ehrlich & Raven (1964). Escalation in oxidative activity may ‘free’  
385 these *Ficus* lineages from pyraloid herbivores, opening up a new adaptive zone.

386 However, specialized insects can adapt to host defenses over evolutionary time, and in turn  
387 use host secondary metabolites to their own advantage (Agrawal & Fishbein 2008), for  
388 example as a protection against predators. In our study, alkaloid diversity escalated across the  
389 entire phylogeny and alkaloid rich plants hosted distinct insect communities. Alkaloid  
390 diversity was highly and positively correlated with the abundance of the specialist moth genus  
391 *Asota*, with alkaloid rich *F. pachyrhachis*, *F. septica* and *F. hispidoides* being the main hosts.  
392 The bright, presumably aposematic, coloration of *Asota* moth larvae and adults is suggestive  
393 of chemical sequestration (Sourakov & Emmel 2001). This mirrors the larval ecology of the  
394 specialist monarch butterflies (Nymphalidae) associated with *Asclepias*. Overall, our results  
395 confirm the importance of escalating host-plant defensive traits by empirically demonstrating  
396 their correlation with insect community structure as we illustrate both their generally negative  
397 correlation with generalist communities (polyphenols), as well as a positive correlation of  
398 specialists with alkaloids.

399 In contrast, the community structure of the *Ficus* specialist Choreutidae correlated with  
400 trichome density, a trait that showed high disparity among closely related *Ficus* species. As  
401 suggested above, any defensive strategy will decrease in efficiency as specialized herbivores  
402 accumulate with time (Janz 2011). This trend is likely to be especially pronounced when  
403 defenses show phylogenetic predictability, such as in the case of cardenolides in milkweeds  
404 (Agrawal *et al.* 2008). In such a situation, the ability to mix and match between a pool of  
405 conserved and divergent defensive traits, which are harder to overcome for specialized  
406 herbivores, may be beneficial (Janz 2011). This might be the case for Choreutidae that are  
407 *Ficus* specialists, with 63% of local species and 81% of individuals feeding exclusively on  
408 *Ficus*. Choreutidae radiated ~70 million years ago, shortly after the divergence of *Ficus*

409 (Cruaud *et al.* 2012; Rota *et al.* 2016), which could lead to sequential coevolution between  
410 the two. Indeed, choreutid community structure was highly dependent on host *Ficus*  
411 phylogeny, and most correlations to defensive traits resulted from covariation between traits  
412 and phylogeny. Divergent defenses may be beneficial to overcome the phylogenetic  
413 conservatism of specialized herbivores, such as Choreutidae here, *Eois* on *Piper*, or  
414 *Blepharida* on *Bursera* (e.g. Becerra 2007; Salazar *et al.* 2016). Likewise, divergent volatile  
415 profiles reduced herbivory in *Piper* (Massad *et al.* 2017).

416 Interestingly, phylogenetically conserved protease activity was the only trait with a direct  
417 negative correlation to larval leaf-chewer abundance. Experimental evidence suggests that  
418 protease activity is very efficient at protecting leaves from a broad suite of insects, deterring  
419 them from feeding and reducing their growth rates, probably without synergy with other traits  
420 (Konno *et al.* 2004). Our data from natural communities suggest that cysteine proteases are  
421 an important form of defense for the studied *Ficus* species, which may explain their conserved  
422 evolution.

423 We observed three main defensive syndromes in *Ficus*, each of them supporting different  
424 insect communities. In line with our expectations (Hypothesis III), there were only a few  
425 negative correlations between defense traits, suggesting that trade-offs in anti-herbivore  
426 defense are uncommon (Agrawal & Fishbein 2006). Defensive syndromes comprising a  
427 combination of traits with different effects on herbivores are likely to maintain efficient  
428 protection against insects (Koricheva *et al.* 2004; Agrawal & Fishbein 2006; Volf *et al.* 2015).  
429 For example, synergy between latex production and other physical defenses may promote  
430 anti-herbivore protection in milkweeds (Agrawal & Fishbein 2006). Our results suggest that  
431 defensive syndromes can consist of traits following different evolutionary trajectories,  
432 possibly making adaptation even harder for herbivores. This would shape the evolution of  
433 plant defensive traits into a dynamic system, with traits undergoing periods of diversification,

434 divergence and sometimes decline (Agrawal *et al.* 2008; Janz 2011). This cyclical process  
435 and the multiple selective pressures involved likely act to erode phylogenetic signal in  
436 defensive traits in some systems (e. g. Kursar *et al.* 2009; Pearse & Hipp 2012; Cacho *et al.*  
437 2015; Salazar *et al.* 2016).

438 The diversification of host plant defenses due to herbivore pressure is, in turn, likely to  
439 promote the diversity of insect herbivores themselves, resulting in reciprocal diversification  
440 of plant defenses and herbivores (Ehrlich & Raven 1964). It has been shown that chemical  
441 diversity may be both driven by insect diversity and be one of the mechanisms promoting it,  
442 as chemical diversity prevents the dominance of any one insect group in the herbivore  
443 community (Richards *et al.* 2015; Salazar *et al.* 2016). This is also illustrated by the positive  
444 relationship between polyphenol and triterpene diversity and diversity of insects found here.  
445 Plants that possess diverse defensive traits, such as *Ficus*, are likely to harbor herbivores with  
446 various life histories, promoting overall diversity in local communities.

447 Here we have taken a community approach that has allowed us to demonstrate that escalating  
448 traits primarily affect generalist herbivores, whereas diverging defenses affect specialists; this  
449 difference influences the overall community structure of insect herbivores across different  
450 *Ficus* species. This means that insect-plant food webs are assembled at least partly through  
451 coevolutionary dynamics, contributing to changes in regional species pools and interactions  
452 (Lewinsohn *et al.* 2005). Species rich pantropical plant genera, such as *Ficus*, *Piper*, or  
453 *Psychotria*, possessing a diverse array of anti-herbivore defenses, often with different  
454 phylogenetic dynamics, are ideal models for studying the assembly of rich insect-plant food  
455 webs (Lewinsohn *et al.* 2005). Focusing on these systems may allow us to further improve  
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661 **Data Accessibility**

662 The insect, chemical, and trait data supporting the results are available in the supplementary  
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686 **Tables**

687 Table 1. Results of the CCA analyses for whole larval leaf-chewer community, Choreutidae,  
 688 and Pyraloidea. The table shows effects of individual traits selected by forward selection as  
 689 well as the statistics (including percentage of explained variability in the community data) for  
 690 the overall model including these traits. Traits marked with “-” were not included in the  
 691 respective models. The values below the horizontal line give results of variance partitioning  
 692 analysis showing the significance and percentage of variability in the community explained  
 693 by *Ficus* traits and phylogeny, including the percentage of the variance in the community  
 694 structure explained by covariation between the two.

| Response Variable             | Whole Community              | Choreutidae                  | Pyraloidea                   |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Protease Latex                | pseudo-F=2.0, p=0.006        | pseudo-F=2.7, p<0.001        | pseudo-F=2.6, p=0.001        |
| Polyphenol oxidative activity | pseudo-F=1.5, p=0.034        | -                            | pseudo-F=1.8, p=0.029        |
| Trichome length               | pseudo-F=1.6, p=0.027        | -                            | -                            |
| Trichome density              | -                            | pseudo-F=1.7, p=0.022        | -                            |
| Alkaloid diversity            | pseudo-F=1.8, p=0.010        | -                            | -                            |
| Whole Model, % Variance       | pseudo-F=1.8, p<0.001, 15.9% | pseudo-F=2.3, p<0.001, 12.3% | pseudo-F=2.2, p<0.001, 12.1% |
| Variance Traits               | 10.3%, p=0.004               | 1.4%, p=0.310                | 7.2%, p=0.001                |
| Variance Phylogeny            | 10.0%, p=0.005               | 8.4%, p=0.006                | 16.2%, p<0.001               |
| Covariation                   | 5.6%                         | 10.9%                        | 4.2%                         |

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707 Table 2. The results of GLMM and PGLMM analyses giving model coefficients and  
 708 significance with fixed effects listed, and random effects being *Ficus* species and herbivore  
 709 species for GLMMs. For PGLMMs the additional random effect of phylogenetic covariance  
 710 was included. Only significant results are shown.

| Fixed Effect         | Estimate | Standard Error | z-value | p-value |
|----------------------|----------|----------------|---------|---------|
| Protease Latex       | -3.927   | 1.919          | -2.046  | 0.041   |
| Triterpene Diversity | 0.526    | 0.268          | 1.965   | 0.049   |
| Polyphenol Diversity | 1.902    | 0.827          | 2.301   | 0.021   |
| Oxidative Activity   | -0.109   | 0.051          | -2.152  | 0.031   |

| Fixed Effect         | Estimate | Standard Error | z-value | p-value |
|----------------------|----------|----------------|---------|---------|
| Protease Latex       | -5.956   | 2.723          | -2.187  | 0.029   |
| Polyphenol Diversity | 1.783    | 0.813          | 2.192   | 0.028   |

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724 Table 3. Selected models of evolution (Brownian motion, Lambda, and white noise) and  
 725 phylogenetic signal for individual *Ficus* traits measured by Blomberg's K and PIC. Traits  
 726 showing significant phylogenetic signal are in bold and marked with \*. Lambda values are  
 727 given for the traits following the Lambda model of evolution.

|                       | <b>Model<br/>(Alcc)</b> | <b>K</b> | <b>PIC<br/>observed mean</b> | <b>PIC<br/>randomized mean</b> | <b>PIC<br/>p</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Protease in latex     | BM                      | 0.703    | 0.2                          | 0.4                            | <b>0.017*</b>    |
| Alkaloid content      | White                   | 0.312    | 5081.1                       | 5528.4                         | 0.471            |
| Alkaloid diversity    | Lambda (0.66)           | 0.779    | 9.1                          | 23.2                           | <b>0.014*</b>    |
| Polyphenol content    | BM                      | 0.632    | 17.0                         | 38.0                           | <b>0.013*</b>    |
| Polyphenol diversity  | White                   | 0.387    | 2.4                          | 3.2                            | 0.299            |
| Oxidative activity    | BM                      | 0.725    | 237.8                        | 602.1                          | 0.066            |
| Protein precipitation | White                   | 0.456    | 896.1                        | 1472.3                         | 0.092            |
| Triterpene content    | BM                      | 0.673    | 31.9                         | 76.4                           | <b>0.009*</b>    |
| Triterpene diversity  | Lambda (0.47)           | 0.543    | 12.6                         | 23.7                           | <b>0.028*</b>    |
| Trichome density      | White                   | 0.251    | 590757.6                     | 504354.1                       | 0.730            |
| Trichome length       | White                   | 0.508    | 152279.6                     | 262148.8                       | 0.193            |
| SLA                   | White                   | 0.309    | 130152.3                     | 144310.7                       | 0.465            |
| C:N                   | BM                      | 0.819    | 245.4                        | 630.4                          | <b>0.027*</b>    |

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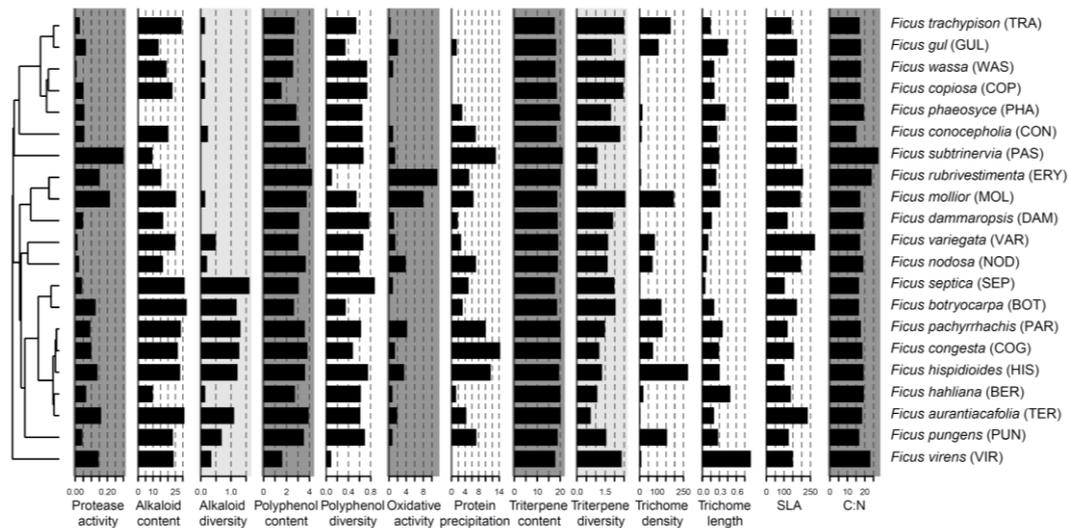
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740 **Figures**



742 Figure 1. Distribution of *Ficus* defenses across the phylogeny. Traits following Brownian  
 743 motion (dark grey), Lambda model of evolution (light grey), and white noise (white) are  
 744 differentiated by background color. *Ficus* traits include protease activity in latex ( $\Delta A280$ ),  
 745 alkaloid content ( $\ln(\text{peak area}/\text{mg})$ ), alkaloid diversity (Shannon), polyphenol content (mg/g),  
 746 polyphenol diversity (Shannon), polyphenol oxidative activity (mg/g), protein precipitation  
 747 capacity (mg/g), triterpene content ( $\ln(\text{peak area}/\text{mg})$ ), triterpene diversity (Shannon),  
 748 trichome density (number of trichomes per  $10 \text{ mm}^2$ ), trichome length (mm), C:N, and SLA  
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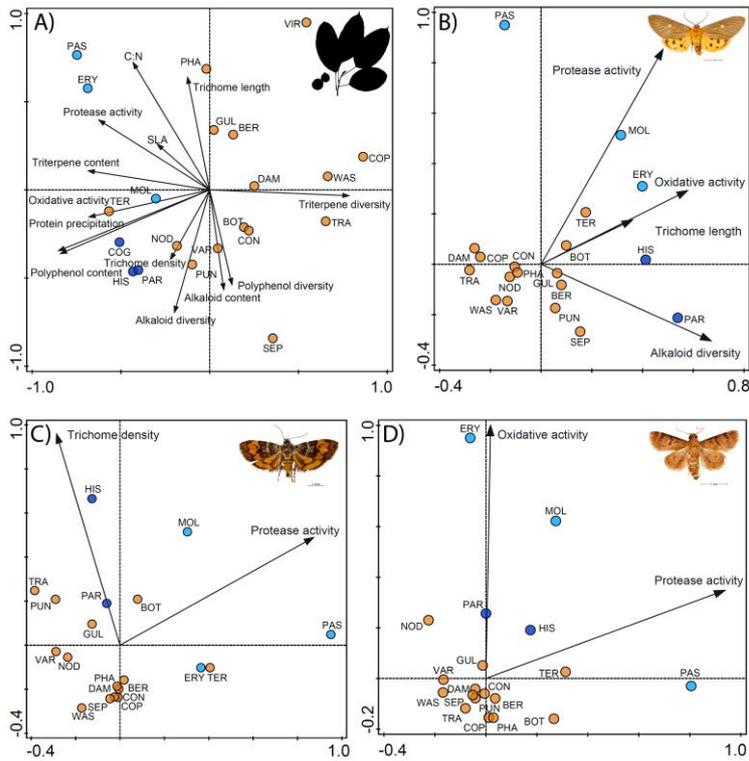
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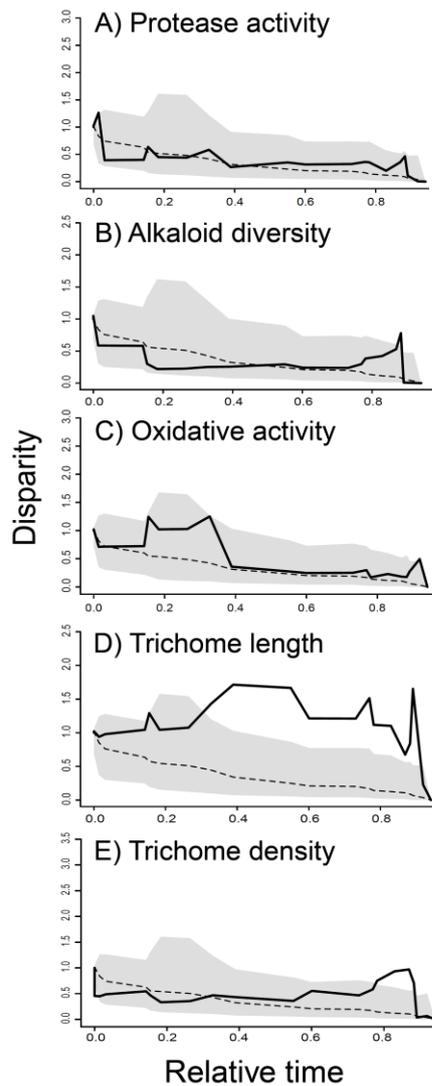
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756 Figure 2. Correlation between *Ficus* traits (A) and response of the whole larval leaf-chewer  
 757 community (B), Chortutidae (C), and Pyraloidea (D) to host-plant traits. The correlation  
 758 between *Ficus* traits was visualized by a PCA biplot showing *Ficus* defenses and individual  
 759 *Ficus* species. First two PCA axes explained 47.9% of variability. The clusters of *Ficus*  
 760 species with distinctive defenses recovered using Ward's method with Euclidean distances  
 761 are color coded – i) high polyphenol content and polyphenol activities (dark blue), ii) high  
 762 protease activity (light blue), and iii) mixed defenses with low polyphenols (orange). The  
 763 response of insect communities to the host-plant traits was analyzed using CCA and  
 764 visualized by biplots showing *Ficus* defenses and communities associated with *Ficus* species  
 765 (first two constrained axes are shown). The traits shown explained 15.9% of adjusted  
 766 variability in case of whole leaf-chewer communities ( $p < 0.001$ , pseudo-F=1.8), 12.3% in case  
 767 of chortutids ( $p < 0.001$ , pseudo-F=2.3), and 12.1% in case of pyraloids ( $p < 0.001$ , pseudo-  
 768 F=2.2). All singletons were removed from the analyses. See Figure 1 for the *Ficus* species  
 769 codes.



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771 Figure 3. Mean disparity through time (DTT) for traits with significant effects on insect  
 772 communities (solid line). Plots show disparity in protease activity (A), alkaloid diversity (B),  
 773 oxidative activity (C), trichome length (D), and trichome density (E). The dashed line  
 774 indicates the median DTT based on 999 simulations of character evolution on the phylogeny  
 775 of studied *Ficus* species under Brownian motion. The grey shaded area indicates the 95%  
 776 confidence interval for the simulated data.

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7 **Appendix S1**

8 *Chemical Analysis*

9 For the analysis of protease activity, we sampled latex by cutting the main stem of each leaf and  
10 letting latex flow into a 2 ml collection tube for 30 seconds. All latex samples were stored on ice  
11 in the field and were not allowed to exceed a temperature of 2 °C before being stored at -20 °C  
12 prior to their analysis. Protease activity was analyzed using the methods of Konno *et al.* (2004) and  
13 Agrawal *et al.* (2008) by measuring post-reaction absorption at 280 nm. We modified the methods  
14 to deal with solidified latex by adding 50 µl of sodium phosphate buffer to the crude latex and  
15 centrifuging for 3000 rpm for 10 minutes at 4°C, the supernatants were centrifuged again at 3500  
16 rpm for 30 minutes at 4 °C. The gums were discarded and 20 µl of latex supernatant was used for  
17 the reaction and another 20 µl were used for the control (terminated immediately with  
18 trichloroacetic acid as described in Konno et al., 2004).

19 For the analysis of alkaloids, polyphenols, triterpenes, C:N, and physical traits, we collected two  
20 4.5 cm<sup>2</sup> leaf discs per leaf from 20 young, but fully expanded leaves for each individual, avoiding  
21 the central vein (1 g of dry weight in total on average). Half of these leaf discs (0.5 g) were used  
22 for the analysis of polyphenols and alkaloids, while the other half (0.5 g) was used for analysis of  
23 other traits.

24 Leaf discs for alkaloid and polyphenol analysis were stored in 40 mL HPLC grade acetone. The  
25 storage acetone was transferred to an empty 50 ml Falcon tube and evaporated under N<sub>2</sub>. Leaf  
26 material was transferred into a new IKA Ultra Turrax Dispenser tube and homogenized and  
27 extracted in 50 ml of acetone/water (80:20, v/v). The extract was combined with the evaporated  
28 storage acetone extract and the volume of the combined extract was reduced to under 50 ml with  
29 N<sub>2</sub>. The extract was transferred to a 50 ml flask and volume adjusted to 50 ml by acetone. This  
30 extract, containing alkaloids and phenolics was split, with 10 ml being taken for polyphenol  
31 analysis and the remaining 40 ml being freeze-dried and used for alkaloid analysis. For the analysis  
32 of alkaloids the dried extract was dissolved in 10 ml of 5% HCl, vortexed and transferred into a 15  
33 ml Falcon tube and centrifuged (9000 rpm, 10 min) before being transferred to a 10 ml clear vial,  
34 8 ml of the sample was taken and pH adjusted to 10 with 25% NH<sub>3</sub>. The alkaline solution was  
35 extracted in a 50 ml extraction funnel with an equal volume of CHCl<sub>3</sub>. The chloroform solution  
36 was dried under nitrogen and dissolved into ethanol, filtered with a 0.2 µm PTFE filter and analyzed  
37 by UPLC-DAD-Orbitrap MS at the positive ion mode. Acetone was evaporated from the  
38 polyphenol extract under N<sub>2</sub>, freeze-dried, dissolved in water and filtered with a 0.2 µm PTFE filter  
39 and analyzed by UPLC-DAD-QqQ-MS/MS.

40 The UPLC-DAD-Orbitrap MS system for alkaloids consisted of a binary solvent manager, sample  
41 manager, column (Acquity UPLC BEH Phenyl, 30 mm × 2.1 mm i.d., 1.7 µm, Waters

42 Corporation), and photodiode array detector (Acquity UPLC<sup>®</sup>, Waters Corporation, Milford, MA,  
43 USA) coupled to a hybrid quadrupole-Orbitrap mass spectrometer (Q Exactive<sup>™</sup>, Thermo Fisher  
44 Scientific GmbH, Bremen, Germany). The detected alkaloids were assigned to their structural sub-  
45 groups by comparing their UV spectral data and MS<sup>2</sup> fragmentation patterns with literature data  
46 (Bruneton *et al.* 1983; Baumgartner *et al.* 1990; Xiang *et al.* 2002; Cui *et al.* 2004) and by  
47 constructing their molecular formulas from the exact masses obtained with the high-resolution  
48 Orbitrap mass spectrometer. The substitution pattern was deduced from the molecular formula  
49 (Table S2). Alkaloid quantification (as area of peaks/mg) was obtained with non-targeted Orbitrap  
50 analysis. To control for the possible fluctuations in the MS performance, a *Ficus septica* extract  
51 was analysed every ten samples and the relative area of ficuseptine was monitored with an extracted  
52 ion chromatogram with Orbitrap-MS. Liquid chromatography was performed using a flow rate of  
53 650  $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}$ , injection volume of 5  $\mu\text{L}$ , and a gradient mixture of 0.1% (v/v) formic acid in water  
54 (solvent A), and acetonitrile (solvent B). The gradient conditions: 0 min, 97% A + 3% B; 0.1 min,  
55 97% A + 3% B; 3.0 min, 55% A + 45% B; 5.0 min, 10% A + 90% B; 7.0 min, 10% A + 90% B;  
56 7.1 min, 97% A + 3% B; 7.2 min, 97% A + 3% B; total analysis time, 7.2 min. MS experiments  
57 were carried out on a Q Exactive using a heated ESI source (H-ESI II, Thermo Fisher Scientific  
58 GmbH) operated in positive ion mode. For full mass scan the resolving power was at 70,000;  
59 automatic gain control (AGC) target was at  $3 \times 10^6$  ions; maximum injection time (IT) was at 200  
60 ms; the scan range was from 150 to 1200  $m/z$ . Ion source condition: spray voltage +4.0 kV; capillary  
61 temperature 380°C; Sheath gas ( $\text{N}_2$ ) at 60 (arbitrary units), Aux gas at 20, Spare gas at 0; S-Lens  
62 RF level at 60. The data were processed with the Thermo Xcalibur Qual Browser software (Version  
63 3.0.63, Thermo Fisher Scientific). Pierce<sup>®</sup> LTQ Velos ESI Positive Ion Calibration Solution  
64 (Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc., Waltham, MA, USA) was used for the calibration of the detector.

65 The main polyphenol sub-groups were quantified (as mg/g) by UPLC-DAD-QqQ-MS/MS with the  
66 methods of Engström *et al.* (Engström *et al.* 2014; 2015) as described e.g. in Malisch *et al.* (2016).  
67 Furthermore, we measured polyphenol oxidative activity, following Salminen & Karonen (2011),  
68 and protein precipitation capacity, following Hagerman's RDA method (Hagerman & Butler  
69 1978). These two activity assays quantify two major functions of polyphenols in anti-herbivore  
70 protection.

71 The leaf discs for measuring other traits were air dried and first used for measuring trichomes and  
72 SLA. Then they were homogenized and 50 mg of the powder was used for the analysis of  
73 triterpenes while the rest (0.45 g) was used for C:N analysis. To analyze low polar terpenes,  
74 approximately 50 mg of dried powdered sample was ground with 1 ml of methanol in a TissueLyser  
75 LT (Dynerx Technologies, Bustehrad, Czech Republic) at 30 Hz for 2 min. After centrifugation  
76 (10,000 rpm) at 8 °C for 10 min, a 100  $\mu\text{l}$  of the supernatant's aliquot was mixed with 200  $\mu\text{l}$  of  
77 methanol containing 0.1% formic acid. Terpenoids were measured on a Dionex Ultimate 3000 LC  
78 system coupled to a hybrid quadrupole-Orbitrap mass spectrometer Q Exactive Plus (Thermo  
79 Fisher Scientific, San Jose, CA, USA). A reversed phase Kinetex C18 100A HPLC column,  
80 150mm  $\times$  2.1 mm i.d., 2.6 $\mu\text{m}$  (Phenomenex, Torrance, CA, USA) at 35°C was used for  
81 chromatographic separation. Liquid chromatography was performed using flow rate 200  $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}$ ,  
82 autosampler temperature 15 °C and injection volume of 5  $\mu\text{L}$ ; using gradient mixture of 0.1% (v/v)  
83 formic acid in 2-propanol (solvent A), 0.1% (v/v) formic acid in mixture 2-propanol and methanol  
84 (99:1, v/v) (solvent B) and 0.1% (v/v) formic acid in water (solvent C). The gradient conditions  
85 used were: 0 min, 0% A + 85% B + 15% C; 12.0 min, 29% A + 70% B + 1% C; 18.5 min, 29% A

86 + 70% B + 1% C; 19.0 min, 0 % A + 85% B + 18% C; 25.0 min, 0% A + 85% B + 15%; total  
87 analysis time, 30 min.

88 The non-targeted HPLC-HRMS experiments of terpenoids were carried out in a positive  
89 atmospheric pressure chemical ionization mode (APCI) and using a full mass scan ( $m/z$  250 – 625)  
90 combined with a data dependent MS<sup>2</sup> scanning. The Orbitrap settings were: a full mass scan with  
91 the resolving power at 70,000; automatic gain control (AGC) target at  $3 \times 10^6$  ions; maximum ion  
92 injection time (IT) was at 100 ms. The data dependent MS<sup>2</sup> scanning conditions: resolving power  
93 at 17 500; automatic gain control (AGC) target at  $2 \times 10^5$  ions; maximum ion injection time (IT),  
94 100 ms; the isolation window width, 3 Da and the normalized collision energy, 32, TopN 1. The  
95 ion source conditions: spray voltage 3.0 kV; capillary temperature 250 °C; sheath gas, 25; auxiliary  
96 gas, 5; spare gas, 1; an auxiliary gas heater temperature, 250 °C; S-lense level, 60 (arbitrary units  
97 by vendor); external lock mass. Hexakis(2,2-difluoroethoxy)phosphazene (621.0211 Da) was used  
98 as post column enrichment of the mobile phase (flow, 1  $\mu$ L/min; concentration at 25  $\mu$ mol/L). The  
99 acquired raw HRMS data were processed by the in-house Metabolite Mapper software after initial  
100 characterization of terpenoids on the basis of their exact masses and their comparison with literature  
101 (Kitajima *et al.* 1999; Kuo & Chiang 1999; Kuo & Lin 2004; Feleke & Brehane 2005; Chiang *et*  
102 *al.* 2005; Poumale *et al.* 2008; Rathee *et al.* 2015), (Table S3). The proportion of each detected  
103 analyte in the sample set was evaluated as area of peaks/mg. For statistical analysis, the annotated  
104 metabolite data matrix was reduced by processing only those metabolites which were detected at  
105 least in 50% of the samples employed in the study.

106 We calculated the Shannon diversity index for alkaloids, polyphenols, and triterpenes. In the case  
107 of triterpenes, the diversity was calculated based on the content of individual compounds. In the  
108 case of alkaloids and polyphenols, where more detailed structural data were available, the diversity  
109 was calculated based on the content of major structural groups to account for structural diversity  
110 rather than for the number of compounds in a sample.

#### 111 *Analysis of trichomes, SLA, and C:N*

112 The total number of trichomes per 10 mm<sup>2</sup> and their average length was measured on five leaf discs  
113 per individual using ImageJ (ver.1.48) and avoiding the central vein. Values for dorsal and ventral  
114 sides of the discs were averaged. In addition we measured two resource acquisition traits  
115 correlating with leaf quality which are known to affect insect herbivores – specific leaf area (SLA)  
116 and C:N. SLA was measured for each individual using twenty 4.5 cm<sup>2</sup> dried leaf discs which were  
117 cut avoiding the central vein. SLA was calculated as the area per mass of these discs. Total carbon  
118 and nitrogen content was determined by dry combustion with a CHNS Elemental Analyzer vario  
119 MICRO cube (Elementar Analysensysteme GmbH, Germany) using dried and homogenized leaf  
120 material.

#### 121 *Ficus Phylogeny Reconstruction*

122 Host-plant phylogeny was reconstructed using four loci: ITS, ETS, G3PD, and GBSSI. We used  
123 sequences from Cruaud *et al.* (2012) when available. For species not included in the analysis of  
124 Cruaud *et al.* (2012), silica gel dried leaf discs were used to obtain host-plant DNA. We used  
125 published procedures, reaction conditions and primer sequences for DNA extraction and PCR  
126 amplification (Mason-Gamer *et al.* 1998; Cronn *et al.* 2002; Ronsted *et al.* 2008). Sequences were

127 assembled and edited using Geneious 5.4 (Drummond *et al.* 2011 ). The host-plant phylogeny was  
128 reconstructed using Bayesian inference as implemented in BEAST v2.1.3 (Drummond *et al.* 2012).  
129 The following substitution models were used for individual loci: ITS: GTR+I+G, ETS: HKY+I+G,  
130 G3PD: GTR+I+G, GBSSI: HKY+I+G and were selected according to BIC using jModelTest 2  
131 (Darriba *et al.* 2012). We used section level constraints as detailed by Cruaud *et al.* (2012).  
132 Sampling was carried out every 10<sup>3</sup> generations for 10<sup>7</sup> generations, the first 10% of all generations  
133 were discarded as ‘burnin’ and the results were summarized with a maximum clade credibility tree.  
134 Furthermore, for section *Sycocarpus* we used constraints based on microsatellite data, as this  
135 section has undergone a rapid radiation in PNG. We selected nine microsatellite loci previously  
136 published for the genus *Ficus* (Moe & Weiblen 2011; Garcia *et al.* 2012), which were amplified in  
137 three multiplex sets. The phylogenetic relationships between the species in section *Sycocarpus*  
138 were visualized by plotting neighbor joining trees using Nei’s distance as implemented in BAPS  
139 v5.4 (Corander *et al.* 2004). We used the ‘clustering of groups of individuals’ method, assigning  
140 the five individuals from each species to a group and setting k to 20 to derive the distance matrix.

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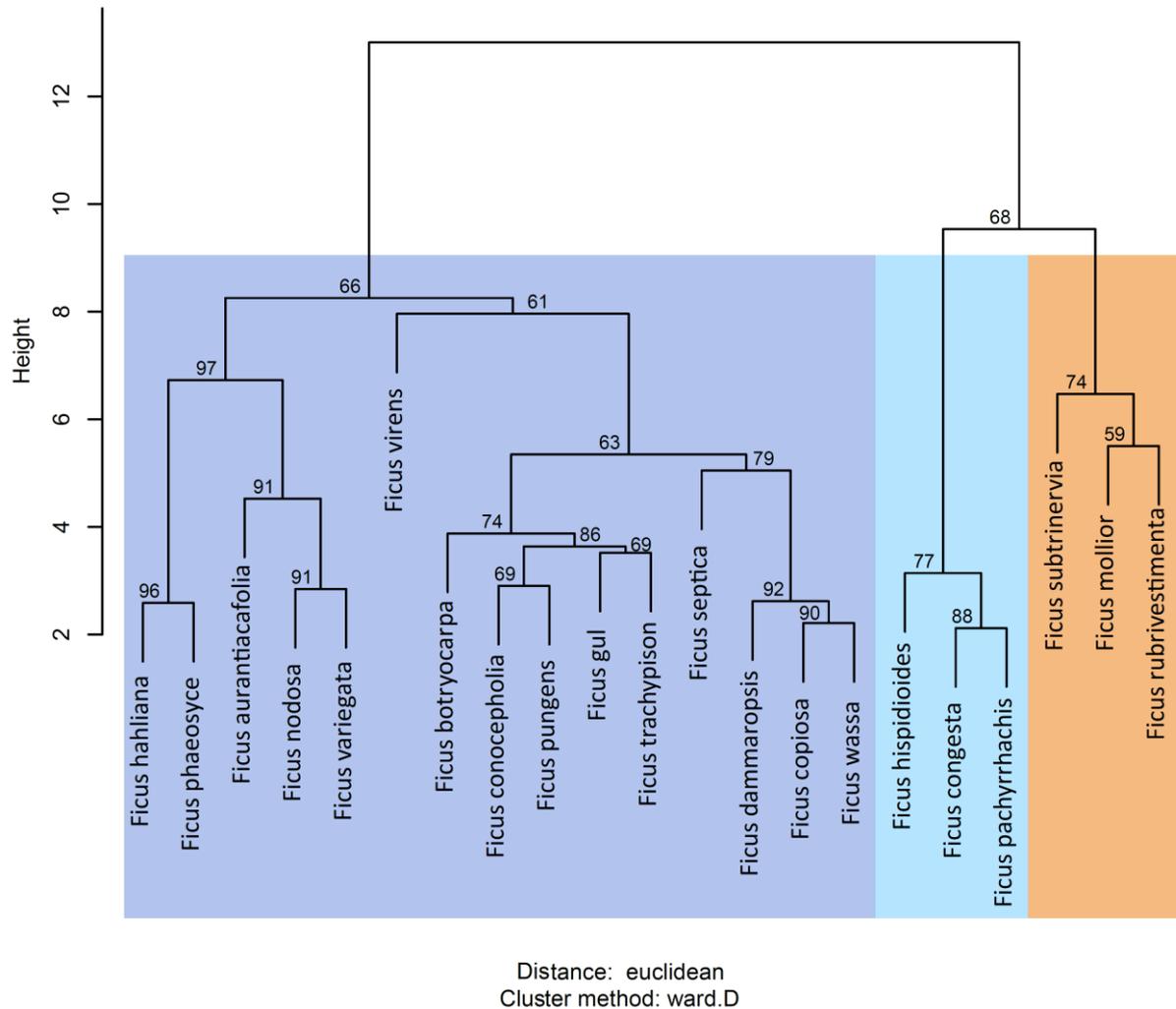


Figure S1. The similarity of *Ficus* species based on their defenses as analyzed by cluster analysis using Ward's method with Euclidean distances. The optimal number of clusters was selected based on BIC. Clusters are color coded – i) high polyphenols (dark blue), ii) high protease (light blue), and iii) mixed defenses (orange). The numbers show bootstrap support.

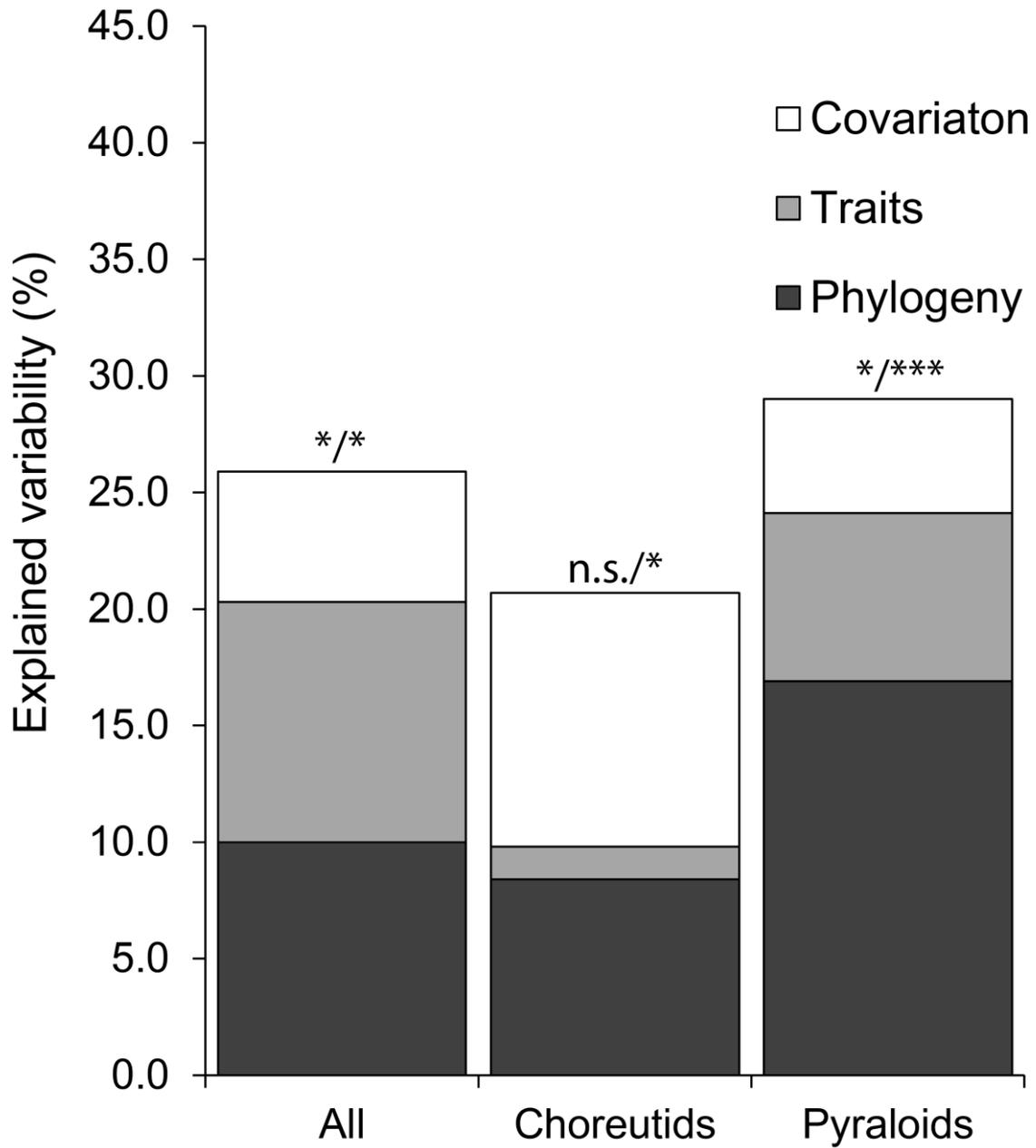


Figure S2. The variability in composition of insect communities explained by *Ficus* traits, phylogeny, and their covariation. The significance of effects of traits / phylogeny is marked above the columns –  $p > 0.05$  n.s.,  $p < 0.05$  \*,  $p < 0.001$  \*\*\*.

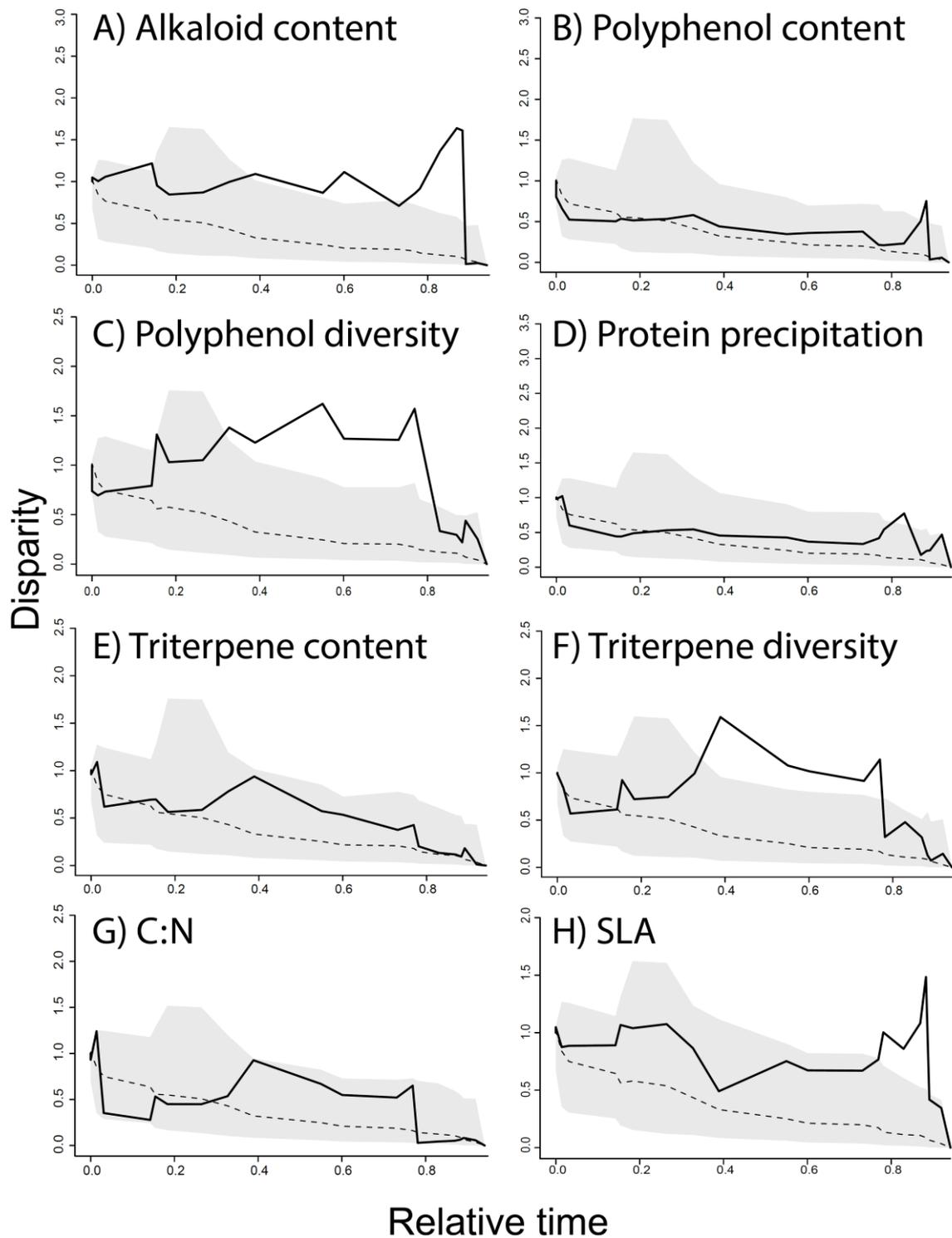


Figure S3. Mean disparity through time (DTT) for traits with no significant effects on insect community structure (solid line). Plots show disparity in alkaloid content (A), polyphenol content (B), polyphenol diversity (C), polyphenol protein precipitation capacity (D), triterpene content (E), triterpene diversity (F), C:N (G), and SLA (H). The dashed line indicates the median DTT based on 999 simulations of character evolution on the phylogeny of studied *Ficus* species under Brownian motion. The grey shaded area indicates the 95% confidence interval for the simulated data.

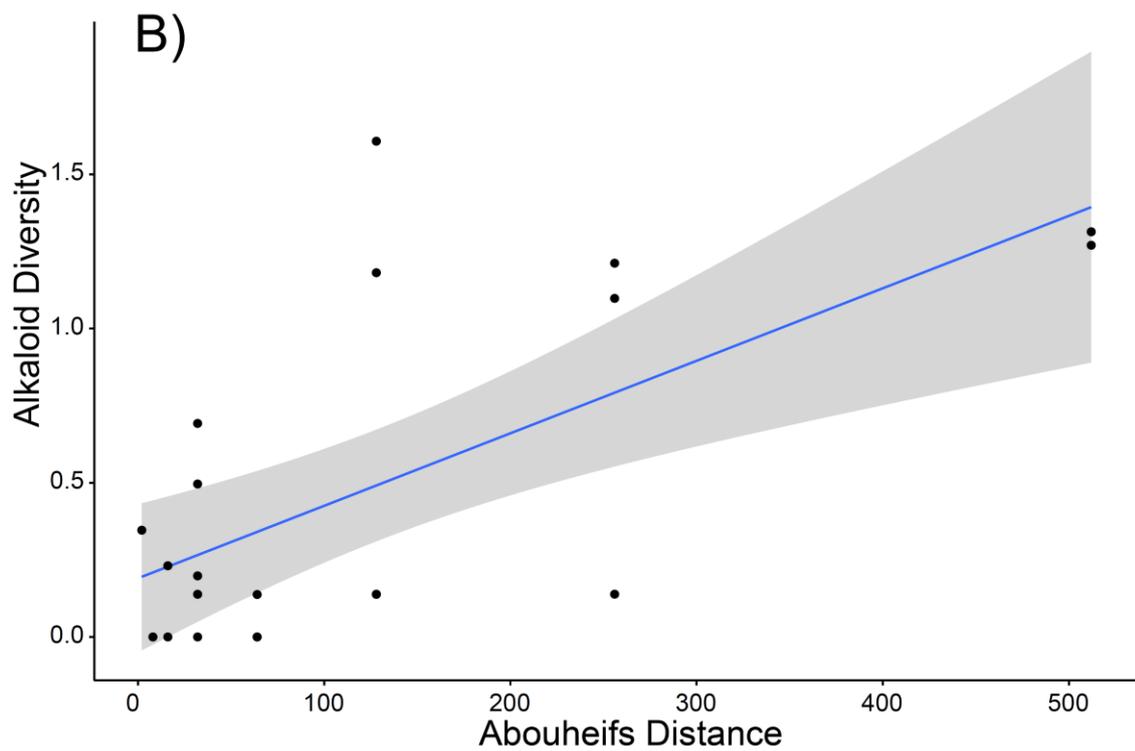
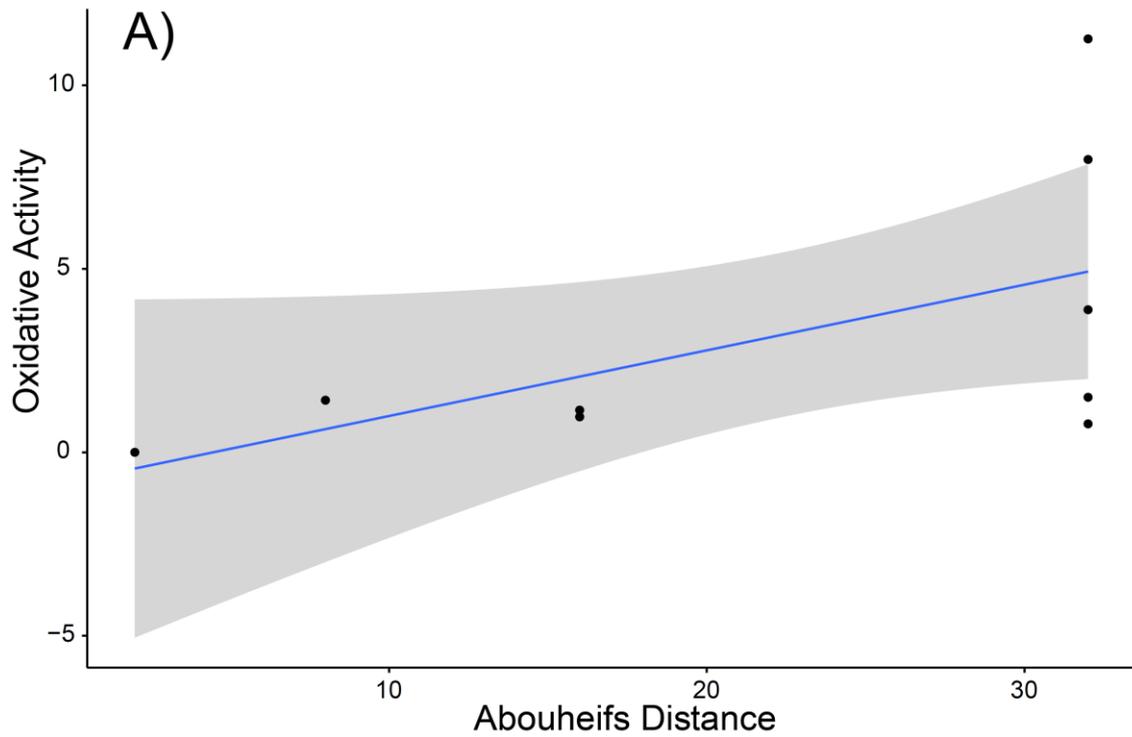


Figure S4. Scatter plots showing the directional increase in polyphenol oxidative activity (A) and alkaloid diversity (B) with distance from the root (Abouheif's distance). Oxidative activity increased only in more ancestral clades ( $F=0.001_{19,1}$ ,  $p=0.969$ ,  $R^2<0.01$ ) while alkaloid diversity (Shannon group diversity) increased across the whole phylogeny ( $F=14.101_{19,1}$ ,  $p=0.001$ ,  $R^2=0.32$ ).

## Community structure of insect herbivores is driven by conservatism, escalation and divergence of defensive traits in *Ficus* hosts

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Table S1. Insect data used in the analyses. The data were taken from Novotny *et al.* (2010). Choreutid data were refined using barcode data, which became available after 2010. The table shows number of individuals sampled on individual *Ficus* species (see Fig. 1 for species abbreviations).

| Order | Family        | Genus                  | Species                           | Sp. Code | BER | BOT | CON | COP | DAM | ERY | GUL | HIS | MOL | NOD | PAR | PAS | PHA | PUN | SEP | TER | TRA | VAR | WAS | Total |    |
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| Col.  | Chrysomelidae | <i>Cadmus</i>          | <i>acalyphae</i>                  | CHRY218  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 27  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 27    |    |
| Col.  | Chrysomelidae | <i>Cadmus</i>          | <i>sp. nr. acalyphae</i>          | CHRY219  | 33  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 26  | 0   | 0   | 32  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 91 |
| Lep.  | Arctiidae     | <i>Darantasia</i>      | <i>caerulescens</i>               | ARCT002  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 1  |
| Lep.  | Bombycidae    | <i>Elachyophthalma</i> | <i>cf. kebeae</i>                 | DREP008  | 0   | 7   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 7  |
| Lep.  | Crambidae     | <i>Authaeritis</i>     | <i>eridora</i>                    | CRAM028  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 5   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 6  |
| Lep.  | Crambidae     | <i>Cotachena</i>       | <i>histricalis</i>                | CRAM014  | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 4   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 1     | 10 |
| Lep.  | Crambidae     | <i>Cydalima</i>        | <i>marginalis</i>                 | PYRA005  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 1  |
| Lep.  | Crambidae     | <i>Dracaenura</i>      | <i>albonigralis</i>               | CRAM025  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0     | 1  |
| Lep.  | Crambidae     | <i>Glyphodes</i>       | <i>caesalis</i>                   | CRAM030  | 0   | 4   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 4  |
| Lep.  | Crambidae     | <i>Glyphodes</i>       | <i>doleschalii</i>                | CRAM016  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 7   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 7  |
| Lep.  | Crambidae     | <i>Glyphodes</i>       | <i>eurygania</i>                  | CRAM017  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 30  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 30 |
| Lep.  | Crambidae     | <i>Glyphodes</i>       | <i>margaritaria</i>               | CRAM003  | 5   | 12  | 16  | 4   | 0   | 7   | 13  | 0   | 5   | 18  | 0   | 4   | 7   | 2   | 27  | 11  | 4   | 33  | 7   | 175   |    |
| Lep.  | Crambidae     | <i>Glyphodes</i>       | <i>sp. cf. stolalis</i>           | CRAM008  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 3   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 29  | 3   | 40    |    |
| Lep.  | Crambidae     | <i>Haritalodes</i>     | <i>adjunctalis</i>                | CRAM012  | 21  | 13  | 25  | 3   | 11  | 0   | 0   | 4   | 0   | 23  | 0   | 0   | 12  | 5   | 8   | 1   | 13  | 23  | 17  | 179   |    |
| Lep.  | Crambidae     | <i>Herpetogramma</i>   | <i>platycapna</i>                 | CRAM029  | 0   | 0   | 1   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2     | 4  |
| Lep.  | Crambidae     | <i>Herpetogramma</i>   | <i>sp. in bipunctalis complex</i> | CRAM018  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 4   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 5   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 12 |
| Lep.  | Crambidae     | <i>Herpetogramma</i>   | <i>(s.l.)</i>                     | PYRA016  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 1  |
| Lep.  | Crambidae     | <i>Hyalobathra</i>     | <i>miniosalis</i>                 | PYRA020  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 1  |
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| Lep.  | Crambidae     | <i>Meroctena</i>       | <i>staintonii</i>                 | CRAM033  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0     | 2  |
| Lep.  | Crambidae     | <i>Notarcha</i>        | <i>sp. nr. quaternalis</i>        | CRAM026  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 0     | 5  |
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| Lep.  | Crambidae     | <i>Parotis</i>         | <i>sp. nr. marginata</i>          | GEOM001  | 0   | 3   | 4   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 3   | 1   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0     | 14 |
| Lep.  | Crambidae     | <i>Pleuroptya</i>      | <i>sabinusalis</i>                | CRAM011  | 0   | 3   | 0   | 1   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 1   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 8  |
| Lep.  | Crambidae     | <i>Pycnarmon</i>       | <i>argenticincta</i>              | CRAM034  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 3   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 5  |
| Lep.  | Crambidae     | <i>Pycnarmon</i>       | <i>jaguaralis</i>                 | CRAM023  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1     | 4  |
| Lep.  | Crambidae     | <i>Pycnarmon</i>       | <i>sp. nr. dryocentra</i>         | CRAM010  | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 3   | 1   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0     | 8  |

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| Lep.  | Crambidae   | <i>Syntomodera</i>  | <i>sp. nr. thoasalis</i> | CRAM020  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 2     |     |
| Lep.  | Crambidae   | <i>Tabidia</i>      | <i>insanalis</i>         | PYRA022  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 2   |
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| Lep.  | Erebidae    | <i>Asota</i>        | <i>plana</i>             | NOCT009  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 8   | 27  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 35  |
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| Lep.  | Erebidae    | <i>Ophyx</i>        | <i>bilinea</i>           | NOCT076  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 1   |
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| Lep.  | Gelechiidae |                     |                          | TORT055  | 0   | 0   | 3   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 4   |
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| Lep.  | Geometridae | <i>Gymnoscelis</i>  | <i>lavella</i>           | TORT056  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 3   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 6   |
| Lep.  | Geometridae | <i>Scopula</i>      | <i>amala</i>             | GEOM051  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 1   |
| Lep.  | Choreutidae | <i>Brenthia</i>     |                          | JR34     | 0   | 0   | 14  | 11  | 0   | 10  | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 12  | 0   | 0   | 1   | 51    |     |
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| Lep.  | Choreutidae | <i>Brenthia</i>     |                          | JR34b    | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 3   |
| Lep.  | Choreutidae | <i>Brenthia</i>     |                          | JR34c    | 0   | 0   | 0   | 5   | 0   | 3   | 2   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 2   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 17    |     |
| Lep.  | Choreutidae | <i>Brenthia</i>     |                          | JR37     | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 32  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 34  |
| Lep.  | Choreutidae | <i>Brenthia</i>     |                          | JR54     | 8   | 5   | 4   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 1   | 18  | 7   | 1   | 8   | 0   | 0   | 20  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 5   | 0   | 79    |     |
| Lep.  | Choreutidae | <i>Brenthia</i>     |                          | JR55     | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 22  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 22  |
| Lep.  | Choreutidae | <i>Brenthia</i>     |                          | JR62     | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 2   |
| Lep.  | Choreutidae | <i>Brenthia</i>     |                          | JR66     | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 7   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 9     |     |
| Lep.  | Choreutidae | <i>Brenthia</i>     |                          | JR67     | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 4   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 4   |
| Lep.  | Choreutidae | <i>Brenthia</i>     |                          | CHOR003  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 2     |     |

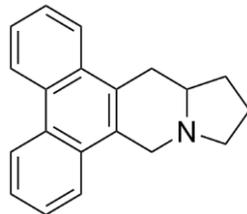
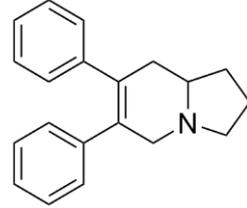
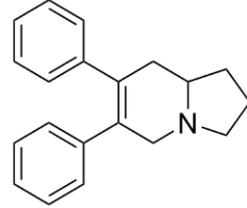
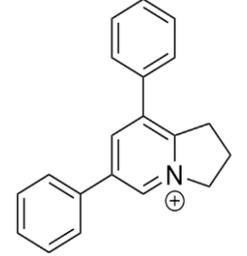
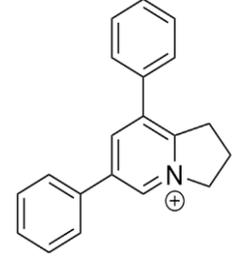
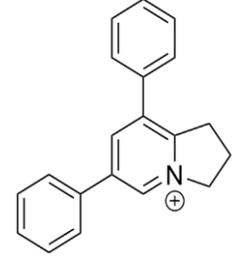
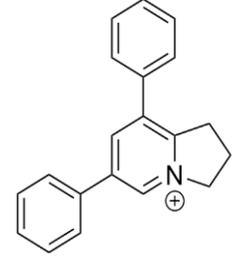
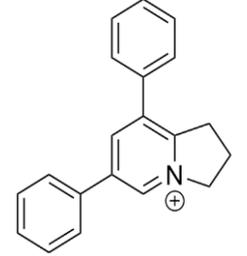
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| Lep.  | Choreutidae  | <i>Brenthia</i>   |  | CHOR016   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 10  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 10    |    |
| Lep.  | Choreutidae  | <i>Brenthia</i>   |  | Bren.sp   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 1  |
| Lep.  | Choreutidae  | <i>Choreutis</i>  | <i>argoxantha</i>                        | Chor.arg. | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 3  |
| Lep.  | Choreutidae  | <i>Choreutis</i>  | <i>basalis</i>                           | TORT012   | 3   | 6   | 4   | 0   | 2   | 1   | 0   | 5   | 1   | 2   | 6   | 0   | 1   | 1   | 37  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1     | 70 |
| Lep.  | Choreutidae  | <i>Choreutis</i>  | <i>cf. anthorma</i>                      | TORT005   | 56  | 36  | 188 | 22  | 29  | 1   | 1   | 22  | 2   | 17  | 4   | 2   | 129 | 29  | 16  | 11  | 35  | 42  | 9   | 651   |    |
| Lep.  | Choreutidae  | <i>Choreutis</i>  | <i>cf. limonias</i>                      | Chor.lim. | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 1     |    |
| Lep.  | Choreutidae  | <i>Choreutis</i>  | <i>chi</i>                               | TORT013   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 12  | 15    |    |
| Lep.  | Choreutidae  | <i>Choreutis</i>  |  | JR05      | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2     |    |
| Lep.  | Choreutidae  | <i>Choreutis</i>  | <i>lutescens</i>                         | TORT006   | 3   | 4   | 4   | 28  | 2   | 0   | 0   | 3   | 0   | 7   | 0   | 0   | 6   | 1   | 1   | 0   | 2   | 8   | 16  | 85    |    |
| Lep.  | Choreutidae  | <i>Choreutis</i>  |  | TORT018   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2     |    |
| Lep.  | Choreutidae  | <i>Choreutis</i>  |  | CHOR011   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 4   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 5     |    |
| Lep.  | Choreutidae  | <i>Choreutis</i>  |  | JR11      | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1     |    |
| Lep.  | Choreutidae  | <i>Niveas</i>     | <i>kone</i>                              | TORT015   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 14  | 0   | 0   | 1   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 43  | 1   | 62    |    |
| Lep.  | Choreutidae  | <i>Saptha</i>     | <i>sp. cf exanthista &amp; divitiosa</i> | TORT009   | 0   | 6   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 3   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 8   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 21    |    |
| Lep.  | Choreutidae  | <i>Saptha</i>     |  | JR1       | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 1   | 11  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 14    |    |
| Lep.  | Choreutidae  | <i>Saptha</i>     | <i>libanota</i>                          | TORT016   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 3   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 3     |    |
| Lep.  | Immidiae     | <i>Moca</i>       | <i>congrualis</i>                        | TORT071   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 1   | 5     |    |
| Lep.  | Limacodidae  |                   |  | LIMA002   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1     |    |
| Lep.  | Limacodidae  |                   |  | LIMA008   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 2     |    |
| Lep.  | Limacodidae  |                   |  | LIMA001   | 4   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 5     |    |
| Lep.  | Lycaenidae   | <i>Philiris</i>   | <i>moira</i>                             | LYCA001   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 21  | 4   | 1   | 10  | 0   | 0   | 4   | 0   | 0   | 4   | 0   | 0   | 46    |    |
| Lep.  | Lycaenidae   | <i>Philiris</i>   | <i>ziska</i>                             | LYCA005   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 1     |    |
| Lep.  | Lymantriidae | <i>Euproctis</i>  |  | LYMA003   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 3   | 1   | 2   | 9     |    |
| Lep.  | Lymantriidae | <i>Arctornis</i>  | <i>sp. nr. intacta</i>                   | LYMA007   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 1   | 3     |    |
| Lep.  | Lymantriidae | <i>Artaxa</i>     |  | LYMA054   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 2     |    |
| Lep.  | Lymantriidae | <i>Lymantria</i>  | <i>novaguineensis</i>                    | LYMA070   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1     |    |
| Lep.  | Lymantriidae | <i>Nygmiiini</i>  |  | LYMA038   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2     |    |
| Lep.  | Lymantriidae | <i>Olene</i>      | <i>nr. mendosa</i>                       | LYMA039   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2     |    |
| Lep.  | Lymantriidae | <i>Orgyia</i>     |  | LYMA010   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 1     |    |
| Lep.  | Lymantriidae | <i>Orgyia sp.</i> |  | LYMA050   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 1     |    |
| Lep.  | Lymantriidae | <i>Orvasca</i>    |  | LYMA051   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 1     |    |
| Lep.  | Lymantriidae | <i>Orvasca</i>    |  | LYMA002   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 3   | 7     |    |
| Lep.  | Lymantriidae | <i>Orvasca</i>    |  | LYMA004   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 3     |    |

| Order | Family       | Genus              | Species                         | Sp. Code | BER | BOT | CON | COP | DAM | ERY | GUL | HIS | MOL | NOD | PAR | PAS | PHA | PUN | SEP | TER | TRA | VAR | WAS | Total |   |
|-------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|---|
| Lep.  | Lymantriidae | <i>Somena</i>      | <i>alba</i>                     | LYMA060  | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1     |   |
| Lep.  | Lymantriidae | <i>Teia</i>        | <i>nr. but not dewara</i>       | LYMA001  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 1   | 6     |   |
| Lep.  | Lymantriidae |                    |                                 | LYMA009  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2     |   |
| Lep.  | Nymphalidae  | <i>Cyrestis</i>    | <i>acilia</i>                   | NYMP002  | 2   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 5   | 4   | 0   | 7   | 1   | 3   | 5   | 23  | 60    |   |
| Lep.  | Nymphalidae  | <i>Euploea</i>     | <i>algea</i>                    | NYMP006  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 1     |   |
| Lep.  | Nymphalidae  | <i>Euploea</i>     | <i>leucostictos</i>             | NYMP001  | 2   | 1   | 3   | 4   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 3   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 32  | 48    |   |
| Lep.  | Peleopodidae | <i>Acria</i>       | <i>sciogramma</i>               | TORT120  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1     |   |
| Lep.  | Psychidae    | <i>Eumeta</i>      | <i>variegata</i>                | PSYC001  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1     |   |
| Lep.  | Psychidae    | <i>Hyalarcta</i>   | <i>sp. nr. nigrescens</i>       | PSYC004  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1     |   |
| Lep.  | Psychidae    |                    |                                 | PSYC002  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2     |   |
| Lep.  | Pyrilidae    | <i>Pseudocera</i>  | <i>trissosticha</i>             | TORT041  | 1   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 3   | 0   | 2   | 10    |   |
| Lep.  | Pyrilidae    |                    |                                 | PYRA036  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1     |   |
| Lep.  | Sphingidae   |                    |                                 | SPHI002  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 2     |   |
| Lep.  | Sphingidae   |                    |                                 | SPHI003  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 2     |   |
| Lep.  | Sphingidae   |                    |                                 | SPHI001  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 2   | 1   | 4     |   |
| Lep.  | Thyrididae   | <i>Mellea</i>      | <i>ordinaria</i>                | THYR001  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 2 |
| Lep.  | Thyrididae   | <i>Striglina</i>   | <i>asinina</i>                  | NOCT048  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 1 |
| Lep.  | Tortricidae  | <i>Adoxophyes</i>  | <i>fasciculana</i>              | TORT034  | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 5   | 2   | 12    |   |
| Lep.  | Tortricidae  | <i>Adoxophyes</i>  |                                 | TORT044  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 5   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 1   | 0   | 13    |   |
| Lep.  | Tortricidae  | <i>Adoxophyes</i>  |                                 | TORT066  | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 4     |   |
| Lep.  | Tortricidae  | <i>Adoxophyes</i>  | <i>templana complex</i>         | TORT008  | 1   | 4   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 4   | 1   | 1   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 5   | 5   | 24    |   |
| Lep.  | Tortricidae  | <i>Adoxophyes</i>  | <i>thoracica</i>                | TORT022  | 0   | 5   | 2   | 3   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 1   | 5   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 4   | 3   | 30    |   |
| Lep.  | Tortricidae  | <i>Adoxophyes</i>  | <i>tripselia</i>                | TORT037  | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 1 |
| Lep.  | Tortricidae  | <i>Ancylophyes</i> |                                 | XXXX114  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 2 |
| Lep.  | Tortricidae  | <i>Dudua</i>       | <i>n. sp. nr. aprobola</i>      | TORT143  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1     |   |
| Lep.  | Tortricidae  | <i>Homona</i>      | <i>aestivana</i>                | TORT085  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 2 |
| Lep.  | Tortricidae  | <i>Homona</i>      | <i>mermerodes</i>               | TORT040  | 1   | 4   | 0   | 6   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 9   | 0   | 0   | 4   | 4   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 6   | 2   | 41    |   |
| Lep.  | Tortricidae  | <i>Homona</i>      | <i>trachyptera</i>              | TORT067  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 2 |
| Lep.  | Tortricidae  | <i>Isotenes</i>    | <i>sp. nr. but not miserana</i> | TORT061  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 1 |
| Lep.  | Tortricidae  | <i>Sorolopha</i>   | <i>epichares</i>                | TORT026  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 1 |
| Lep.  | Tortricidae  | <i>Xenothictis</i> | <i>gnetivora</i>                | TORT039  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0     | 3 |

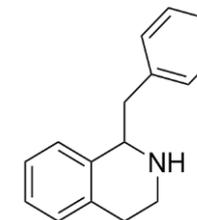
## Community structure of insect herbivores is driven by conservatism, escalation and divergence of defensive traits in *Ficus* hosts

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Table S2. Alkaloid metabolites screened in the study.

| Number | Compound type   | Molecular formula  | Substitution pattern         | Exact mass (Da) | Reference   | Reference species   | Structure of the carbon skeleton  |
|--------|---|--|------------------------------|-----------------|---|---|---|
| 1      | Trimethoxy-phenantroindolizidine                        | C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>25</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>              | 3×OCH <sub>3</sub>           | 363,1834        | Baumgartner et al. (1990)   | <i>F. septica</i>   |    |
| 2      | Hydroxy-trimethoxy-phenantroindolizidine                | C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>25</sub> NO <sub>4</sub>              | 3×OCH <sub>3</sub> + OH      | 379,1784        | Xiang et al. (2002)   | <i>T. atrofoliculata</i>  |   |
| 3      | Tetramethoxy-phenantroindolizidine                      | C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>27</sub> NO <sub>4</sub>              | 4×OCH <sub>3</sub>           | 393,194         | Ueda et al. (2009)  | <i>F. septica</i>   |   |
| 4      | Dihydroxy-dimethoxy-phenantroindolizidine               | C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>23</sub> NO <sub>4</sub>              | 2×OCH <sub>3</sub> + 2×OH    | 365,1627        | Xiang et al. (2002)   | <i>T. atrofoliculata</i>  |   |
| 5      | Hydroxy-tetramethoxy-phenantroindolizidine              | C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>27</sub> NO <sub>5</sub>              | 4×OCH <sub>3</sub> + OH      | 409,1889        | Damu et al. (2005)  | <i>F. septica</i>   |   |
| 6      | Pentamethoxy-phenantroindolizidine                      | C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>29</sub> NO <sub>5</sub>              | 5×OCH <sub>3</sub>           | 423,2046        | Damu et al. (2009)  | <i>F. septica</i>   |   |
| 7      | Dihydroxy-trimethoxy-phenantroindolizidine              | C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>25</sub> NO <sub>5</sub>              | 3×OCH <sub>3</sub> + 2×OH    | 395,1733        | Cui et al. (2004)   | <i>T. atrofoliculata</i>  |   |
| 8      | Trihydroxy-dimethoxy-phenantroindolizidine              | C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>23</sub> NO <sub>5</sub>              | 2×OCH <sub>3</sub> + 3 OH    | 381,1576        | Xiang et al. (2002)   | <i>T. atrofoliculata</i>  |   |
| 9      | Hydroxy-methoxy-seco-phenantroindolizidine              | C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>23</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>              | OCH <sub>3</sub> + OH        | 321,1729        |   |   |   |
| 10     | Dimethoxy-seco-phenantroindolizidine                    | C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>25</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>              | 2×OCH <sub>3</sub>           | 335,1885        |   |   |   |
| 11     | Hydroxy-dimethoxy-seco-phenantroindolizidine            | C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>25</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>              | 2×OCH <sub>3</sub> + OH      | 351,1834        |   |   | <i>C. vincetoxicum</i>  |
| 12     | Trimethoxy-seco-phenantroindolizidine                   | C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>27</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>              | 3×OCH <sub>3</sub>           | 365,1991        |   | Staerk et al. (2002)  | <i>C. vincetoxicum</i>  |
| 13     | Hydroxy-trimethoxy-seco-phenantroindolizidine           | C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>27</sub> NO <sub>4</sub>              | 3×OCH <sub>3</sub> + OH      | 381,1940        |   | Lee et al. (2011)   | <i>T. ovata</i>   |
| 14     | Tetramethoxy-seco-phenantroindolizidine                 | C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>29</sub> NO <sub>4</sub>              | 4×OCH <sub>3</sub>           | 395,2097        |   | Lee et al. (2011)   | <i>T. ovata</i>   |
| 15     | Hydroxy-methoxy-dehydro-seco-phenantroindolizidine      | C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>20</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup> | OCH <sub>3</sub> + OH        | 318,1494        |   |  |   |
| 16     | Dimethoxy-dehydro-seco-phenantroindolizidine            | C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>22</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup> | 2×OCH <sub>3</sub>           | 332,1645        | Baumgartner et al. (1990)   |   | <i>F. septica</i>   |
| 17     | Hydroxy-dimethoxy-dehydro-seco-phenantroindolizidine    | C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>22</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup> | 2×OCH <sub>3</sub> + OH      | 348,1594        |  |   |   |
| 18     | Trimethoxy-dehydro-seco-phenantroindolizidine           | C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>24</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup> | 3×OCH <sub>3</sub>           | 362,1751        |   |   |  |
| 19     | Hydroxy-trimethoxy-dehydro-seco-phenantroindolizidine   | C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>24</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> | 3×OCH <sub>3</sub> + OH      | 378,1700        |  |   |   |
| 20     | Tetramethoxy-dehydro-seco-phenantroindolizidine         | C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>26</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> | 4×OCH <sub>3</sub>           | 392,1856        |   |   |   |
| 21     | Dihydroxy-dimethoxy-dehydro-seco-phenantroindolizidine  | C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>22</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> | 2×OCH <sub>3</sub> + 2×OH    | 364,1549        |  |   |   |
| 22     | Hydroxy-dimethoxy-N-methyl-tetrahydrobenzylisoquinoline | C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>23</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>              | 2×OCH <sub>3</sub> + OH + Me | 313,1678        |   | Jeong et al. (2012)   | <i>C. ternata</i>   |

|    |  |   |                                |          |                     |                       |
|----|--|---|--------------------------------|----------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 23 | Dihydroxy-methoxy-N-methyl-tetrahydrobenzylisoquinoline    | C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>23</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> | 2×OCH <sub>3</sub> + 2×OH + Me | 329,1627 | Khan et al. (1993)  | <i>F. pachyrachis</i> |
| 24 | Hydroxy-trimethoxy-N-methyl-tetrahydrobenzylisoquinoline   | C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>25</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> | 3×OCH <sub>3</sub> + OH + Me   | 343,1784 | Jeong et al. (2012) | <i>C. ternata</i>     |
| 25 | Dihydroxy-trimethoxy-N-methyl-tetrahydrobenzylisoquinoline | C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>25</sub> NO <sub>5</sub> | 3×OCH <sub>3</sub> + 2×OH + Me | 359,1733 |                     |                       |
| 26 | Hydroxy-tetramethoxy-N-methyl-tetrahydrobenzylisoquinoline | C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>27</sub> NO <sub>5</sub> | 4×OCH <sub>3</sub> + OH + Me   | 373,1889 |                     |                       |
| 27 | Pentamethoxy-N-methyl-tetrahydrobenzylisoquinoline         | C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>29</sub> NO <sub>5</sub> | 5×OCH <sub>3</sub> + Me        | 387,2046 |                     |                       |
| 28 | Trihydroxy-tetramethoxy-tetrahydrobenzylisoquinoline       | C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>27</sub> NO <sub>7</sub> | 4 OCH <sub>3</sub> + 3 OH      | 405,1788 |                     |                       |
| 29 | Ficuseptamine A or B                                       | C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>23</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> | -                              | 265,1678 | Ueda et al. (2009)  | <i>F. septica</i>     |



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Table S3. Terpenoid metabolites screened in the study.

| Compound name  | Compound type          | Molecular formula                              | MW     | MM       | [M+H] <sup>+</sup> | [M-H <sub>2</sub> O+H] <sup>+</sup> | Absorption Data | Structural Data | Reference             | Reference species    |
|--|------------------------|--|--------|----------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Stigmasterol   | Pentacyclic Triterpene | C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>48</sub> O              | 412,69 | 412,3705 | 413,3778           | 395,3672                            |                 | Yes             | Rathee et al. (2011)  | <i>F. religiosa</i>  |
| Lupeol   | Pentacyclic Triterpene | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>50</sub> O              | 426,72 | 426,3862 | 427,3935           | 409,3829                            |                 | Yes             | Rathee et al. (2011)  | <i>F. religiosa</i>  |
| 8,26-cyclo-urs-21-en-3β,20β-diol (ursane type)       | Pentacyclic Triterpene | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>49</sub> O <sub>2</sub> | 441,37 | 441,3733 | 442,3806           | 424,3700                            | Yes             |                 | Poumale et al. (2008) | <i>F. cordata</i>    |
| 3β-acetoxy-8,26-cyclo-ursan-20β-ol                   | Pentacyclic Triterpene | C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>52</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 484,00 | 484,3916 | 485,3989           | 467,3883                            | Yes             |                 | Poumale et al. (2008) | <i>F. cordata</i>    |
| 3-friedelanone                                       | Pentacyclic Triterpene | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>50</sub> O              | 426,72 | 426,3862 | 427,3935           | 409,3829                            |                 | Yes             | Poumale et al. (2008) | <i>F. cordata</i>    |
| oleanolic acid                                       | Pentacyclic Triterpene | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>48</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 456,70 | 456,3603 | 457,3676           | 439,3570                            |                 | Yes             | Poumale et al. (2008) | <i>F. cordata</i>    |
| betulinic acid                                       | Pentacyclic Triterpene | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>48</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 456,70 | 456,3603 | 457,3676           | 439,3570                            |                 | Yes             | Poumale et al. (2008) | <i>F. cordata</i>    |
| lupeol acetate                                       | Pentacyclic Triterpene | C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>52</sub> O <sub>2</sub> | 468,75 | 468,3967 | 469,4040           | 451,3934                            |                 |                 | Poumale et al. (2008) | <i>F. cordata</i>    |
| α- and β-amyrine                                     | Pentacyclic Triterpene | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>50</sub> O              | 426,72 | 426,3862 | 427,3935           | 409,3829                            |                 |                 | Poumale et al. (2008) | <i>F. cordata</i>    |
| 3,5,7,4-tetrahydroxyflavane                          |                        | C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>5</sub> | 274,00 | 274,0841 | 275,0914           | 257,0808                            |                 |                 | Poumale et al. (2008) | <i>F. cordata</i>    |
| 3,5,7,3,4-pentahydroxyflavane                        |                        | C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>6</sub> | 290,27 | 290,0790 | 291,0863           | 273,0757                            |                 |                 | Poumale et al. (2008) | <i>F. cordata</i>    |
| 27-nor-3b-hydroxy-25-oxocycloartane                  | Cyclopropyl Triterpene | C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>48</sub> O <sub>2</sub> | 428,69 | 428,3654 | 429,3727           | 411,3621                            | Yes             | Yes             | Chiang et al. (2001)  | <i>F. microcarpa</i> |
| (22E)-25,26,27-trinor-3b-hydroxycycloart-22-en-24-al | Cyclopropyl Triterpene | C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>42</sub> O <sub>2</sub> | 398,62 | 398,3185 | 399,3258           | 381,3152                            | Yes             | Yes             | Chiang et al. (2001)  | <i>F. microcarpa</i> |
| 3b-acetoxy-15a-hydroxy-13,27-cycloursan-11-ene       | Cyclopropyl Triterpene | C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>50</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 482,74 | 482,3760 | 483,3833           | 465,3727                            | Yes             | Yes             | Chiang et al. (2001)  | <i>F. microcarpa</i> |
| 3b-acetoxy-12a-formyloxy-13,27-cycloursan-11a-ol     | Cyclopropyl Triterpene | C <sub>33</sub> H <sub>52</sub> O <sub>5</sub> | 528,76 | 528,3815 | 529,3888           | 511,3782                            | Yes             | Yes             | Chiang et al. (2001)  | <i>F. microcarpa</i> |
| 3b-acetoxy-12,19-dioxo-13(18)-oleanene               |                        | C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>48</sub> O <sub>4</sub> | 496,36 | 496,3553 | 497,3626           | 479,3520                            | Yes             | Yes             | Chiang et al. (2005)  | <i>F. microcarpa</i> |
| 3b-acetoxy-19(29)-taraxasten-20a-ol                  |                        | C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>52</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 484,39 | 484,3916 | 485,3989           | 467,3883                            | Yes             | Yes             | Chiang et al. (2005)  | <i>F. microcarpa</i> |
| 3b-acetoxy-21a,22a-epoxytaraxastan-20a-ol            |                        | C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>52</sub> O <sub>4</sub> | 500,38 | 500,3866 | 501,3939           | 483,3833                            | Yes             | Yes             | Chiang et al. (2005)  | <i>F. microcarpa</i> |
| 3,22-dioxo-20-taraxastene                            |                        | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>46</sub> O <sub>2</sub> | 438,35 | 438,3498 | 439,3571           | 421,3465                            | Yes             | Yes             | Chiang et al. (2005)  | <i>F. microcarpa</i> |
| 3b-acetoxy-11a,12a-epoxy-16-oxo-14-taraxerene        |                        | C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>48</sub> O <sub>4</sub> | 496,35 | 496,3553 | 497,3626           | 479,3520                            | Yes             | Yes             | Chiang et al. (2005)  | <i>F. microcarpa</i> |
| 3b-acetoxy-25-methoxylanosta-8,23-diene              |                        | C <sub>33</sub> H <sub>54</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 498,41 | 498,4073 | 499,4146           | 481,4040                            |                 |                 | Chiang et al. (2005)  | <i>F. microcarpa</i> |
| oleanolic acid                                       | Pentacyclic Triterpene | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>48</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 456,70 | 456,3603 | 457,3676           | 439,3570                            |                 | Yes             | Chiang et al. (2005)  | <i>F. cordata</i>    |
| acetylbetulinic acid                                 |                        | C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>50</sub> O <sub>4</sub> | 498,74 | 498,3709 | 499,3782           | 481,3676                            |                 | Yes             | Chiang et al. (2005)  | <i>F. microcarpa</i> |

| Compound name  | Compound type                      | Composition                                    | MW     | MM       | [M+H] <sup>+</sup> | [M-H <sub>2</sub> O+H] <sup>+</sup> | Absorption Data | Structural Data | Reference                 | Source               |
|--|------------------------------------|--|--------|----------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| betulonic acid   |                                    | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>46</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 454,68 | 544,3447 | 545,3520           | 527,3414                            |                 | Yes             | Chiang et al. (2005)      | <i>F. microcarpa</i> |
| acetylursolic acid   |                                    | C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>50</sub> O <sub>4</sub> | 498,74 | 498,3709 | 499,3782           | 481,3676                            |                 | Yes             | Chiang et al. (2005)      | <i>F. microcarpa</i> |
| ursonic acid   |                                    | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>46</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 454,68 | 454,3447 | 455,3520           | 437,3414                            |                 | Yes             | Chiang et al. (2005)      | <i>F. microcarpa</i> |
| ursolic acid   |                                    | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>48</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 456,70 | 456,3603 | 457,3676           | 439,3570                            |                 | Yes             | Chiang et al. (2005)      | <i>F. microcarpa</i> |
| 3-oxofriedelan-28-oic acid                                     |                                    | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>48</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 456,70 | 456,3603 | 457,3676           | 439,3570                            |                 | Yes             | Chiang et al. (2005)      | <i>F. microcarpa</i> |
| acetate-a-amyrin   |                                    | C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>52</sub> O <sub>2</sub> | 468,00 | 468,3967 | 469,4040           | 451,3934                            |                 |                 | Feleke and Brehane (2005) | <i>F. sur</i>        |
| acetate-b-amyrin   |                                    | C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>52</sub> O <sub>2</sub> | 468,00 | 468,3967 | 469,4040           | 451,3934                            |                 |                 | Feleke and Brehane (2005) | <i>F. sur</i>        |
| 3b -acetoxy-22,23,24,25,26,27-hexanordammaran-20-one           | Dammarane Type Acetylated Triterp. | C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>42</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 402,00 | 402,3134 | 403,3207           | 385,3101                            |                 | Yes             | Kitajima et al. (1999)    | <i>F. pumilla</i>    |
| 3b -acetoxy-20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27-octanordammaran-17b -ol    | Dammarane Type Acetylated Triterp. | C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>40</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 376,00 | 376,2977 | 377,3050           | 359,2944                            |                 | Yes             | Kitajima et al. (1999)    | <i>F. pumilla</i>    |
| 3b -acetoxy-(20R,22E,24RS)-20,24-dimethoxydammaran-22-en-25-ol | Dammarane Type Acetylated Triterp. | C <sub>34</sub> H <sub>58</sub> O <sub>5</sub> | 546,82 | 546,4284 | 547,4357           | 529,4251                            |                 | Yes             | Kitajima et al. (1999)    | <i>F. pumilla</i>    |
| 3b -acetoxy-(20S,22E,24RS)-20,24-dimethoxydammaran-22-en-25-ol | Dammarane Type Acetylated Triterp. | C <sub>34</sub> H <sub>58</sub> O <sub>5</sub> | 546,82 | 546,4284 | 547,4357           | 529,4251                            |                 | Yes             | Kitajima et al. (1999)    | <i>F. pumilla</i>    |
| 29(20-19)abeolupane-3,20-dione                                 | Lupane Type Triterpene             | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>48</sub> O <sub>2</sub> | 440,70 | 440,3654 | 441,3727           | 423,3621                            |                 |                 | Kuo and Lin (2004)        | <i>F. microcarpa</i> |
| 19,20-secoursane-3,19,20-trione                                | Ursane Type Triterpene             | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>48</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 456,70 | 456,3603 | 457,3676           | 439,3570                            |                 |                 | Kuo and Lin (2004)        | <i>F. microcarpa</i> |
| lupenone   |                                    | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>48</sub> O              | 424,70 | 424,3705 | 425,3778           | 407,3672                            |                 |                 | Kuo and Lin (2004)        | <i>F. microcarpa</i> |
| a-amyrone  |                                    | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>48</sub> O              | 424,70 | 424,3705 | 425,3778           | 407,3672                            |                 |                 | Kuo and Lin (2004)        | <i>F. microcarpa</i> |
| 20(30)-taraxastene-3b ,21a-diol                                | Taraxastane Type Triterpenes       | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>50</sub> O <sub>2</sub> | 442,72 | 442,3811 | 443,3884           | 425,3778                            | Yes             | Yes             | Kuo and Chiang (1999)     | <i>F. microcarpa</i> |
| 20a,21a-epoxytaraxastan-3b -ol                                 | Taraxastane Type Triterpenes       | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>50</sub> O <sub>2</sub> | 442,00 | 442,3811 | 443,3884           | 425,3778                            | Yes             | Yes             | Kuo and Chiang (1999)     | <i>F. microcarpa</i> |
| 20-taraxastene-3b ,22b -diol                                   | Taraxastane Type Triterpenes       | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>50</sub> O <sub>2</sub> | 442,72 | 442,3811 | 443,3884           | 425,3778                            | Yes             | Yes             | Kuo and Chiang (1999)     | <i>F. microcarpa</i> |
| and 3b -acetoxy-20-taraxastene-22-                             | Taraxastane Type Triterpenes       | C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>50</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 482,74 | 482,3760 | 483,3833           | 465,3727                            | Yes             | Yes             | Kuo and Chiang (1999)     | <i>F. microcarpa</i> |
| 20-taraxastene-3b -ol (pseudo-Taraxasterol)                    |                                    | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>50</sub> O              | 426,72 | 426,3862 | 427,3935           | 409,3829                            |                 |                 | Kuo and Chiang (1999)     | <i>F. microcarpa</i> |
| 3b -acetoxy-11a-methoxy-12-ursene                              | Ursane Type Triterpene             | C <sub>33</sub> H <sub>54</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 498,78 | 498,4073 | 499,4146           | 481,4040                            | Yes             |                 | Kuo and Chiang (2000)     | <i>F. microcarpa</i> |
| 3b -acetoxy-11a-ethoxy-12-ursene                               | Ursane Type Triterpene             | C <sub>34</sub> H <sub>56</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 512,81 | 512,4229 | 513,4302           | 495,4196                            | Yes             |                 | Kuo and Chiang (2000)     | <i>F. microcarpa</i> |
| 3b -acetoxy-11a-hydroperoxy-12-ursene                          | Ursane Type Triterpene             | C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>52</sub> O <sub>4</sub> | 500,75 | 500,3866 | 501,3939           | 483,3833                            | Yes             |                 | Kuo and Chiang (2000)     | <i>F. microcarpa</i> |
| 3b -hydroxy-11a-hydroperoxy-12-ursene                          | Ursane Type Triterpene             | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>50</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 458,72 | 458,3760 | 459,3833           | 441,3727                            | Yes             |                 | Kuo and Chiang (2000)     | <i>F. microcarpa</i> |
| 3b -acetoxy-11a-ethoxy-12-oleanene                             | Oleanane Type Triterpene           | C <sub>34</sub> H <sub>56</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 512,81 | 512,4229 | 513,4302           | 495,4196                            | Yes             |                 | Kuo and Chiang (2000)     | <i>F. microcarpa</i> |
| 3b -acetoxy-11a-hydroperoxy-12-oleanene                        | Oleanane Type Triterpene           | C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>52</sub> O <sub>4</sub> | 500,75 | 500,3860 | 501,3933           | 483,3827                            | Yes             |                 | Kuo and Chiang (2000)     | <i>F. microcarpa</i> |

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Table S4. Species traits – protease activity ( $\Delta A_{280}$ ), alkaloid content ( $\ln(\text{peak area}/\text{mg})$ ), alkaloid diversity (Shannon), polyphenol content (mg/g), polyphenol diversity (Shannon), polyphenol oxidative activity (mg/g), protein precipitation capacity (mg/g), triterpene content ( $\ln(\text{peak area}/\text{mg})$ ), triterpene diversity (Shannon), trichome density (number of trichomes per 10 mm<sup>2</sup>), trichome length (mm), C:N, SLA (cm<sup>2</sup>/g). Polyphenol diversity was based on the content galloyl derivatives, hexahydroxydiphenoyl derivatives, procyanidins, prodelphinidins, quinic acid derivatives, quercetin derivatives, kaempferol derivatives, and myricetin derivatives. Alkaloid diversity was based on the content of phenanthroindolizidines, *seco*-phenanthroindolizidines, dehydro-*seco*-phenanthroindolizidines, tetrahydrobenzylisoquinolines, and ficuseptamines.

| Species                   | Protease activity | Alkaloid content | Alkaloid diversity | Polyphenol content | Polyphenol diversity | Oxidative activity | Protein prec. | Triterpene content | Triterpene diversity | Trichome density | Trichome length | C:N      | SLA        |
|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------|------------|
| <i>F. aurantiacafolia</i> | 0.161±0.113       | 31.09±0.43       | 1.10±0.00          | 49.91±0.20         | 0.62±0.50            | 1.90±1.36          | 4.28±8.57     | 20.22±0.30         | 0.73±0.16            | 3.56±4.75        | 0.21±0.14       | 18.5±0.7 | 235.1±26.7 |
| <i>F. botryocarpa</i>     | 0.127±0.108       | 32.57±0.44       | 1.18±0.30          | 13.15±1.94         | 0.35±0.36            | 0                  | 3.22±7.20     | 18.58±0.25         | 2.04±0.21            | 123.92±17.33     | 0.22±0.11       | 16.7±2.1 | 173.3±42.6 |
| <i>F. congesta</i>        | 0.100±0.176       | 26.70±1.28       | 1.27±0.16          | 44.6±0.54          | 0.48±0.28            | 1.40±1.15          | 14.28±10.39   | 20.27±0.44         | 1.18±0.26            | 76.23±80.53      | 0.30±0.18       | 18.6±1.1 | 156.1±25.0 |
| <i>F. conocepholia</i>    | 0.057±0.050       | 20.29±9.99       | 0.23±0.36          | 21.87±3.22         | 0.65±0.47            | 0.97±1.20          | 7.13±11.18    | 18.36±0.18         | 2.29±0.28            | 11.24±6.18       | 0.27±0.35       | 15.1±1.5 | 174.8±29.5 |
| <i>F. copiosa</i>         | 0.051±0.038       | 23.07±1.97       | 0.14±0.31          | 3.76±0.11          | 0.74±0.51            | 0                  | 0             | 18.51±1.72         | 2.46±0.80            | 0.44±0.30        | 0.22±0.12       | 17.6±2.1 | 126.6±28.2 |
| <i>F. dammaropsis</i>     | 0.048±0.054       | 16.85±11.26      | 0                  | 21.20±0.51         | 0.78±0.28            | 1.15±1.34          | 1.75±2.61     | 18.95±0.33         | 1.91±0.31            | 2.20±2.89        | 0.17±0.16       | 19.3±0.4 | 120.4±46.2 |
| <i>F. gul</i>             | 0.067±0.074       | 13.69±12.52      | 0                  | 12.60±1.59         | 0.35±0.43            | 2.10±0.92          | 1.54±3.43     | 18.18±0.85         | 1.84±0.83            | 108.75±41.69     | 0.46±0.28       | 17.8±2.2 | 174.6±41.3 |
| <i>F. hahliana</i>        | 0.067±0.057       | 9.74±13.34       | 0.14±0.31          | 14.33±3.31         | 0.62±0.39            | 0.78±1.10          | 1.34±2.99     | 20.12±0.24         | 1.07±0.20            | 21.12±11.41      | 0.51±0.31       | 19.4±1.6 | 137.8±26.5 |
| <i>F. hispidioides</i>    | 0.138±0.175       | 28.11±0.85       | 1.21±0.16          | 35.97±0.58         | 0.75±0.60            | 3.56±1.44          | 11.49±13.06   | 19.47±0.39         | 1.33±0.12            | 276.68±80.07     | 0.32±0.16       | 19.3±2.8 | 101.2±13.4 |
| <i>F. mollior</i>         | 0.215±0.167       | 25.39±1.87       | 0.14±0.31          | 41.52±5.55         | 0.55±0.53            | 7.98±14.99         | 6.45±9.17     | 18.69±0.10         | 2.57±0.11            | 194.48±33.81     | 0.33±0.19       | 17.5±0.5 | 193.2±16.3 |
| <i>F. nodosa</i>          | 0.023±0.014       | 16.58±11.39      | 0.20±0.34          | 37.86±0.16         | 0.59±0.43            | 3.89±2.13          | 7.14±5.27     | 18.98±0.82         | 1.62±0.38            | 73.97±36.68      | 0.08±0.05       | 19.1±2.1 | 195.4±67.1 |
| <i>F. pachyrrhachis</i>   | 0.093±0.040       | 28.61±1.36       | 1.31±0.14          | 34.87±0.43         | 0.63±0.48            | 4.20±2.62          | 10.05±6.72    | 20.12±0.26         | 1.48±0.21            | 130.60±44.18     | 0.37±0.24       | 17.7±1.0 | 120.3±30.4 |
| <i>F. phaeosyce</i>       | 0.057±0.037       | 0                | 0                  | 16.46±1.25         | 0.65±0.57            | 0                  | 3.09±2.76     | 19.84±0.61         | 1.80±0.28            | 15.50±10.98      | 0.42±0.38       | 19.6±1.1 | 172.0±9.6  |
| <i>F. pungens</i>         | 0.044±0.025       | 23.25±1.49       | 0.69±0.57          | 32.12±0.21         | 0.69±0.21            | 0.78±0.90          | 7.30±5.39     | 18.88±0.86         | 1.55±0.16            | 156.40±73.43     | 0.29±0.22       | 16.8±2.9 | 126.3±32.5 |
| <i>F. rubrivestimenta</i> | 0.152±0.119       | 15.50±13.43      | 0                  | 67.03±0.02         | 0.10±0.15            | 11.27±0.99         | 5.18±0.04     | 20.17±1.69         | 1.07±0.91            | 7.12±4.22        | 0.25±0.19       | 23.9±3.1 | 207.9±40.8 |
| <i>F. septica</i>         | 0.042±0.040       | 31.26±0.00       | 1.61±0.00          | 20.12±4.16         | 0.87±0.28            | 0.90±1.27          | 4.97±7.02     | 17.75±0.81         | 1.98±0.30            | 1.70±2.88        | 0.06±0.09       | 16.6±2.8 | 104.1±5.1  |
| <i>F. subtrinervia</i>    | 0.302±0.355       | 9.54±13.07       | 0                  | 39.45±2.39         | 0.67±0.33            | 1.42±1.97          | 13.02±8.95    | 21.10±0.21         | 1.08±0.07            | 0.07±0.16        | 0.31±0.31       | 27.8±4.2 | 171.8±30.7 |
| <i>F. trachypison</i>     | 0.028±0.020       | 29.20±0.51       | 0.14±0.31          | 14.03±0.72         | 0.54±0.26            | 0.36±0.80          | 0             | 17.61±0.66         | 2.50±0.39            | 176.4±47.54      | 0.15±0.12       | 17.1±1.1 | 142.4±43.1 |
| <i>F. variegata</i>       | 0.015±0.011       | 24.93±2.52       | 0.50±0.48          | 19.91±2.29         | 0.67±0.20            | 1.50±1.37          | 2.79±5.92     | 19.05±0.69         | 1.65±0.47            | 86.24±115.67     | 0.11±0.09       | 17.4±1.6 | 274.9±82.6 |
| <i>F. virens</i>          | 0.145±0.099       | 23.75±1.56       | 0.35±0.49          | 4.10±1.03          | 0.09±0.13            | 0                  | 0             | 17.79±1.09         | 2.37±0.68            | 9.40±7.78        | 0.88±0.62       | 23.1±2.5 | 149.3±25.2 |
| <i>F. wassa</i>           | 0.009±0.005       | 19.04±10.82      | 0.14±0.31          | 12.07±3.10         | 0.74±0.45            | 0.98±2.19          | 0             | 17.92±0.46         | 2.53±0.32            | 0.48±0.40        | 0.22±0.08       | 17.8±2.1 | 158.9±40.2 |

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Table S5. Escalation of alkaloid diversity (Shannon) and oxidatively active phenolics (mg/g) as analysed by Adonis function. Table shows details on sums of squares (SSq) and p-values for individual *Ficus* species. Significant values are in bold. Species are ordered from the tip (*F. aurantiacafolia*) the root (*F. virens*) of the tree.

| Species                   | Alkaloid diversity |                  | Oxidatively active phenolics |                  |
|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
|                           | SSq                | p                | SSq                          | p                |
| <i>F. aurantiacafolia</i> | <b>0.01902</b>     | <b>&lt;0.001</b> | 0.00006                      | 0.854            |
| <i>F. hahliana</i>        | <b>0.01774</b>     | <b>&lt;0.001</b> | 0.00004                      | 0.874            |
| <i>F. hispidioides</i>    | <b>0.02032</b>     | <b>&lt;0.001</b> | 0.00011                      | 0.806            |
| <i>F. congesta</i>        | <b>0.02062</b>     | <b>&lt;0.001</b> | 0.00009                      | 0.828            |
| <i>F. pachyrrhachis</i>   | <b>0.02065</b>     | <b>&lt;0.001</b> | 0.00012                      | 0.801            |
| <i>F. botryocarpa</i>     | <b>0.01579</b>     | <b>&lt;0.001</b> | 0.00004                      | 0.855            |
| <i>F. septica</i>         | <b>0.01663</b>     | <b>&lt;0.001</b> | 0.00002                      | 0.886            |
| <i>F. pungens</i>         | <b>0.00228</b>     | <b>0.043</b>     | 0                            | 0.932            |
| <i>F. nodosa</i>          | 0.00018            | 0.579            | 0.00063                      | 0.297            |
| <i>F. variegata</i>       | 0.00051            | 0.35             | 0.00012                      | 0.649            |
| <i>F. dammaropsis</i>     | 0.00008            | 0.723            | 0.0014                       | 0.128            |
| <i>F. mollior</i>         | 0.00019            | 0.634            | <b>0.01107</b>               | <b>&lt;0.001</b> |
| <i>F. rubrivestimenta</i> | 0.00023            | 0.601            | <b>0.01243</b>               | <b>&lt;0.001</b> |
| <i>F. conocepholia</i>    | 0.00057            | 0.329            | 0.00033                      | 0.457            |
| <i>F. copiosa</i>         | 0.00463            | 0.053            | 0.00253                      | 0.163            |
| <i>F. wassa</i>           | 0.00463            | 0.053            | 0.00233                      | 0.181            |
| <i>F. phaeosyce</i>       | <b>0.00478</b>     | <b>0.047</b>     | 0.00249                      | 0.162            |
| <i>F. gul</i>             | <b>0.00483</b>     | <b>0.049</b>     | 0.00187                      | 0.236            |
| <i>F. trachypison</i>     | 0.00473            | 0.052            | 0.00202                      | 0.217            |
| <i>F. subtrinervia</i>    | 0.00056            | 0.33             | 0.00005                      | 0.766            |
| <i>F. virens</i>          | 0.00004            | 0.791            | 0.00035                      | 0.449            |