

1 **Evidence for both phylogenetic conservatism and lability in the evolution of**
2 **secondary chemistry in a tropical angiosperm radiation**

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31 **Summary**

32 Over evolutionary timescales, shifts in plant secondary chemistry may be associated with
33 patterns of diversification in associated arthropods. Although foundational hypotheses of plant-
34 insect codiversification and plant defense theory posit closely related plants should have similar
35 chemical profiles, numerous studies have documented variation in the degree of phylogenetic
36 signal, suggesting phytochemical evolution is more nuanced than initially assumed. We utilize
37 proton nuclear magnetic resonance (^1H NMR) data, chemical classification, and genotyping-by-
38 sequencing to resolve evolutionary relationships and characterize the evolution of secondary
39 chemistry in the Neotropical plant clade *Radula* (*Piper*; Piperaceae). Sequencing data
40 substantially improved phylogenetic resolution relative to past studies, and spectroscopic
41 characterization revealed the presence of 35 metabolite classes. Broad metabolite classes
42 displayed strong phylogenetic signal, whereas the crude ^1H NMR spectra featured evolutionary
43 lability in chemical resonances. Evolutionary correlations were detected in two pairs of
44 compound classes (flavonoids with chalcones; *p*-alkenyl phenols with kavalactones), where the
45 gain or loss of a class was dependent on the other's state. Overall, the evolution of secondary
46 chemistry in *Radula* is characterized by strong phylogenetic signal of broad compound classes
47 and concomitant evolutionary lability of specialized chemical motifs, consistent with both classic
48 evolutionary hypotheses and recent examinations of phytochemical evolution in young lineages.

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51 comparative analyses, phylogenetic signal, phytochemistry, *Piper*, *Radula*

52 **Introduction**

53 Plant secondary chemistry affects plant-herbivore interactions at various stages
54 throughout an insect's lifespan: mixtures of compounds can shape adult oviposition preferences
55 (Thompson & Pellmyr, 1991), specific chemical compounds can stimulate larval feeding
56 (Bowers, 1983, 1984), plant chemistry can deter insect herbivores via toxicity or physiological
57 disruptions (Malcolm, 1994; Zagrobelny *et al.*, 2004), and sequestered metabolites can alter
58 immune function against natural enemies (Smilanich *et al.*, 2009; Richards *et al.*, 2012). Plants
59 capable of developing novel chemical defenses are hypothesized to accrue higher fitness in
60 response to enemy release (e.g., Berenbaum, 1978), potentially resulting in the diversification of
61 plant lineages with conserved chemical phenotypes (the escape and radiate hypothesis; Ehrlich &
62 Raven, 1964; Thompson, 1989; reviewed by Janz, 2011). Coevolutionary hypotheses and plant
63 defense theory (reviewed by Mithöfer & Boland, 2012) have yielded clear predictions that
64 herbivory, additional trophic interactions, and resource availability shape the evolution of plant
65 defenses, including secondary metabolites (Agrawal *et al.*, 2009; Maron *et al.*, 2019). However,
66 an evolutionary response to these biotic and abiotic pressures could be complex and highly
67 context-dependent.

68 Due in part to the enzymatic complexity of metabolic biosynthesis, phylogenetic
69 conservatism is the null hypothesis for the evolution of plant secondary chemistry (Agrawal &
70 Fishbein, 2006; Salazar *et al.*, 2018). Indeed, expectations of phylogenetic conservatism appear
71 to hold at deep evolutionary scales; for example, the family Solanaceae is characterized by the
72 presence of tropane alkaloids (Griffin & Lin, 2000), though they are consistently present in only
73 3 of 19 tribes (Datureae, Hyoscyameae, Mandragoreae) and sporadically found elsewhere (Wink,
74 2003). Further, recent work suggests more classes of secondary metabolites are phylogenetically
75 conserved in large seed plant clades (e.g., eudicots and superasterids) than at lower taxonomic
76 scales (e.g., orders and families) (Zhang *et al.*, 2020). However, at shallower scales, numerous
77 studies provide evidence for evolutionary lability in chemical traits within genera (e.g., Becerra,
78 1997; Kursar *et al.*, 2009; Agrawal *et al.*, 2009; Rasmann & Agrawal, 2011; Salazar *et al.*, 2016;
79 Moreira *et al.*, 2018; Allevalo *et al.*, 2019), suggesting that surveys of phytochemical variation
80 within young plant lineages might yield variable perspectives on the evolution of secondary
81 chemistry. Adding further complexity, many studies have found evidence for strong evolutionary
82 associations among chemical classes (Kariñho-Betancourt *et al.*, 2015; Boachon *et al.*, 2018;

83 Allevato *et al.*, 2019). For example, Johnson *et al.* (2014) found a strong positive correlation
84 between flavonoids and phenolic diversity and a strong negative correlation between
85 ellagitannins and flavonoids across a phylogeny of 26 evening primroses (*Oenothera*:
86 Onagraceae). Such associations are relevant because they may reflect evolutionary constraints,
87 and their causes may be varied. For example, positive associations may be associated with
88 chemical defense syndromes (Agrawal & Fishbein, 2006; Agrawal, 2007) or synergistic effects
89 of multiple classes on herbivore deterrence (Dyer *et al.*, 2003; Richards *et al.*, 2016).
90 Alternatively, negative associations might be consistent with evolutionary tradeoffs or at least
91 different optima in defense space (Agrawal, 2007; Johnson *et al.*, 2014). By leveraging advances
92 in organic chemistry and genomics, we stand to increase phylogenetic and metabolomic
93 resolution to provide novel insight into the evolution of phytochemistry.

94 Recent advances in chemical ecology have improved perspectives on phytochemical
95 diversity across a broad range of taxonomic groups and metabolite classes (Sedio, 2017; Dyer *et al.*, 2018). High throughput processing of plant tissue, rapid advances in spectroscopy, and
96 improved ordination and network analyses have enabled characterization of metabolomic
97 variation across plant communities (Richards *et al.*, 2016; Salazar *et al.*, 2016, 2018; Dyer *et al.*,
98 2018; Sedio *et al.*, 2018; Ernst *et al.* 2019; Kang *et al.* 2019) and stand to enhance our
100 understanding of phytochemical evolution across taxonomic scales (Sedio, 2017). Additionally,
101 structural metabolomic approaches like ¹H NMR can provide improved resolution of structural
102 variation across a wide range of metabolite classes. Selection on the plant metabolome is
103 inherently multivariate, arising from diverse herbivore communities and environmental
104 conditions (Fine *et al.*, 2006; Salazar *et al.*, 2018), and even relatively small structural changes
105 can impart disproportionate shifts in bioactivity. Thus, approaches that capture a larger
106 proportion of the structural variation underlying phytochemical phenotypes could be well suited
107 to addressing hypotheses concerning evolutionary patterns.

108 Next-generation sequencing data has reinvigorated phylogenetic analyses of traditionally
109 challenging groups characterized by recent or rapid diversification (Wagner *et al.*, 2013; Bagley
110 *et al.*, 2020; L veill -Bourret *et al.*, 2020) as well as hybridization (Eaton & Ree, 2013; Carter *et al.*, 2019; Hipp *et al.*, 2020). Reduced representation DNA sequencing approaches [e.g.,
111 RADseq; genotyping-by-sequencing (GBS)] have been increasingly utilized in phylogenetic
112 studies due to their ability to effectively sample large numbers of orthologous loci throughout the
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114 genomes of non-model organisms without the need for prior genomic resources (Leaché & Oaks,
115 2017; Parchman *et al.*, 2018). Nearly all such studies have reported increased topological
116 accuracy and support compared with past phylogenetic inference based on smaller numbers of
117 Sanger-sequenced loci (Herrera & Shank, 2016; Massatti *et al.*, 2016; Du *et al.*, 2020), especially
118 when applied to diverse radiations (Wagner *et al.*, 2013; Fernández-Mazuecos *et al.*, 2017;
119 Hamon *et al.*, 2017; Paetzold *et al.*, 2019). While reduced representation approaches have clear
120 phylogenetic utility at relatively shallow time scales, they have also performed well for
121 moderately deep divergence (Eaton *et al.*, 2017; Du *et al.*, 2020).

122 *Piper* (Piperaceae) is a highly diverse, pantropical genus of nearly 2,600 accepted species
123 (Callejas-Posada, 2020), with the highest diversity occurring in the Neotropics (Gentry, 1993;
124 Martínez *et al.*, 2015). Chemically, *Piper* is impressively diverse (Parmar *et al.*, 1997; Dyer &
125 Palmer, 2004; Richards *et al.*, 2015): chemical profiling in a modest number of taxa has yielded
126 667 different compounds from 11 distinct structural classes thus far (Parmar *et al.*, 1997; Dyer *et*
127 *al.*, 2004; Kato & Furlan, 2007; Richards *et al.*, 2018). This phytochemical diversity has likely
128 contributed to the diversification of several herbivorous insect lineages that specialize on *Piper*,
129 including most notably the geometrid moth genus *Eois* (Strutzenberger *et al.*, 2012; Wilson *et*
130 *al.*, 2012; Jahner *et al.*, 2017). Furthermore, phytochemical variation in *Piper* communities has
131 been shown to shape tri-trophic interactions and the structure of tropical communities (Dyer *et*
132 *al.*, 2004; Glassmire *et al.*, 2016; Richards *et al.*, 2018). As a species-rich genus with abundant
133 and ecologically consequential phytochemical variation, *Piper* represents a valuable system for
134 understanding how the history of diversification underlies the evolution of phytochemical
135 variation.

136 *Piper* is an old lineage (~72 Ma), yet most of its diversification occurred in the
137 Neotropics during the last 30-40 My following Andean uplift and the emergence of Central
138 America (Smith *et al.*, 2008; Martínez *et al.*, 2015). The largest clade of *Piper*, *Radula*,
139 exemplifies this pattern, as much of its extant diversity (~450 species) arose relatively recently
140 during the Miocene (Martínez *et al.*, 2015). Such bouts of rapid and recent diversification have
141 limited the efficacy of traditional Sanger sequencing methods to resolve the timing and tempo of
142 diversification in *Piper* (Jaramillo *et al.*, 2008; Smith *et al.*, 2008). Past phylogenetic analyses
143 utilizing Sanger-sequenced nuclear and chloroplast regions have consistently inferred eleven
144 major clades within *Piper*; however, phylogenetic resolution within these clades has been elusive

145 (Jaramillo *et al.*, 2008; Smith *et al.*, 2008; Molina-Henao *et al.*, 2016; Asmarayani, 2018).
146 Phylogenetic inference based on genome-wide data spanning a range of genealogical histories
147 has recently improved phylogenetic resolution for diverse radiations (e.g., Wagner *et al.*, 2013;
148 Paetzold *et al.*, 2019), and should facilitate an understanding of evolutionary patterns of
149 phytochemical variation in *Piper* and their consequences for plant-insect codiversification.

150 We leveraged complementary phylogenomic, metabolite classification, and ¹H NMR data
151 sets to generate a *Piper* phylogeny and explore the evolution of secondary chemistry within the
152 largest *Piper* clade (Radula). Specifically, our goals were to: 1) resolve the evolutionary
153 relationships within the Radula clade of *Piper* included in this study; 2) characterize
154 metabolomic variation across the genus and within Radula in particular; and 3) quantify the
155 strength of phylogenetic signal and detect evolutionary associations in Radula secondary
156 chemistry. Because secondary chemistry is an emergent composite phenotype of many traits that
157 can evolve semi-independently, we expected to detect mixed strengths of phylogenetic signal
158 and strong associations among a subset of traits over evolutionary time.

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160 **Materials and Methods**

161 **Study system and sample collection**

162 For phylogenetic and chemical analyses, we collected leaf material from 71 individuals
163 representing 65 Neotropical *Piper* species from the following clades: Churumayu ($N = 3$),
164 Hemipodium ($N = 1$), Isophyllon ($N = 5$), Macrostachys ($N = 4$), Peltobryon ($N = 2$),
165 Pothomorphe ($N = 1$), Radula ($N = 44$), and Schilleria ($N = 5$). For chemical profiling and DNA
166 sequencing, we collected the youngest, fully expanded leaves and dried them immediately with
167 silica gel. Vouchers were pressed, dried, and deposited in one or more herbaria for future
168 reference and species verification (Table S1). To investigate the evolution of phytochemistry at a
169 relatively shallow evolutionary scale, we conducted the majority of our sampling within Radula
170 (Martínez *et al.*, 2015).

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172 **Phylogenetic analyses**

173 Genome-wide polymorphism data was generated for 71 individuals for phylogenetic
174 analyses. Either the same accession sampled for chemical analysis, or an individual from the
175 same population as the one sampled, were sequenced with a genotyping-by-sequencing approach

176 (Parchman *et al.*, 2012) that is analogous to ddRADseq (Peterson *et al.* 2012). Briefly, genomic
177 DNA was digested with two restriction enzymes, *EcoRI* and *MseI*. Sample-specific barcoded
178 oligos containing Illumina adaptors were annealed to the *EcoRI* cut sites, and oligos containing
179 the alternative Illumina adaptor were annealed to the *MseI* cut sites. Fragments were PCR
180 amplified and pooled for sequencing. The library was size-selected for fragments between 350 -
181 450 base pairs (bp) with the Pippin Prep System (Sage Sciences, Beverly, MA), and sequenced
182 on two lanes of an Illumina HiSeq 2500 at the University of Texas Genome Sequencing and
183 Analysis Facility (Austin, TX). Single-end, 100 bp, raw sequence data were filtered for
184 contaminants (*E. coli*, *PhiX*, Illumina adaptors or primers) and low quality reads using
185 `bowtie2_db` (Langmead & Salzberg, 2012) and a pipeline of bash and perl scripts
186 (<https://github.com/ncgr/tapioca>). We used custom perl scripts to demultiplex our reads by
187 individual and trim barcodes and restriction site-associated bases.

188 Assembly and initial filtering was conducted with `ipyRAD` v.0.7.30 (Eaton, 2014).
189 `ipyRAD` was specifically designed to assemble RADseq data for phylogenetic applications,
190 permits customization of clustering and filtering, and allows for indel variation among samples
191 (Eaton, 2014). Because a suitable *Piper* genome was not available at the time of analysis, we
192 generated a *de novo* consensus reference of sampled genomic regions with `ipyRAD`. Briefly,
193 nucleotide sites with phred quality scores lower than 33 were treated as missing data. Sequences
194 were clustered within individuals according to an 85% similarity threshold with `vsearch`
195 (Rognes *et al.*, 2016) and aligned with `muscle` (Edgar, 2004) to produce stacks of highly similar
196 RADseq reads (hereafter, RADseq loci). The sequencing error rate and heterozygosity were
197 jointly estimated for all RADseq loci with a depth >6, and these parameters informed statistical
198 base calls according to a binomial model. Consensus sequences for each individual in the
199 assembly were clustered once more, this time across individuals, and discarded if possessing >8
200 indels (`max_Indels_locus`), >50% heterozygous sites (`max_shared_Hs_locus`), or >20% variable
201 sites (`max_SNPs_locus`). To reduce the amount of missing data in our alignment matrix,
202 RADseq loci were retained if they were present in at least 50 of 71 samples. The nexus file of
203 concatenated consensus sequences for each individual, including invariant sites, were used as
204 input for the Bayesian phylogenetic methods described below. The nexus alignment as well as
205 complete information on additional parameter settings for this analysis are archived at Dryad
206 (<https://doi.org/10.5061/dryad.j6q573nc7>).

207 To resolve patterns of diversification and to provide a foundation for investigating
208 variation in the rates of phytochemical evolution, we estimated a rooted, calibrated tree
209 according to a relaxed clock model in `RevBayes` v.1.0.12 (Höhna *et al.*, 2016), which provides
210 the ability to specify custom phylogenetic models for improved flexibility compared with other
211 Bayesian approaches. The prior distribution on node ages was defined by a birth-death process in
212 which the hyper priors on speciation and extinction rates were exponentially distributed with $\lambda =$
213 10. We relaxed the assumption of a global molecular clock by allowing each branch-rate variable
214 to be drawn from a lognormal distribution. After comparing the relative fits of JC, HKY, GTR,
215 and GTR+Gamma nucleotide substitution models with Bayes factors, we modeled DNA
216 sequence evolution according to the best-fit HKY model. Eight independent MCMC chains were
217 run for 100,000 generations with a burn-in of 1,000 generations and sampled every 10
218 generations. Chains were visually assessed for convergence with `Tracer` v.1.7.1 (Rambaut *et*
219 *al.*, 2018) and numerically assessed with effective sample sizes (ESS), the Gelman–Rubin
220 convergence diagnostic (Gelman & Rubin, 1992), and by comparing the posterior probabilities
221 of clades sampled between MCMC chains. The maximum clade credibility (MCC) tree provided
222 the ultrametric fixed tree topology and relative node ages for phylogenetic comparative methods
223 described below.

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225 **Chemical profiling**

226 Crude proton nuclear magnetic resonance (^1H NMR) spectroscopy was chosen for
227 chemotype mapping due to its ability to characterize subtle structural variation across a wide
228 range of compound classes in a single, reproducible, non-destructive analysis (Richards *et al.*
229 2018). Briefly, after leaf samples were ground to fine powder, 2.00 g were transferred to a glass
230 screw cap test tube with 10.0 ml of methanol, sonicated for 10 minutes, and filtered. This step
231 was repeated and both filtrates were combined in a pre-weighed 20 ml scintillation vial. The
232 solvent was removed *in vacuo* and dissolved in 0.6 ml methanol- d_4 for ^1H NMR analysis.
233 Extracts were analyzed on a Varian 400 MHz solution state NMR spectrometer with
234 autosampler. Data were processed using MestReNova software (Mestrelab Research, Santiago de
235 Compostela, Spain). Spectra from the crude extracts were aligned with the solvent peak (CD_3 , δ
236 = 3.31 ppm), baseline corrected, phase corrected, and binned (0.04 ppm; 0.5 - 12 ppm). Solvent

237 and water peaks were removed and the binned spectra were normalized to a total area of 100.
238 This data set is referred to subsequently as “crude ^1H NMR”.

239 In addition to crude ^1H NMR spectral chemotyping, we further annotated and
240 characterized samples based upon the presence or absence of compound classes and in some
241 cases, specific compounds. To further gain structural resolution across the crude extracts that
242 were sampled, aliquots of the ^1H NMR extracts were diluted and subjected to GC-MS and LC-
243 MS analysis. Crude extracts were classified using chemotaxonomic classifications outlined in
244 Parmar’s comprehensive review of *Piper* phytochemistry (Parmar *et al.*, 1997).

245 Presumptive compounds and compound classes were annotated based upon structural
246 elucidation using ^1H NMR, GC-MS fragmentation, and high-resolution LC-MS data.
247 Comparison of the ^1H NMR data to literature values of related compounds was used to increase
248 confidence in these assignments. In some cases, crude 2D-NMR analysis was used to confirm
249 structural classifications. Presence of a compound or compound class was determined based
250 upon abundant and spectroscopically apparent evidence. This data set is referred to subsequently
251 as “metabolite classes”.

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254 **Phylogenetic signal and evolution of metabolite classes**

255 To assess whether metabolite classes were phylogenetically conserved across *Radula*, we
256 quantified phylogenetic signal in these binary traits using the D statistic (Fritz & Purvis, 2010).
257 The D statistic calculates the sum of sister-clade differences, Σd_{obs} (Felsenstein, 1985) for an
258 observed tree and binary trait, and scales this value with the distributions of sums expected under
259 two disparate evolutionary models, random and Brownian motion (Σd_r and Σd_b , respectively),
260 using the following equation:

$$D = \frac{[\Sigma d_{obs} - mean(\Sigma d_b)]}{[mean(\Sigma d_r) - mean(\Sigma d_b)]}$$

261 Thus, D is expected to equal 1 when the observed binary trait is distributed randomly, lacking
262 phylogenetic signal, and is expected to equal 0 when it exhibits phylogenetic signal as
263 expected under Brownian motion. Tests of phylogenetic signal with the D statistic are most
264 accurate when the ratio of presences and absences is closer to 1:1 (Fritz and Purvis, 2010). We
265 used the *phylo.d* function in the *caper* package (Orme *et al.*, 2018) in R v.4.0.0 (R Core Team,

266 2020) to calculate the observed D for a subset of binary traits that were sufficiently present
267 across the phylogeny. This value was compared to a distribution of D values simulated under
268 models of phylogenetic randomness ($D = 1$) and pure Brownian motion ($D = 0$) to determine
269 whether the observed D differed from either zero or one.

270 To detect evolutionary associations among pairs of metabolite classes within *Radula*, we
271 used Pagel's (1994) method that models evolutionary changes in two binary traits, X and Y , as
272 continuous-time Markov processes in which the probabilities of state transition at one trait may
273 depend on the state at the other trait. Significant tests of correlated evolution were followed by
274 tests of contingency, in which changes at X depend on the state of Y , or vice versa. Model fits,
275 comparisons, and plots were performed with the *fitPagel* function in the `phytools` package
276 (Revell, 2012) in R.

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278 **Multivariate analyses of phylogenetic signal with crude ^1H NMR spectra**

279 While the analyses above based on broad classifications of structurally determined
280 metabolites provide a coarse view of phytochemical evolution, these classifications are anchored
281 to the foundations of plant secondary metabolite biosynthesis. Using ^1H NMR spectra as a raw
282 chemotype should allow a more detailed multivariate perspective on phytochemical variation.
283 Studies on other plant taxa have typically detected some signal and evolutionary correlations for
284 broad classes of compounds but not necessarily for specific compounds or biologically active
285 moieties, both of which can be inferred from ^1H NMR data. Multivariate approaches to
286 phylogenetic comparative methods have provided insight into covarying suites of related traits,
287 while simultaneously increasing the statistical power to detect phylogenetic signal (Zheng *et al.*,
288 2009) and differences in trait means among taxa (Clavel *et al.*, 2015). Indeed, these multivariate
289 approaches might be particularly useful when exploring the evolution of complex phenotypes,
290 like the plant metabolome, which exhibit trait covariances due to metabolomic or functional
291 associations (Dyer *et al.*, 2003; Richards *et al.*, 2010; Fukushima *et al.*, 2011). Here we utilize
292 three multivariate methods to detect patterns of phylogenetic signal for 263 resonances found in
293 the crude ^1H NMR data: 1) principal components analyses (PCA); 2) multiple regression on
294 distance matrices (MRM); and 3) multivariate estimation of phylogenetic signal.

295 To visualize patterns of chemotypic variation across all sampled species from all clades,
296 we first analyzed the ^1H NMR data with PCA using the *prcomp* function in R. If the major axes

297 of metabolomic variation are phylogenetically conserved, the plotted species scores should be
298 clustered by clade in a rotated principal component (PC) space. Alternatively, if metabolomic
299 variation is randomly distributed across the phylogeny, there should be little to no clustering by
300 clade (Klingenberg & Gidaszewski, 2010). The degree to which plant clade predicted chemical
301 similarity was assessed using permutational multivariate analysis of variance (permanova;
302 Anderson, 2001) in the *vegan* package (Oksanen *et al.*, 2019) in R based on Euclidean distances
303 of the first four PCs.

304 Mantel tests have been frequently used to assess the degree of phylogenetic signal in
305 multivariate data (e.g., Cardini & Elton, 2008; Easson & Thacker, 2014; Salazar *et al.*, 2018) by
306 estimating the relationship between phylogenetic and phenotypic distances. Simulations under
307 scenarios of measurement error have found instances where Mantel tests outperform traditional
308 univariate methods in detecting phylogenetic signal, especially as the number of traits increases
309 (Hardy & Pavoine, 2012). Because we were unable to account for measurement error in our
310 study, we utilized MRM to examine the relationship between metabolomic and phylogenetic
311 distance at two evolutionary scales (within *Radula* and across all clades). Euclidean distances
312 were calculated with the crude ¹H NMR spectra using the *dist* function in R, and two measures of
313 phylogenetic distance were used as predictors: 1) Abouheif's proximity (Abouheif, 1999;
314 Pavoine *et al.*, 2008) was calculated using the *proxTips* function in the *adephylo* package
315 (Jombart *et al.*, 2010) in R; and 2) the square root of patristic distance was calculated using the
316 *cophenetic.phylo* function in the *ape* package (Paradis *et al.*, 2004) in R. MRM analyses were
317 implemented using the *MRM* function with 1000 permutations in the *ecodist* package (Goslee
318 & Urban, 2007) in R.

319 Since Blomberg *et al.*'s (2003) *K* statistic exhibits higher statistical power to detect
320 phylogenetic signal relative to Mantel tests (Harmon & Glor, 2010), we quantified phylogenetic
321 signal of the crude ¹H NMR at both evolutionary scales using a multivariate generalization of the
322 *K* statistic (K_{mult} ; Adams, 2014) with the *physignal* function in the *geomorph* package (Adams
323 *et al.*, 2013) in R. The *K* statistic provides a statistical estimate of phylogenetic signal relative to
324 expectations under Brownian motion, where values of *K* greater than 1 indicate phylogenetic
325 signal greater than expected under Brownian motion, whereas values between 0 and 1 indicate
326 less signal than expected under Brownian motion. Significance for the generalized *K* statistic was
327 assessed by permuting the ¹H NMR peak data among the tips of the phylogeny for 999 iterations.

328 To determine whether the zero-inflated nature of the ^1H NMR data influenced the detection of
329 phylogenetic signal, we permuted our ^1H NMR data set over 1000 iterations by randomly
330 indexing our original ^1H NMR data matrix. This permutation method preserves the original
331 proportion of zeros in the matrix while obfuscating any observed phylogenetic signal. The
332 generalized K statistic test was calculated for each permutation, and our observed generalized K
333 statistic was compared to the null distribution of permuted values.

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335 **Results**

336 **Phylogenetic analyses**

337 After contaminant filtering and demultiplexing, we retained ~313 million Illumina reads
338 for phylogenetic analyses. Initial clustering, variant calling, and filtering clustered reads into
339 362,169 RADseq loci. There was a high proportion of missing data, presumably due to allelic
340 dropout increasing with high levels of divergence among *Piper* clades. For Bayesian
341 phylogenetic inference, we mitigated the influence of missing data by removing loci absent in
342 >30% of samples. The final dataset for phylogenetic analyses consisted of 641 RADseq loci (~86
343 bp in length each) that housed 9,113 genetic variants (51% parsimony informative). Aligned loci
344 were concatenated into a nexus alignment with missing data at 18.9% of sites.

345 Bayesian phylogenetic analysis of ddRADseq data resolved eight major Neotropical
346 *Piper* clades with high posterior support (Fig. 1). While past phylogenetic studies supported the
347 monophyly of seven of these eight clades (Macrostachys, Radula, Peltobryon, Pothomorphe,
348 Hemipodion, Isophyllon, and Schilleria) (Jaramillo *et al.*, 2008; Martínez *et al.* 2015), our
349 analysis resolved an additional clade, Churumayu. Notably, Isophyllon and Churumayu were
350 highly supported, monophyletic clades and not nested within Radula as was inferred in previous
351 analyses (Jaramillo *et al.*, 2008). Contrary to previous phylogenetic hypotheses of *Piper*
352 (Jaramillo *et al.*, 2008; Martínez *et al.*, 2015), our analyses might suggest Churumayu is the most
353 basal clade, but we caution that this node had very low posterior support (51%). Intrageneric
354 relationships below the clade level were highly resolved, with nearly all nodes exhibiting greater
355 than 95% posterior support (Fig. 1), including within the diverse Radula clade (Fig. 1). Our
356 phylogenetic hypothesis for Radula indicates three species (*P. hispidum*, *P. colonense*, *P.*
357 *lucigaudens*) may be paraphyletic, reflecting past taxonomic uncertainty for these taxa.

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359 **Phytochemical variation in *Piper***

360 Nearly all common compound classes that have been previously reported in *Piper* were
361 observed from our compound characterization analysis (Salehi *et al.*, 2019). This analysis
362 revealed the presence of metabolite classes that are ubiquitous across plant families (lignans,
363 flavonoids/chalcones, etc.) as well as classes that are specifically common in *Piper* (amides)
364 (Fig. 2). Specific compound characterization revealed genus specific compounds and compound
365 classes (piplartine, cenocladamide, crassinervic acid, kava lactones), as well as metabolites that
366 are more rarely reported in plants (putrescine diamides, nerolidyl catechol, alkenyl phenols,
367 anuramide peptides) (Fig. 2).

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369 **Metabolite phylogenetic signal and evolutionary associations**

370 For all eight metabolite classes that were examined, estimates of D (Fritz & Purvis, 2010)
371 were low and did not deviate from a null distribution generated under a scenario of Brownian
372 motion (Table 1), consistent with phylogenetic signal. Two of the eight traits, phenolic
373 glycosides and lignans, exhibited strong phylogenetic signal ($D < 0$), while the remaining six
374 traits exhibited weak phylogenetic signal ($0 < D < 1$). Further, all metabolite classes had
375 observed values of D that differed from a null distribution generated under a phylogenetic
376 randomness scenario (Table 1). The mean of the observed D estimates for the metabolite classes
377 was 0.04, with the largest D statistic observed for the flavonoid class ($d_{obs} = 0.49$) and the
378 smallest observed for the phenolic glycosides ($d_{obs} = -1.18$) (Table 1).

379 Evidence for correlated evolution was detected in two pairs of metabolite classes: 1)
380 flavonoids and chalcones; and 2) *p*-alkenyl phenols and kavalactones/butenolides. For the first
381 pair of traits, a model of contingency in which changes in chalcones depend on the state of
382 flavonoids provided the best fit to the data (Table 2). In this model, when flavonoids are present,
383 chalcone gains are almost two times more probable than chalcone losses; however, when
384 flavonoids are absent, chalcone losses are much more probable than chalcone gains (Fig. 3). The
385 alternative contingency model for this pair of traits (i.e., changes in flavonoids depend on the
386 state of chalcone) was also a good fit to the data (Table 2). According to this model, when
387 chalcones are present, flavonoid transitions are extremely probable, with flavonoid gains being
388 approximately eight times more probable than flavonoid losses. Alternatively, when chalcones
389 are absent, flavonoid losses are approximately five times more probable than flavonoid gains

390 (Fig. 3). For the second pair of traits, *p*-alkenyl phenols and kavalactones/butenolides, the best fit
391 model was one of interdependent correlated evolution in which changes in *p*-alkenyl phenol
392 depend on the state of kavalactones/butenolides, and vice versa (Table 2). When
393 kavalactones/butenolides are present, *p*-alkenyl phenol transitions are more probable than when
394 they are absent, with the loss of *p*-alkenyl phenols being much more probable than the gain of *p*-
395 alkenyl phenols under both scenarios. Alternatively, when *p*-alkenyl phenols are present, the loss
396 of kavalactones/butenolides is extremely probable relative to the gain of
397 kavalactones/butenolides, which is rarely observed. When *p*-alkenyl phenols are absent,
398 kavalactones/butenolides are rarely gained or lost (Fig. 3).

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400 **Phylogenetic signal in high-dimensional metabolomic data**

401 While broad metabolite classes uniformly exhibited at least moderate levels of
402 phylogenetic signal, evidence for phylogenetic signal in multivariate analyses of the crude ¹H
403 NMR data was mixed. PCs 1 & 2 and 3 & 4 explained 47.89% and 17.16% of variance in the ¹H
404 NMR data, respectively, but showed little clustering by clade (Fig. 4a). Permutational
405 multivariate analyses of variance were not significant for combinations of neither PC 1 & 2 ($P =$
406 0.635) nor 3 & 4 ($P = 0.445$), suggesting that different clades do not form distinct clusters in
407 chemospace based on their ¹H NMR spectra.

408 According to the MRM models, both patristic distance and Abouheif's proximity
409 significantly predict a small proportion of variation in chemical distance calculated among *Piper*
410 samples from all clades (patristic: $\beta = -6400.217$, $R^2 = 0.002$, $P = 0.005$; Abouheif: $\beta = -8.673$,
411 $R^2 = 0.003$, $P = 0.001$) and among *Radula* samples only (patristic: $\beta = -5480.108$, $R^2 = 0.004$, $P =$
412 0.003; Abouheif: $\beta = -6.456$, $R^2 = 0.002$, $P = 0.005$) (Fig. 4bc). Though explained variance is
413 small, the slope coefficients for these significant relationships are negative, indicating that
414 decreasing phylogenetic distance is associated with increasing chemical distance.

415 Analyses with the generalized K statistic (K_{mult} ; Adams, 2014) indicated lower levels of
416 phylogenetic signal in the metabolomic data than expected under a Brownian motion model of
417 evolution for *Piper* generally ($K_{\text{mult}} = 0.1606$, $P = 0.001$) and for *Radula* specifically ($K_{\text{mult}} =$
418 0.1803, $P = 0.001$). Still, the observed K_{mult} was higher than all K_{mult} values obtained with
419 permutations of the ¹H NMR dataset (Fig. S1). Additionally, few K_{mult} tests of the permuted data
420 yielded significant P -values (4.4% of permutations), indicating that the estimate we observed,

421 though subtle and lower than Brownian motion expectations, was real and not a statistical artifact
422 of zero-inflation in the data.

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424 **Discussion**

425 *Piper* is a hyper-diverse lineage in which phytochemical variation has influenced
426 evolutionary and ecological processes and shaped complex tropical communities (e.g., Salazar *et al.*
427 *et al.*, 2016; Richards *et al.*, 2018). However, there have been limitations in both the degree of
428 phylogenetic resolution and the understanding of phytochemical variation in this group.
429 Phylogenies inferred here with ddRADseq data substantially improved resolution and support
430 compared to past studies of *Piper*, which were limited by interspecific variation in small
431 numbers of Sanger-sequenced loci (Jaramillo *et al.*, 2008; Smith *et al.*, 2008; Martínez *et al.*,
432 2015). Although the data set did not include members from all previously recognized groups,
433 analyses resolved eight monophyletic Neotropical *Piper* clades, six of which have been inferred
434 in previous analyses of the genus based on chloroplast psbJ-petA and ITS (Jaramillo *et al.*, 2008;
435 Martínez *et al.*, 2015). Two of the eight clades, Churumayu and Isophyllon, had been previously
436 nested within *Radula* (Jaramillo *et al.*, 2008); however, our results suggest that they are
437 independent monophyletic lineages (Fig. 1). Despite low support for several deep divergences,
438 the phylogeny inferred here had strong resolution and support for recent relationships, including
439 within *Radula* (Fig. 1), consistent with other recent reduced representation sequencing studies
440 that have generated high quality phylogenies at shallow time scales (Massati *et al.*, 2016; Eaton
441 *et al.*, 2017; Lecaudey *et al.*, 2018; Paetzold *et al.*, 2019). However, a potential limitation of such
442 sequencing designs may include the recovery of fewer loci shared by more distantly related
443 samples due to allelic dropout (Cariou *et al.* 2013; Cooke *et al.*, 2016). It is possible that allelic
444 dropout, potentially exacerbated by strict filtering of missing data, led to weak support values for
445 deep splits in the phylogeny, many of which occurred early in the history of the Neotropical
446 *Piper* lineage (Martínez *et al.* 2015). Nonetheless, the resulting subset of data (641 loci; 9,113
447 SNPs) was sufficient for inferring a largely resolved phylogeny, highlighting the potential
448 promise of reduced representation sequencing for resolving evolutionary histories even in groups
449 spanning moderately deep divergence.

450 Comparative studies have taken diverse approaches to analyzing metabolomic data, each
451 providing a unique perspective on the evolution of specialized metabolites (e.g., Salazar *et al.*,

452 2018; Sedio *et al.*, 2018, 2019; Ernst *et al.* 2019; Kang *et al.* 2019). Here, we first characterized
453 the presence/absence of 35 metabolite classes commonly used to categorize plant secondary
454 compounds that are hierarchically nested into three levels of structural resolution. Specific
455 categories at the lowest level of the hierarchy, representing specialized structural motifs or
456 specific molecules, were rare across species and precluded tests of phylogenetic signal at our
457 level of taxonomic sampling (Fig. 2). Despite not being able to test for phylogenetic signal,
458 clustering is evident for more specific categories, such as crassinervic acid and prenylated
459 flavonoids, which are only present in small subclades but include particularly effective defenses
460 (Dyer & Palmer, 2004; Salehi *et al.*, 2019). Alternatively, broader metabolite classes at
461 intermediate and high positions in the hierarchy that are directly tied to fundamental secondary
462 metabolite biosynthetic pathways were more abundant across species and exhibited moderate-
463 high levels of phylogenetic signal across *Radula* (Table 1, Fig. 2). This pattern may be expected
464 if initial biosynthetic steps are conserved over longer evolutionary scales, permitting the
465 abundance of broad chemical classes, yet later stage modifications of these core structures are
466 more evolutionarily labile, causing structural similarity to be low even among related species.
467 Flavonoids are a good example of this pattern, with pathways that form the flavonoid scaffold
468 being very conserved, as they are catalyzed by modified enzymes from ubiquitous metabolic
469 pathways, but then subsequent biosynthetic steps (e.g., those catalyzed by p450 enzymes) modify
470 these scaffolds (Yonekura-Sakakibara *et al.*, 2019), yielding unique molecules towards the tips
471 of evolutionary trees (Fig. 3E). For example, late-stage modification of common flavonoid
472 scaffolds can result in the production of non-aromatic protoflavanoids. These compounds rarely
473 occur across the plant kingdom and have only recently been found in one species of *Piper*
474 (Freitas *et al.*, 2014). Importantly, this subtle structural modification that leaves most of the
475 flavonoid scaffold intact has been demonstrated to dramatically enhance the cytotoxic properties
476 compared to that of the parent flavonoid (Hunyadi *et al.*, 2014; Latif *et al.*, 2020).

477 One key prediction from the escape and radiate hypothesis is that adaptive defensive
478 traits should be phylogenetically conserved within the lineage they evolved, but this prediction
479 has mostly been evaluated with broad classes of secondary metabolites at high taxonomic scales
480 (e.g., Ehrlich & Raven, 1964; Moreira *et al.*, 2018; Yonekura-Sakakibara *et al.*, 2019; Zhang *et*
481 *al.*, 2020) rather than specific compounds in recent diversifications (e.g., Agrawal *et al.*, 2009;
482 Salazar *et al.*, 2018; Allevato *et al.*, 2019). A growing number of studies conducted at shallower

483 evolutionary scales suggest chemical traits may be evolutionarily labile and highlight the need
484 for determining the level at which chemical defense is conserved, and which compound classes
485 are more likely to exhibit phylogenetic signal and evolutionary correlations (Kursar *et al.*, 2009;
486 Sedio, 2013; Johnson *et al.*, 2014; Salazar *et al.*, 2016; Maldonado *et al.*, 2017; Moreira *et al.*,
487 2018). Further, an understanding of the phylogenetic scale of chemical trait conservation will
488 enable insights into the drivers of herbivorous insect radiations, as the nature of codiversification
489 in many of these lineages is likely structured by complex associations between geology,
490 geography, chemical defense, and biotic interactions (Endara *et al.* 2017; Jahner *et al.* 2017). Our
491 results are generally consistent with the predictions of signal (and conservatism) for broad
492 classes of compounds, as well as the lack of signal for specific structures captured by ^1H NMR
493 data.

494 The ^1H NMR data address a different set of hypotheses than data from categorization of
495 individual molecules – peaks represent resonances associated with particular molecular
496 structures rather than individual compounds, and the chemical shift (frequency), shape, and
497 abundance of these resonances are extremely sensitive to subtle structural changes. ^1H NMR
498 spectroscopy easily detects a great range and subtle differences in compositional and structural
499 complexity, including increasing size, asymmetry and oxidation states, that might be predicted to
500 evolve in response to divergent selection across plant populations responding to different suites
501 of enemies (Dyer *et al.*, 2018). Low levels of phylogenetic signal in the ^1H NMR data and
502 evidence for phylogenetic overdispersion (Fig. 4) is also likely due to the fact that many
503 molecular features of small defensive molecules have potentially evolved in a convergent
504 manner across *Piper*, such as the kavalactones, *p*-alkenyl phenols, piplartine, oxidized prenylated
505 benzoic acids, chromanes, anuramide peptides, and phenethyl amides.

506 There are numerous limitations that could affect estimates of phylogenetic signal in
507 comparative studies (reviewed by Kamilar & Cooper, 2013) that are relevant to the analyses
508 presented here. First, incomplete taxon sampling and unresolved tree structure can substantially
509 influence tests of phylogenetic signal and likely influenced our results to some degree. However,
510 we made great effort to sample species from across the entire known phylogeny of *Radula* to
511 reduce sampling bias, and more comprehensive genomic sampling produced enhanced
512 phylogenetic resolution of the *Radula* clade, where we focused the majority of phylogenetic
513 comparative methods. In addition, we were unable to quantify the measurement error associated

514 with the chemical traits within species (e.g., Johnson *et al.*, 2014), which can decrease the
515 statistical power for detecting phylogenetic signal (Blomberg *et al.*, 2003; Ives *et al.*, 2007;
516 Hardy & Pavoine, 2012). It is also possible that environmental effects on our chemical traits
517 could bias estimates of phylogenetic signal and correlations (Ives *et al.*, 2007).

518 The causes of correlated evolution, including linkage, epistasis, and selection, are
519 difficult to detect without careful approaches in quantitative genetics and population genomics.
520 Nevertheless, one advantage of examining the presence/absence of multiple classes of defensive
521 compounds in a phylogenetic context is that it is possible to test for expected patterns of
522 correlated evolution due to shared metabolic pathways (e.g., flavonoids and cardenolides;
523 Agrawal *et al.*, 2009) or due to adaptive advantages of specific mixtures. Recent studies
524 detecting evolutionary associations among chemical traits (Johnson *et al.*, 2014; Kariñho-
525 Betancourt *et al.*, 2015; Boachon *et al.*, 2018) have posited that the branching structure of
526 metabolic pathways could potentially drive this pattern. If metabolite classes share a common
527 precursor, one might expect evolutionary tradeoffs and negative covariation. Alternatively, if
528 metabolite classes lie along the same metabolic pathway, an increase in one class may be
529 concomitant with increases in another (or vice versa) causing positive covariation among the
530 classes. There are also numerous empirical examples supporting the hypotheses that positive
531 correlations may be driven by functional redundancy (Jones & Firn, 1991; Romeo *et al.*, 2013) or
532 selection for synergistic effects on herbivores (Dyer *et al.*, 2003; Richards *et al.*, 2010) rather
533 than the structural constraints of metabolism. Suites of covarying defensive traits, or defense
534 syndromes, have been detected in several plant genera (Becerra *et al.* 2001; Agrawal & Fishbein,
535 2006; Endara *et al.* 2017) and plant communities (Kursar & Coley, 2003), and have been
536 predominantly used to describe covariation among mechanical and chemical defenses. It is
537 interesting to note the correlated evolution of the flavones/chalcones and the *p*-alkenyl
538 phenols/kavalactones could be due to metabolic constraints, as well as possible adaptations via
539 synergistic (e.g., kavalactones in *P. methysticum*) or other mixture-associated defensive attributes
540 (reviewed in Dyer *et al.*, 2018). Flavonoids and chalcones are directly linked biosynthetically,
541 such that the inherent reactivity of the chalcone moiety permits the enzymatic processes that
542 result in cyclization to the flavonoid scaffold (Fig. 3E). This strong biosynthetic tie predicts the
543 presence of one would depend on the other, and indeed our structural analysis found many cases
544 where both metabolite classes co-occurred in the same sample. Revealing the relationship

545 between the kavalactones and *p*-alkenyl phenols is more tenuous because both classes are less
546 prevalent across our samples. Kavalactones and *p*-alkenyl phenols are dramatically different
547 compounds that diverge at a much earlier branch point from a common cinnamic/coumaric acid
548 precursor. Whereas one polyacetate chain extension pathway leads to the long-chain lipophilic
549 substituent, characteristic of the *p*-alkenyl phenols, the other chain extension pathway conserves
550 oxidation states through the chain extension process to produce the lactones (kavalactones or
551 butenolides) through cyclization reactions (Fig. 3E). The overall outcome is different than the
552 chalcone-flavonoid relationship; in this case, two dramatically different compounds are produced
553 by divergence from a common early-stage biosynthetic precursor in contrast to the immediate
554 biosynthetic precursor relationship between chalcones and flavonoids. Broader sampling across
555 *Piper* and *Radula* will be necessary to confirm this unexpected relationship between
556 kavalactones and *p*-alkenyl phenols.

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558 **Conclusion**

559 Here we sought to advance understanding of phylogenetic relationships within *Piper*
560 while simultaneously investigating the mode and manner of phytochemical evolution in this
561 group. In addition to generating a well-resolved phylogeny, our results support theoretical
562 expectations that broad classes of compounds display higher degrees of phylogenetic
563 conservatism than the more evolutionarily labile molecular features revealed by ¹H NMR data. In
564 addition, trait associations observed in *Radula* can be used to pose functional hypotheses about
565 genetic constraints or biases on phytochemical evolution and how these factors structure plant-
566 animal interactions. Such investigations are one of the emerging frontiers in terrestrial ecology,
567 and we hope that our study provides one example of how collaborative and multi-disciplinary
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Metabolite class	Observed D	Σd_{obs}	Randomness (H ₀ : D=1)		Brownian (H ₀ : D=0)	
			mean(Σd_r)	<i>P</i>	mean(Σd_b)	<i>P</i>
Flavonoids	0.49	14.18	17.56	0.012	11.01	0.093
Chalcones	0.39	9.77	12.18	0.019	8.24	0.235
Phenolic glycosides	-1.18	3.11	7.01	0.000	5.19	0.95
Lignans	-0.02	4.16	5.47	0.036	4.19	0.564
PBA	0.22	12.40	17.51	0.001	10.96	0.293
<i>p</i> -alkenyl phenols	0.33	9.47	12.30	0.010	8.19	0.265
Kavalactones/butenolides	0.02	5.17	6.99	0.027	5.18	0.504
Piper amides	0.1	5.37	7.00	0.033	5.18	0.482

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Table 2. Correlated evolution was detected in two pairs of metabolite classes with Pagel's (1994) method: 1) chalcones and flavonoids; and 2) kavalactones/butenolides and *p*-alkenyl phenols. A model comparison framework was employed to evaluate four potential models of trait evolution using AIC: correlated evolution (transition rate in one trait depends on state at another, and vice versa); contingent change (transition rate in one trait depends on state at another, but not the converse); and independent evolution.

Comparison	Model	AIC	Δ AIC	AIC weight
Chalcones, flavonoids	Chalcones contingent on flavonoids	87.40	0	0.55
	Flavonoids contingent on chalcones	88.41	1.01	0.33
	Correlated evolution	90.54	3.14	0.11
	Independent evolution	95.32	7.92	0.01
kavalactones/butenolides, <i>p</i> -alkenyl phenols	Correlated evolution	62.35	0	0.95
	<i>p</i> -alkenyl phenols contingent on kavalactones/butenolides	69.65	7.29	0.03
	Kavalactones/butenolides contingent on <i>p</i> -alkenyl phenols	70.61	8.26	0.02
	Independent evolution	71.57	9.22	0.01

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932 **Figure legends**

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934 **Figure 1.** Maximum clade credibility tree of 48 species from the Radula clade of *Piper* and 23
935 outgroup species inferred with a Bayesian analysis of 641 concatenated RADseq loci (55,298
936 base pairs) comprising 9,113 genetic variants (of which 4,674 are parsimony informative). The
937 outgroup taxa were sampled across multiple *Piper* clades: Isophyllon, Churumayu,
938 Macrostachys, Hemipodium, Peltobryon, Pothomorphe, and Schilleria. All nodes are supported
939 by at least 95% posterior support except where noted with circles or labels. Blue circles indicate
940 support values between 85-95%. Red circles indicate support values between 75-85%. Three
941 nodes with less than 75% posterior support were given numerical support values. Blue bars at
942 each node denote the 95% highest posterior density interval on node ages. Diversity of *Piper*
943 with the clade they belong to in parentheses. Images of outgroups include **A.** *Piper hillianum*
944 (Macrostachys), **B.** *P. acutifolium* (Peltobryon), and **C.** *P. umbellatum* (Pothomorphe).
945 Examples of the Radula clade of *Piper* include **D.** *P. pseudofulgineum*, **E.** *P. conceptionis*, **F.** *P.*
946 *disparipes*, **G.** *P. friedrichsthalii*, **H.** *P. dilatatum*, **I.** *P. bredemeyeri*, **J.** *P. immutatum*, **K.** *P.*
947 *erubescentspicum*, and **L.** the widespread and often weedy *P. aduncum*.

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949 **Figure 2.** Taxa comprise the columns of the matrix and are ordered according to their inferred
950 phylogenetic relationships. Groups of columns are colored according to their designated *Piper*
951 clade. Black circles within the phylogenetic tree designate nodes with posterior support values
952 greater than 85%. Each row of the matrix represents a metabolite class which was detected from
953 ¹H NMR, GC-MS, and LC-MS data, with dark grey cells indicating the presence of that class in
954 that taxa. Rows outlined in white indicate traits which were analyzed for phylogenetic signal in
955 Radula. To the left of the matrix are representative compounds for a subset of metabolite classes
956 which were detected in our samples.

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958 **Figure 3.** Evolutionary associations were detected in two pairs of traits according to Pagel's
959 (1994) test of correlated evolution: 1) flavonoids and chalcones and 2) *p*-alkenyl phenols and
960 kavalactones/butenolides. Filled shapes indicate presences and unfilled shapes indicate absences
961 of flavonoids (circles), chalcones (squares), *p*-alkenyl phenols (diamonds), and

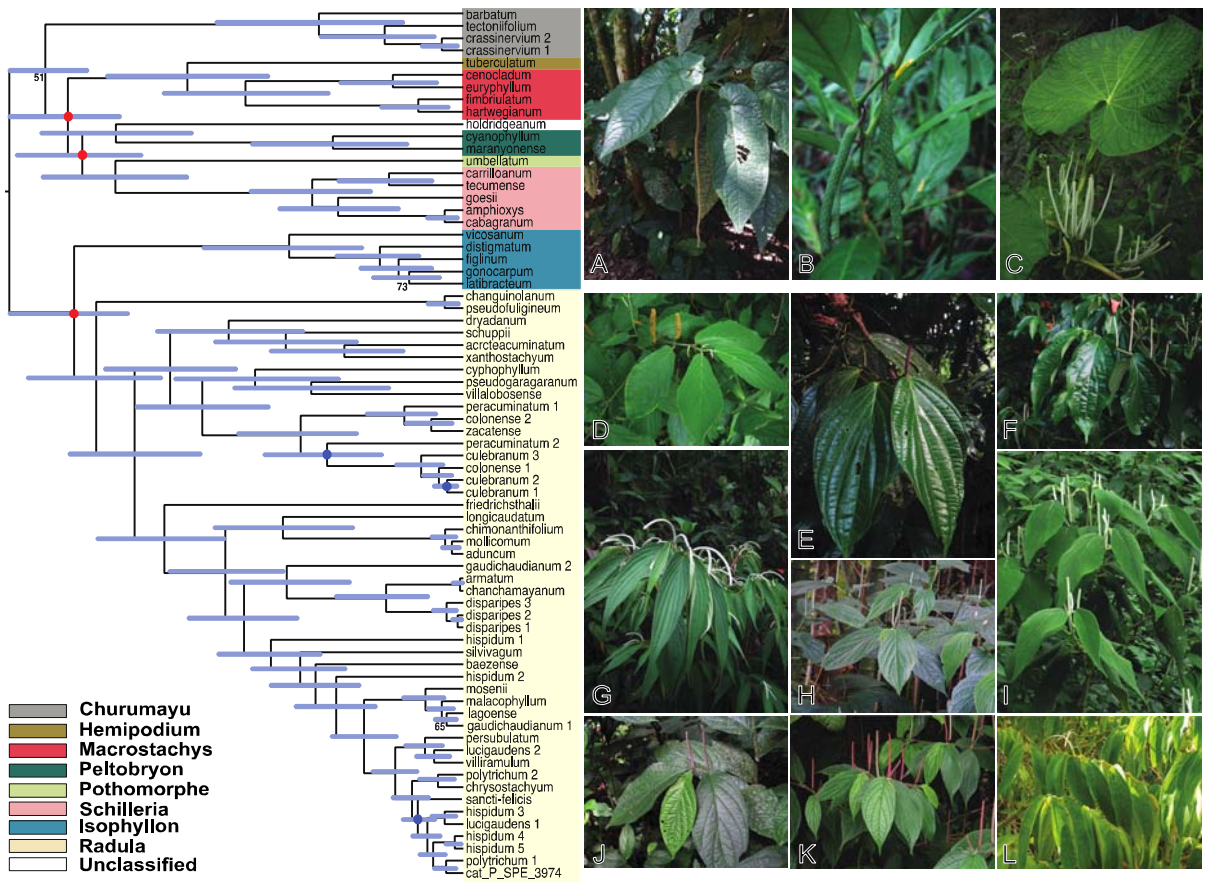
962 kavalactones/butenolides (triangles), respectively. The shapes used in the cophylogenetic plots
963 (**A** and **C**) are repeated below (**B** and **D**) to depict four states comprising all combinations of
964 presences and absences in the pair of traits. Arrows represent transition rates between states. **B**.
965 As both models of contingent change provided good fits to the flavonoid and chalcone data, both
966 sets of transition rates are displayed, with the first set of values (bolded) corresponding to the
967 best supported model (chalcone evolution contingent on flavonoid state) and the second set of
968 values corresponding to the alternative contingency model (flavonoid evolution contingent on
969 chalcone state). **D**. The best fit model to the *p*-alkenyl phenol and kavalactone/butenolide data
970 was one of dependent evolution, where *p*-alkenyl phenol evolution is dependent on the state at
971 the kavalactone/butanolide trait, and vice versa. Panel **E** illustrates the enzymatic processes and
972 branch points along biosynthetic pathways that give rise to the four classes of metabolites.
973 Chalcones are immediate biosynthetic precursors of flavonoids, where the inherent reactivity of
974 the chalcone moiety permits cyclization to the flavonoid scaffold. Subtle structural changes to
975 the flavonoid scaffold caused by late-stage oxidation can produce protoflavonoids, a rare class of
976 metabolite with potent cytotoxic activity. In contrast, the pathways of *p*-alkenyl phenols and
977 kavalactones diverge much earlier and embark on distinct chain elongation pathways which lead
978 to long-chain lipophilic substituent characteristic of the *p*-alkenyl phenols in one case, and
979 lactones (kavalactones and butenolides) in the other case.

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981 **Figure 4. A.** Chemospace of all 71 species constructed with the crude ¹H NMR data across 277
982 peaks. Point shapes and colors are formatted according to clade designation as portrayed in the
983 phylogenetic tree in Figure 1. MRM analyses recovered significant negative relationships
984 between phylogenetic and chemical distances calculated among samples from all clades (**B**), or
985 from the *Radula* clade only (**C**); however, the proportion of variance explained was low for all
986 tests.
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988 **Fig. 1**

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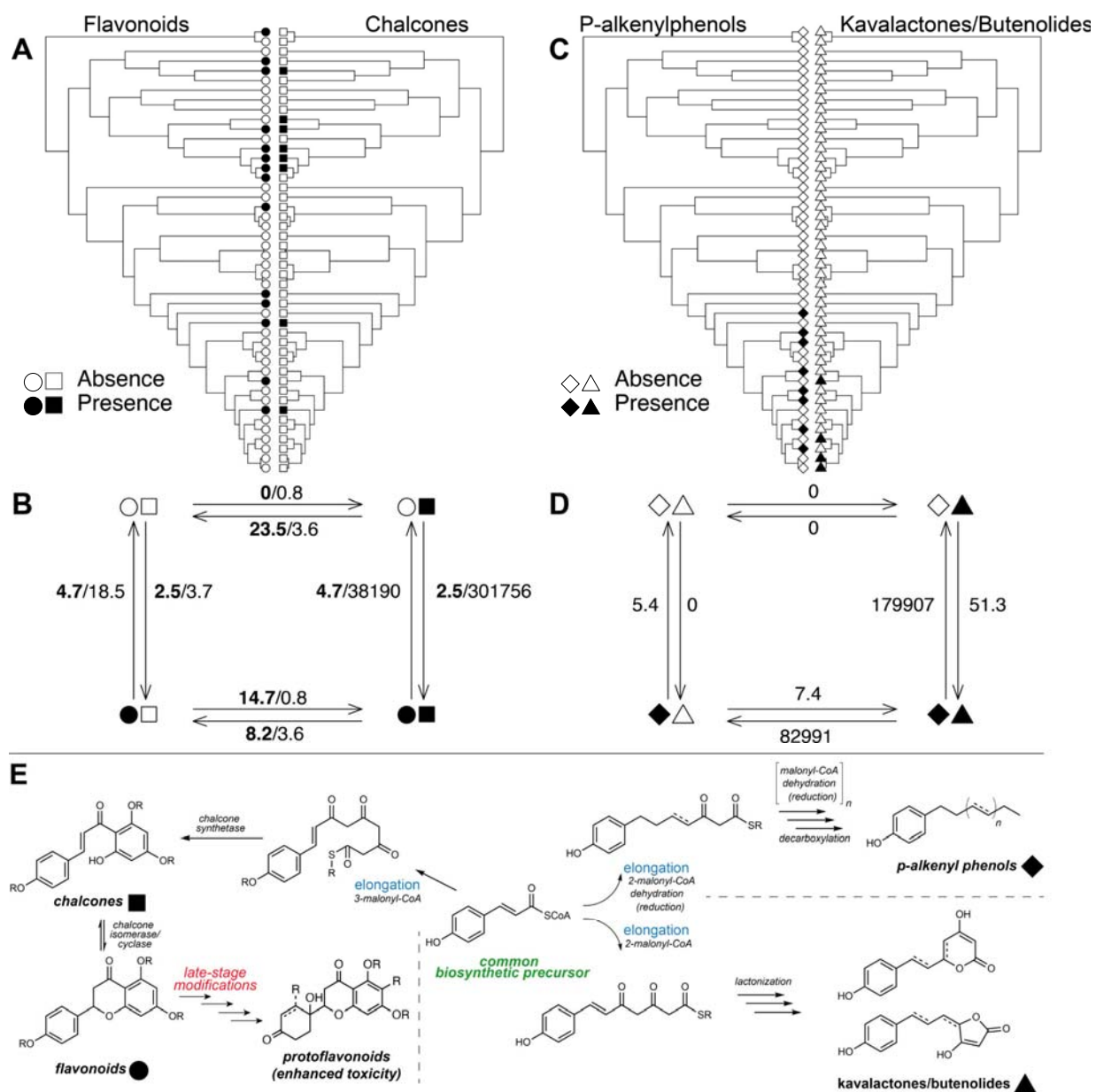
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