

Supplementary materials

Metabolomics-driven Discovery of an Introduced Species and Two Malaysian *Piper betle* L. Variants

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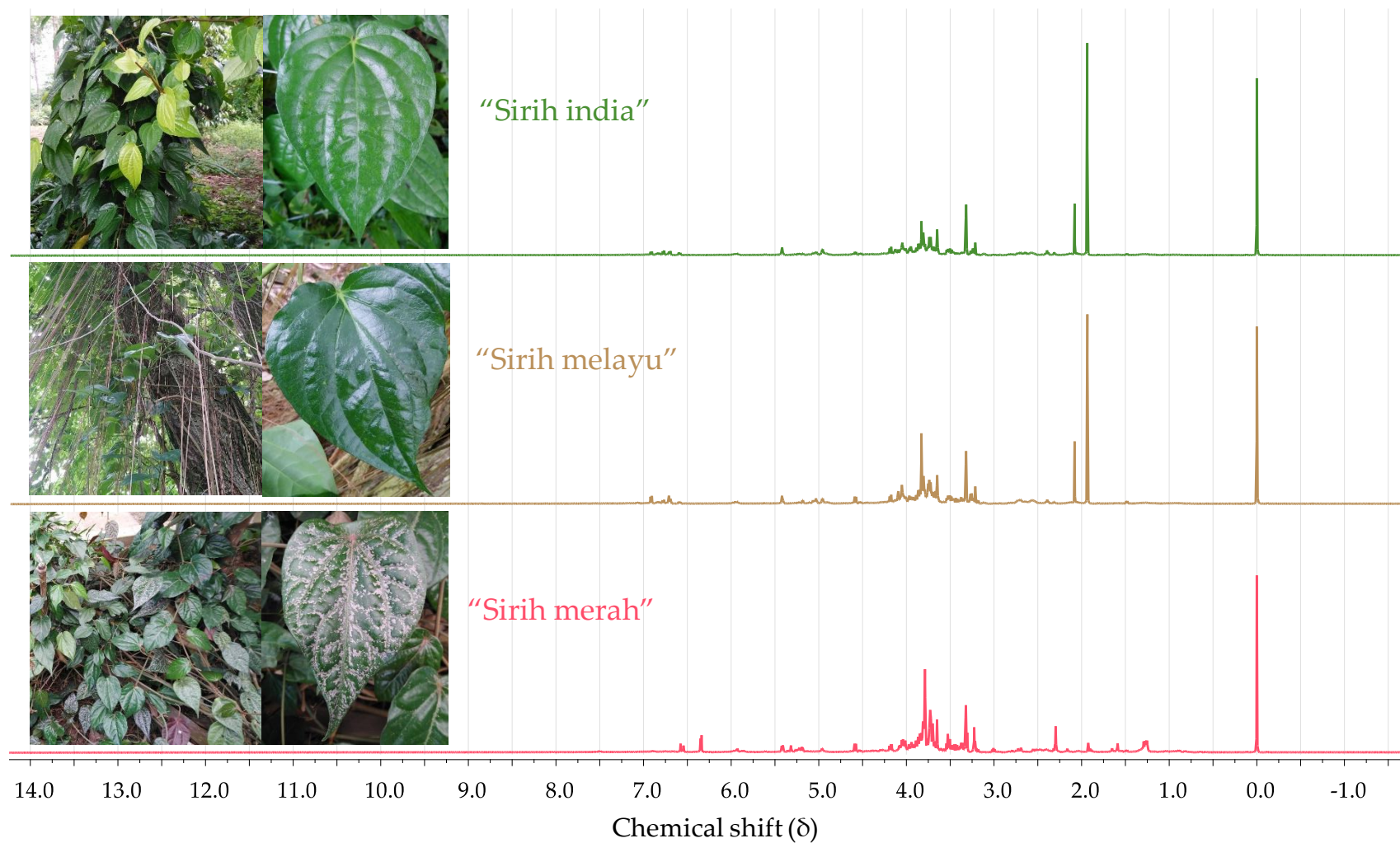


Figure S1. Full representative ^1H -NMR spectra of three "sirih" leaf aqueous methanolic extracts. The spectra were normalized to TSP peak at δ 0.00 (intensity of TSP peak = 100).

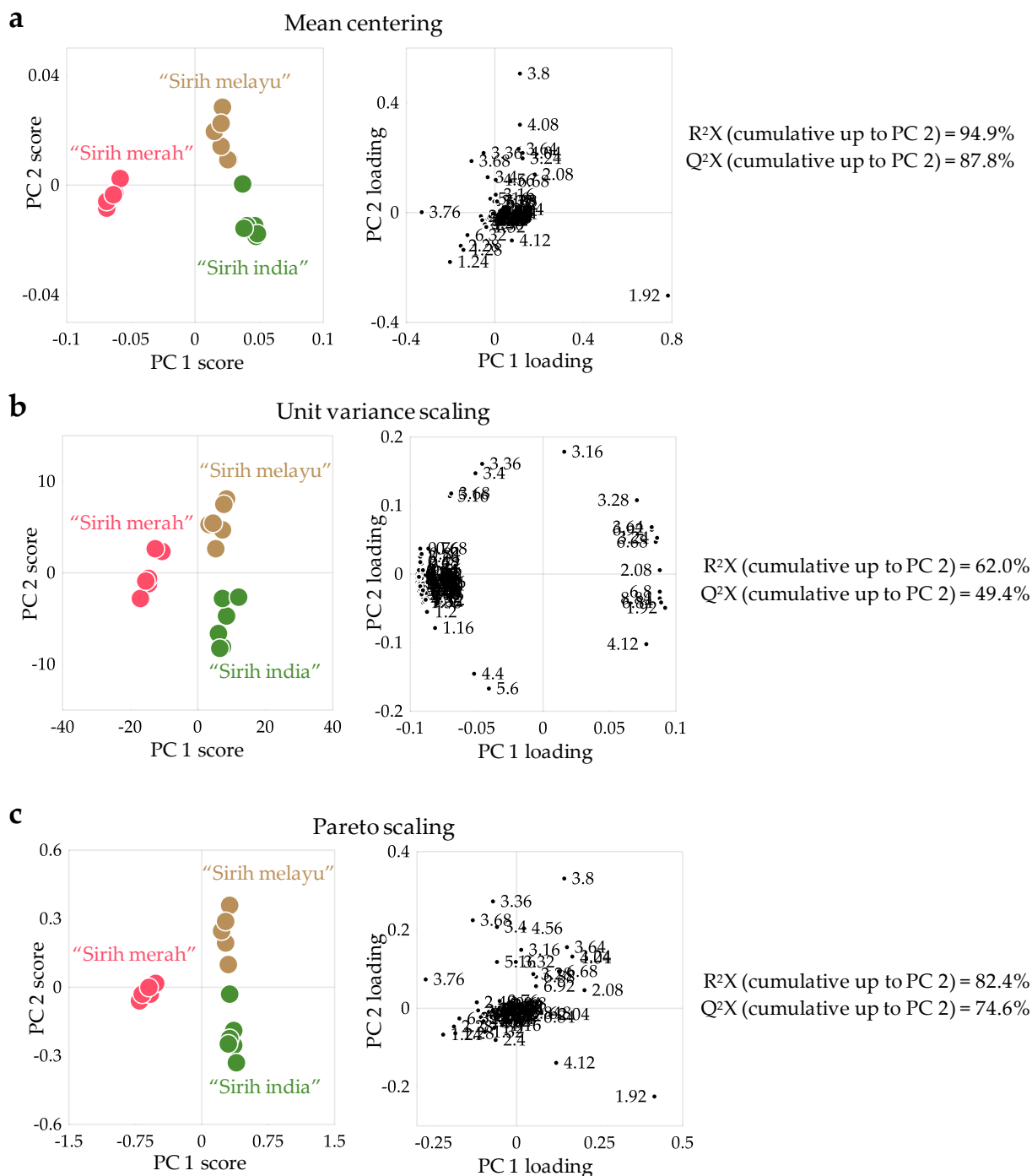


Figure S2. PCA score and loading plots of preprocessed ^1H -NMR spectral data of three "sirih". Only variables that are well-modeled by the first two PC are shown in the loading plots (cumulative percentage of variation of the variable predicted by the first two principal components, as estimated by cross-validation $\geq 80\%$). R^2X = cumulative percentage of variation explained by the specified PC, Q^2X = cumulative percentage of variation predicted by the specified PC. (a) Score and loading plot of mean centered data matrix; (b) Score and loading plot of unit variance-scaled data matrix; (c) Score and loading plot of unit Pareto-scaled data matrix.



FORENSIC DNA TESTING FOR PLANT SPECIES IDENTIFICATION AND TIMBER TRACKING

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On 25th March 2021, two samples (maroon-underside leaves (RM) and green-underside leaves (RG)) claimed to be *Piper ornatum* were received from MUHAMAD FARIS BIN OSMAN, UPM for species authentication. The samples RM and RG were designated as 016F21 and 017F21, respectively.

DNA sequences of ITS2 region:

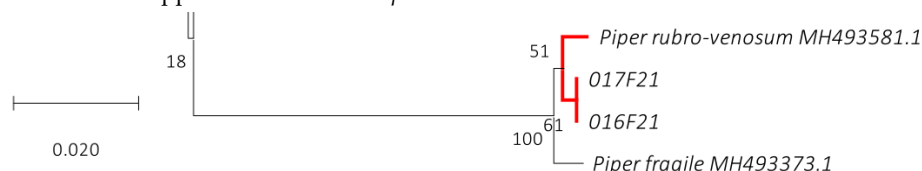
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Findings and Conclusion:

Based on DNA sequences of ITS2 region, BLAST results showed 100% identity between 016F21 and 017F21. BLAST results against reference sequences from NCBI, GenBank showed 87.978% similarity with *Piper ornatum* but showed highest hit (99.387%) with *Piper rubro-venosum*.

Query ID	Subject ID	% identity	Alignment length	Mismatches	Gap opens	Evalue	Bit score
016F21	017F21	100	434	0	0	0	781
016F21&017F21	<i>Piper rubro-venosum</i> _MH493581.1	99.387	326	2	0	1.93E-168	580
016F21&017F21	<i>Piper fragile</i> _MH493373.1	98.773	326	2	1	1.22E-164	568

Neighbor-joining analysis based on DNA sequences of ITS2 region also revealed that the 016F21 and 017F21 were clustered under one well-supported clade with *Piper rubro-venosum*.



Therefore, based on these findings, we hereby confirm that 016F21 and 017F21 belong to a same species and both can be identified as *Piper rubro-venosum*.

Figure S4. Excerpt from DNA barcoding report on identification of “sirih merah” as *Piper rubro-venosum* hort. ex Rodigas.

a



b



Figure S5. Leaf samples included in or excluded from GC-MS metabolomics. Example for leaves of *P. betle* "india" is shown. (a) Good quality leaves included in GC-MS metabolomics (healthy, unwrinkled, dark green mature leaves); (b) Unsatisfactory quality leaves excluded from the study (left: wrinkled leaf, middle: soft, light green young leaf, right: yellowish green leaf).



Figure S6. Six sampling locations of *Piper betle* variants and *Piper rubro-venosum* studied in GC-MS metabolomics. GPS coordinates and closer view of the six sampling locations can be viewed online at <https://rb.gy/c8jnqx>.

Table S1. Description of *Piper betle* variants and *Piper rubro-venosum* studied in GC-MS metabolomics.

Samples*	Collection date (Time)	Location	GPS coordinate (Altitude)	Growing condition	Collector	Occurrence of inflorescence**	Sample code
<i>P. betle</i> 'melayu'	19.08.2018 (13:15)	Kuantan, Pahang	3° 47' 00.6" N, 103° 13' 00.0" E (18 m)	Grown under shade of nearby trees, in front of a local resident's house. Planted for personal consumption.	Collected by Muhamad Faris Osman (M.F.O.), <i>n</i> = 5	Yes (see Figure S7)	Y1-Y5
	03.09.2018 (13:30)	Kepong, Selangor	3° 14' 11.4" N, 101° 37' 31.2" E (107 m)	Grown under shade of a big tree, next to a local resident's house. Planted for personal consumption.	Collected by M.F.O., <i>n</i> = 1	No	YA
<i>P. betle</i> 'india'***	22.08.2018 (16:00)	Raub, Pahang	3° 49' 45.4" N, 101° 53' 53.1" E (132 m)	Grown in rows, under shade of dark netting at a <i>P. betle</i> farm. Planted for supply to local markets.	Collected by farm's owner, <i>n</i> = 6	Yes (see Figure S7)	W1-W6
	05.09.2018 (17:00)				Collected by farm's owner, <i>n</i> = 2		WA, WB
<i>P. betle</i> 'manis'	29.09.2018 (11:30)	Pantai, Negeri Sembilan	2° 46' 28.6" N, 101° 58' 29.9" E (98 m)	Growing in rows, under shade of dark netting at a <i>P. betle</i> farm. Planted for supply to local markets.	Collected by M.F.O., from six rows of plants	No	M1-M6
<i>P. betle</i> (unknown variant)	03.09.2018 (14:15)	Kepong, Selangor	3° 13' 45.8" N, 101° 38' 14.7" E (81 m)	Grown next to a big tree, behind a local resident's house. Planted for personal consumption.	Collected by M.F.O., <i>n</i> = 1	No	XA
<i>P. rubro-venosum</i>	29.08.2018 (12:09)	Serdang, Selangor	2° 59' 21.5" N, 101° 42' 30.5" E (50 m)	Grown under shade of a transparent roofing system, as an ornamental plant.	Collected by M.F.O., from one plant (<i>n</i> = 1) that has leaves with green abaxial surface (RG) and maroon abaxial surface (RM)	Yes (see Figure 2)	RG
	30.08.2018 (12:11)						RM

*Variant names that are used by Malaysians to describe characteristic attributes of the *P. betle* variants. The variant name 'melayu' means Malay in English, referring to a variant that is mostly planted by Malaysians of Malay ethnicity. The variant name 'india' refers to a variant planted and consumed mostly by Malaysians of Indian ethnicity. The variant name 'manis' means sweet flavor in English, referring to a variant that has less pungent flavor.

**At time of samples collection.

***Samples collection was carried out on two different dates (2 weeks apart) to observe if there was any significant variation inflicted by the collector (farm's owner). The collector collected the samples as per specifications detailed out by M.F.O. and delivered the samples to M.F.O.

a



b



Figure S7. Photographs of *Piper betle* inflorescences (spikes) (see Table S1). (a) Short spikes of *P. betle* 'india'; (b) Long spikes of *P. betle* 'melayu'.

Table S2. Yield percentage of *Piper* leaf essential oils (petioles removed).

Sample code	No. of fresh leaves	Total weight of fresh leaves (g)	Average weight of fresh leaves (g)	Yield percentage of essential oil (%)
Y1	237	500.0	2.1	0.47
Y2	173	498.0	2.9	0.68
Y3	165	396.5	2.4	0.58
Y4	198	500.0	2.5	0.67
Y5	212	500.0	2.4	0.90
YA	166	398.0	2.4	0.48
W1	220	475.0	2.2	0.05
W2	220	475.0	2.2	0.07
W3	220	498.0	2.3	0.07
W4	182	388.0	2.1	0.08
W5	237	515.0	2.2	0.05
W6	110	262.0	2.4	0.05
WA	246	500.0	2.0	0.07
WB	300	661.0	2.2	0.05
M1	57	238.0	4.2	0.08
M2	95	461.0	4.9	0.14
M3	70	224.5	3.2	0.09
M4	67	249.0	3.7	0.09
M5	42	193.0	4.6	0.06
M6	92	442.0	4.8	0.11
RG	170	132.0	0.8	0.02
RM	150	276.0	1.8	0.01
XA	83	200.0	2.4	0.05

Table S3. Constituents of *Piper rubro-venosum* leaf essential oils identified in GC-MS analysis
I. Constituent peaks are labelled in **Figure S8**.

No.	RT (min)	LRI	Constituent	Reference
1	9.38	973	Sabinene	[35]
2	9.95	990	Myrcene	[35]
3	11.99	1047	(E)-β-Ocimene	[35]
4	12.41	1059	γ-Terpinene	[35]
5	12.71	1067	(Z)-Sabinene hydrate	[35]
6	13.51	1089	Terpinolene	[36]
7	13.98	1101	Linalool	[35]
8	16.87	1179	Terpinen-4-ol	[35]
9	17.40	1193	α-Terpineol	[35]
10	22.81	1338	δ-Elemene	[35]
11	24.47	1378	α-Copaene	[35]
12	24.90	1388	β -Bourbonene	[35]
13	25.18	1395	β-Elemene	[35]
14	26.57	1423	(E)-β-Caryophyllene	[35]
15	26.99	1431	β-Copaene	[35]
16	28.26	1455	α-Humulene	[35]
17	29.54	1479	γ-Muurolene	[35]
18	29.82	1485	Germacrene D	[35]
19	30.63	1500	Bicyclogermacrene	[36]
20	30.82	1503	α-Muurolene	[36]
21	31.14	1508	Germacrene A	[36]
22	31.42	1512	β-Curcumene	[36]
23	31.61	1515	γ-Cadinene	[35]
24	32.17	1524	δ-Cadinene	[35]
25	36.02	1583	Caryophyllene oxide	[35]
26	36.76	1594	Salvial-4(14)-en-1-one	[35]
27	37.82	1609	Humulene epoxide II	[36]

Note: Constituents in bold were identified in GC-MS analysis I and IIa.

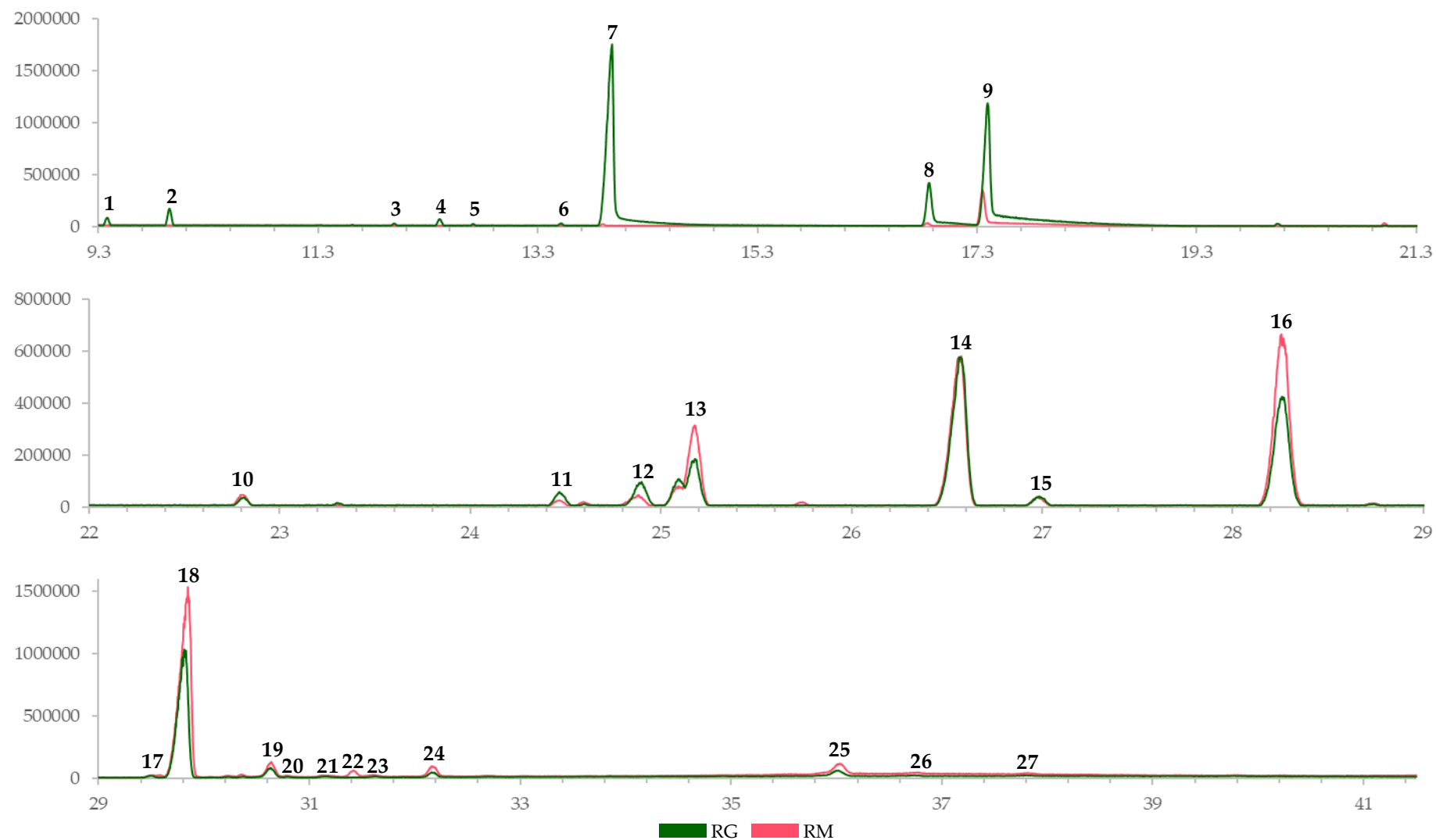


Figure S8. Overlaid and zoomed-in base peak chromatograms (BPC) of *Piper rubro-venosum* leaf essential oils in GC-MS analysis I. Constituents of numbered peaks are listed in **Table S3**.

Table S4. Constituents of *Piper rubro-venosum* leaf essential oils identified in GC-MS analysis IIa*. Constituent peaks are labelled in **Figure S9**.

No.	RT (min)	LRI	Constituent	Reference	No.	RT (min)	LRI	Constituent	Reference
1	10.12	1000	δ -2-Carene	[35]	35	24.2	1424	(E)-β-Caryophyllene	[35]
2	10.25	1005	<i>m</i> -Cymene	[37]	36	24.46	1430	β-Copaene	[35]
3	10.39	1010	<i>p</i> -Mentha-1(7),8-diene	[38]	37	24.69	1436	γ -Elemene	[36]
4	10.49	1014	Eucalyptol	[39]	38	24.84	1439	Aromadendrene	[36]
5	10.75	1024	(Z)- β -Ocimene	[35]	39	25.08	1444	Isogermacrene D	[41]
6	11.05	1035	(E)-β-Ocimene	[35]	40	25.57	1456	α-Humulene	[35]
7	11.41	1049	γ -Terpinene	[36]	41	25.65	1457	Sesquisabinene	[36]
8	11.82	1064	(Z)-Sabinene hydrate	[36]	42	26.43	1475	γ-Muurolene	[36]
9	12.43	1087	Terpinolene	[35]	43	27.05	1489	Germacrene D	[35]
10	12.51	1090	Linalool oxide A	[35]	44	27.14	1492	Eremophilene	[42]
11	12.94	1105	Linalool	[35]	45	27.33	1496	γ -Amorphene	[36]
12	13.74	1127	(Z)- <i>p</i> -Menth-2-en-1-ol	[35]	46	27.59	1502	4- <i>epi</i> -Cubebol	[35]
13	14.37	1146	(E)- <i>p</i> -Menth-2-en-1-ol	[35]	47	27.73	1504	α-Muurolene	[35]
14	15.35	1174	δ -Terpineol	[35]	48	27.99	1509	Germacrene A	[35]
15	15.66	1182	Terpinen-4-ol	[35]	49	28.25	1513	β-Curcumene	[35]
16	16.3	1201	α-Terpineol	[35]	50	28.37	1515	γ-Cadinene	[35]
17	16.53	1207	(Z)-Piperitol	[35]	51	28.65	1521	Cubebol	[35]
18	16.87	1218	(E)-Piperitol	[35]	52	28.88	1525	δ-Cadinene	[35]
19	17.31	1230	(E)-Chrysanthenyl acetate	[36]	53	29.3	1532	10- <i>epi</i> -Cubebol	[36]
20	17.58	1238	Nerol	[40]	54	29.56	1537	α -Cadinene	[35]
21	18.29	1259	Linalool acetate	[36]	55	30.06	1546	(Z)-Sesquisabinene hydrate	[36]
22	18.61	1269	Geraniol	[35]	56	30.4	1552	α -Elemol	[43]
23	21.01	1339	δ-Elemene	[35]	57	30.58	1555	7- <i>epi</i> -(E)-Sesquisabinene hydrate	[44]
24	21.42	1350	α -Cubebene	[35]	58	31.86	1578	Germacrene D-4-ol	[35]
25	21.98	1367	Cyclosativene	[36]	59	32	1581	Spathulenol	[35]
26	22.19	1372	α -Ylangene	[36]	60	32.23	1585	Caryophyllene oxide	[35]
27	22.36	1378	α-Copaene	[35]	61	32.8	1595	(E)-Sesquisabinene hydrate	[35]

Table S4 (continued)

No.	RT (min)	LRI	Constituent	Reference	No.	RT (min)	LRI	Constituent	Reference
28	22.7	1388	β-Elemene	[36]	62	33.77	1610	Humulene epoxide II	[35]
29	22.9	1393	β -Cubebene	[35]	63	34.95	1628	Epicubenol	[36]
30	23.02	1397	Isocaryophyllene	[35]	64	35.88	1642	<i>epi</i> - α -Muurolol	[35]
31	23.12	1400	β -Longipinene	[36]	65	36.19	1647	α -Muurolol	[35]
32	23.37	1405	(Z)- α -Bergamotene	[35]	66	36.81	1656	α -Cadinol	[35]
33	23.53	1409	7- <i>epi</i> -Sesquithujene	[38]	67	38.87	1686	4(15),5,10(14)-Germacatrien-1-ol	[36]
34	23.75	1414	α -Cedrene	[35]	68	68.48	2122	Phytol	[35]

Note: Constituents in bold were identified in GC-MS analysis I and IIa.

*Parameter settings were as in GC-MS II, except: Solvent delay time = 10 min, scan rate = 10 scans/s, m/z range = 40-700. Oven temperature settings = 50 °C (1.0 min), 4 °C/min to 130 °C (0.0 min), 1 °C/min to 170 °C (0.0 min), 5 °C/min to 240 °C (5.0 min). Total run time = 80 min. Minimum integrated area > 0.01% of the largest peak in the TIC chromatograms.

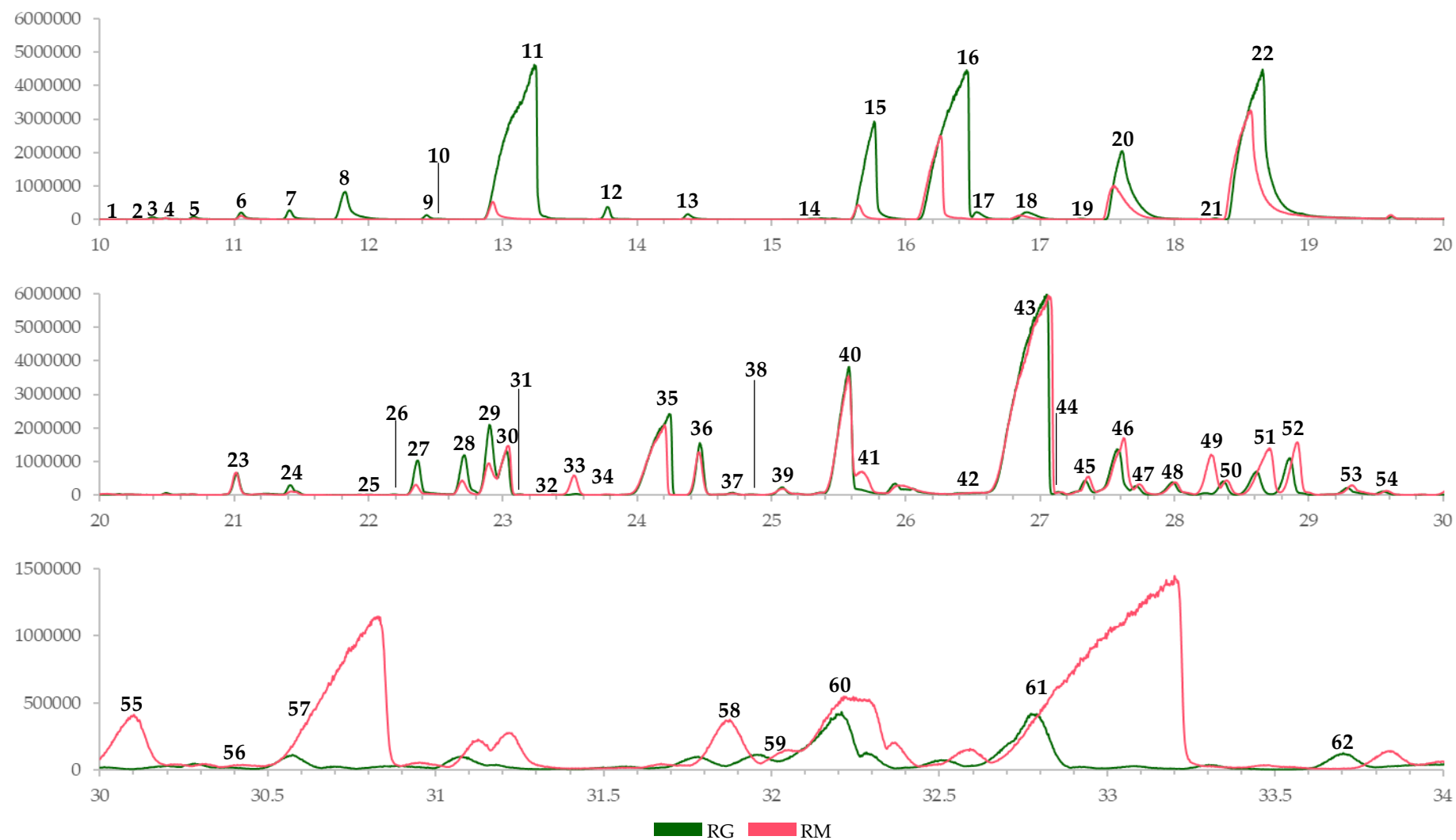


Figure S9. Overlaid and zoomed-in base peak chromatograms (BPC) of *Piper rubro-venosum* leaf essential oils in GC-MS analysis IIa. Constituents of numbered peaks are listed in **Table S4**.

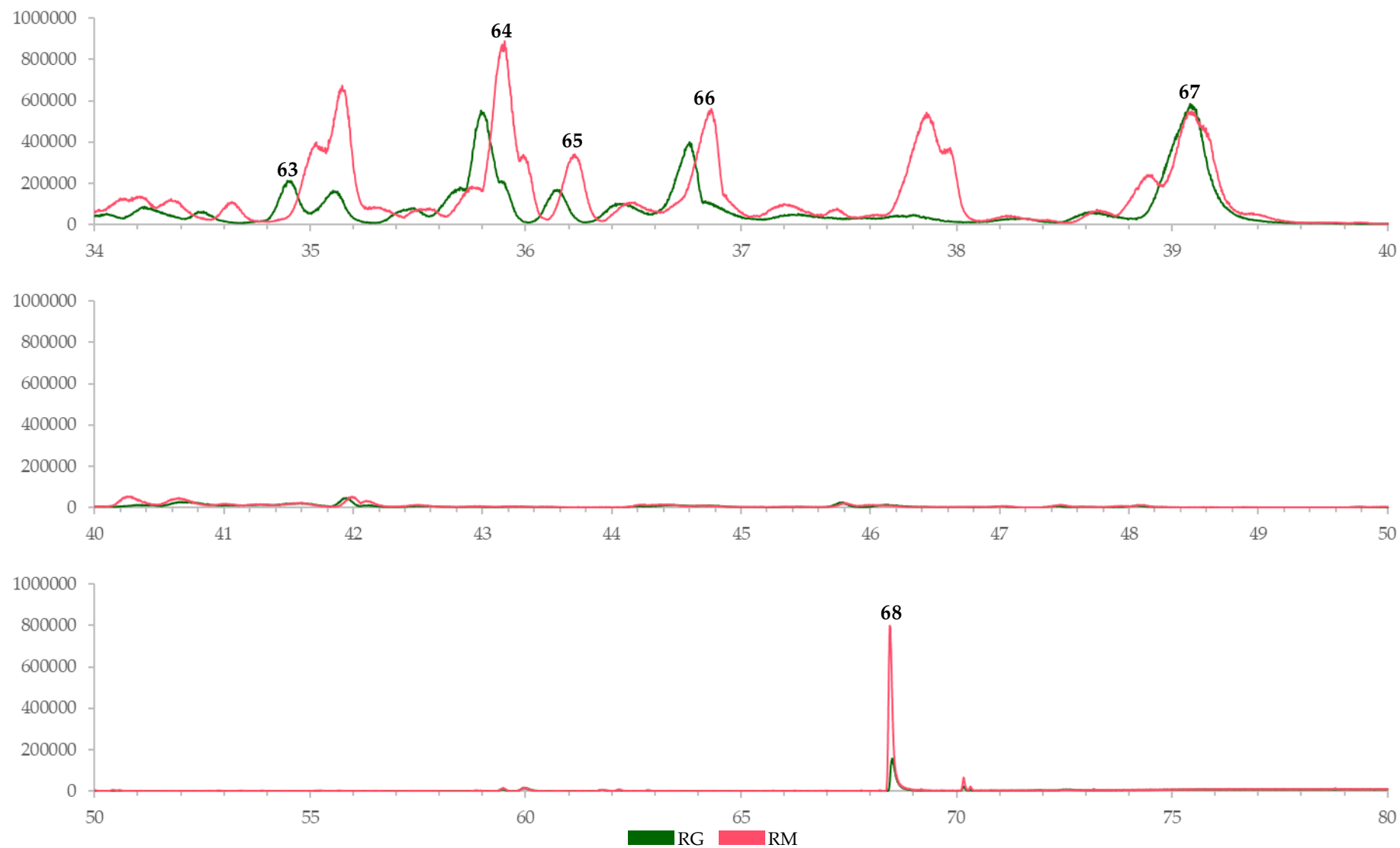


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Table S5. Constituents of *Piper betle* leaf essential oils identified in GC-MS analysis I.
Constituent peaks are labelled in **Figure S10**.

No.	RT (min)	LRI	Constituent	Reference
1	11.41	1031	Eucalyptol	[35]
2	11.63	1037	(Z)- β -Ocimene	[35]
3	12.01	1048	(E)- β -Ocimene	[35]
4	13.92	1100	Linalool	[35]
5	17.49	1196	Methyl salicylate	[35]
6	17.61	1199	Methyl chavicol	[36]
7	22.82	1338	δ -Elemene	[35]
8	23.10	1346	Chavicol acetate	[45]
9	24.26	1373	Chavibetol	[46]
10	25.14	1394	β -Elemene	[35]
11	25.59	1404	Methyl eugenol	[35]
12	26.25	1417	(Z)- α -Bergamotene	[35]
13	26.56	1423	(E)- β -Caryophyllene	[35]
14	28.26	1455	α -Humulene	[35]
15	29.49	1478	γ -Muurolene	[35]
16	29.78	1484	Germacrene D	[35]
17	30.06	1489	β -Selinene	[35]
18	30.64	1500	Bicyclogermacrene	[35]
19	31.23	1509	(E,E)- α -Farnesene	[35]
20	31.64	1515	γ -Cadinene	[35]
21	32.19	1524	δ -Cadinene	[35]
22	32.71	1532	Chavibetol acetate	[36]
23	34.35	1557	Germacrene B	[36]
24	40.72	1647	4-Allyl-1,2-diacetoxybenzene	[47]

Note: Constituents in bold were identified in GC-MS analysis I and II.

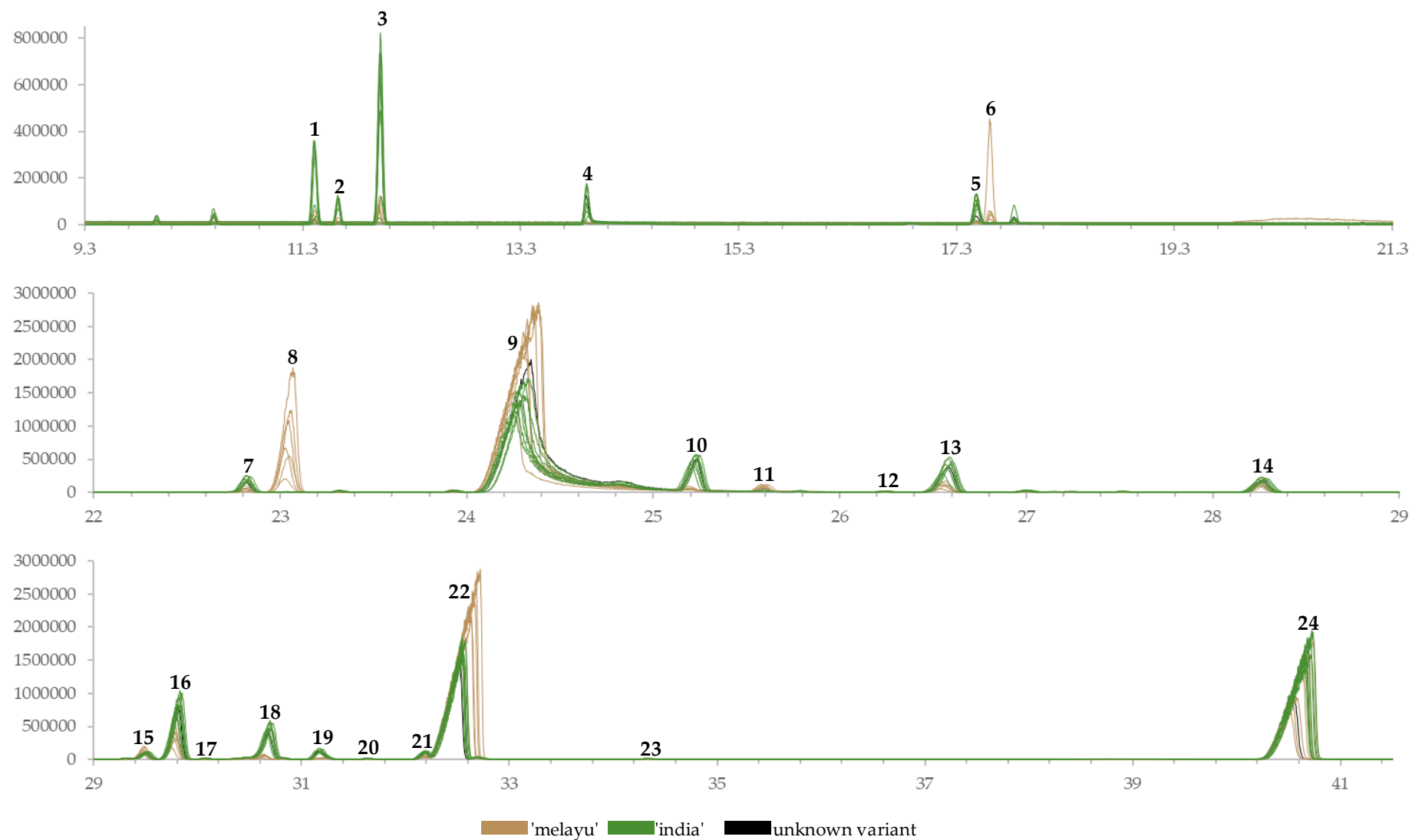


Figure S10. Overlaid and zoomed-in base peak chromatograms (BPC) of *Piper betle* leaf essential oils in GC-MS analysis I. Constituents of numbered peaks are listed in Table S5.

Table S6. Constituents of *Piper betle* leaf essential oils identified in GC-MS analysis II. Constituent peaks are labelled in **Figure S11**.

No.	RT (min)	LRI	Constituent	Reference	No.	RT (min)	LRI	Constituent	Reference
0	6.12	900	<i>n</i> -Nonane (Internal standard)	-	27	25.26	1451	α-Humulene	[36]
1	7.51	947	Camphene	[36]	28	25.42	1454	(<i>E</i>)- β -Farnesene	[36]
2	8.35	976	β -Pinene	[36]	29	25.56	1457	Alloaromadendrene	[35]
3	8.80	991	Myrcene	[36]	30	26.43	1476	γ-Muurolene	[36]
4	10.02	1029	Limonene	[35]	31	26.66	1480	Germacrene D	[36]
5	10.11	1031	Eucalyptol	[35]	32	26.88	1485	β-Selinene	[36]
6	10.34	1038	(<i>Z</i>)-β-Ocimene	[35]	33	27.11	1490	(<i>Z</i>)- β Guaiene	[36]
7	10.69	1049	(<i>E</i>)-β-Ocimene	[35]	34	27.45	1497	Bicyclogermacrene	[36]
8	12.54	1103	Linalool	[35]	35	27.58	1500	α -Muurolene	[36]
9	15.23	1181	Terpinen-4-ol	[35]	36	27.85	1505	α -Bulnesene	[36]
10	15.73	1196	α -Terpineol	[35]	37	28.03	1508	(<i>E,E</i>)-α-Farnesene	[36]
11	15.83	1199	Methyl salicylate	[35]	38	28.29	1512	γ-Cadinene	[36]
12	18.45	1280	(<i>E</i>)-Anethole	[35]	39	28.81	1521	δ-Cadinene	[36]
13	20.55	1336	δ-Elemene	[36]	40	29.26	1529	(<i>E</i>)- γ -Bisabolene	[36]
14	20.99	1348	Chavicol acetate	[45]	41	29.50	1533	Chavibetol acetate	[36]
15	21.51	1362	Eugenol	[35]	42	30.60	1552	Germacrene B	[35]
16	21.81	1371	α -Copaene	[36]	43	31.33	1564	Maaliol	[36]
17	21.95	1375	Chavibetol	[46]	44	32.09	1577	Spathulenol	[36]
18	22.56	1392	(<i>Z</i>)-Isoeugenol	[48]	45	32.28	1580	Caryophyllene oxide	[36]
19	22.64	1394	β-Elemene	[36]	46	32.40	1582	Gleenol	[35]
20	23.33	1410	Methyl eugenol	[35]	47	32.89	1591	Viridiflorol	[36]
21	23.57	1415	(<i>Z</i>)-α-Bergamotene	[36]	48	33.55	1602	Rosifoliol	[36]
22	23.81	1420	(<i>E</i>)-Caryophyllene	[36]	49	34.47	1615	Junenol	[36]
23	24.16	1427	β -Copaene	[36]	50	35.21	1625	Epicubenol	[36]
24	24.35	1432	γ -Elemene	[36]	51	35.44	1629	Eremoligenol	[36]
25	24.58	1436	Aromadendrene	[36]	52	36.54	1644	α -Muurolol	[36]
26	25.10	1447	(<i>Z</i>)-Muurola-3,5-diene	[36]	53	36.90	1649	4-Allyl-1,2-diacetoxybenzene	[47]

Note: Constituents in bold were identified in GC-MS analysis I and II.

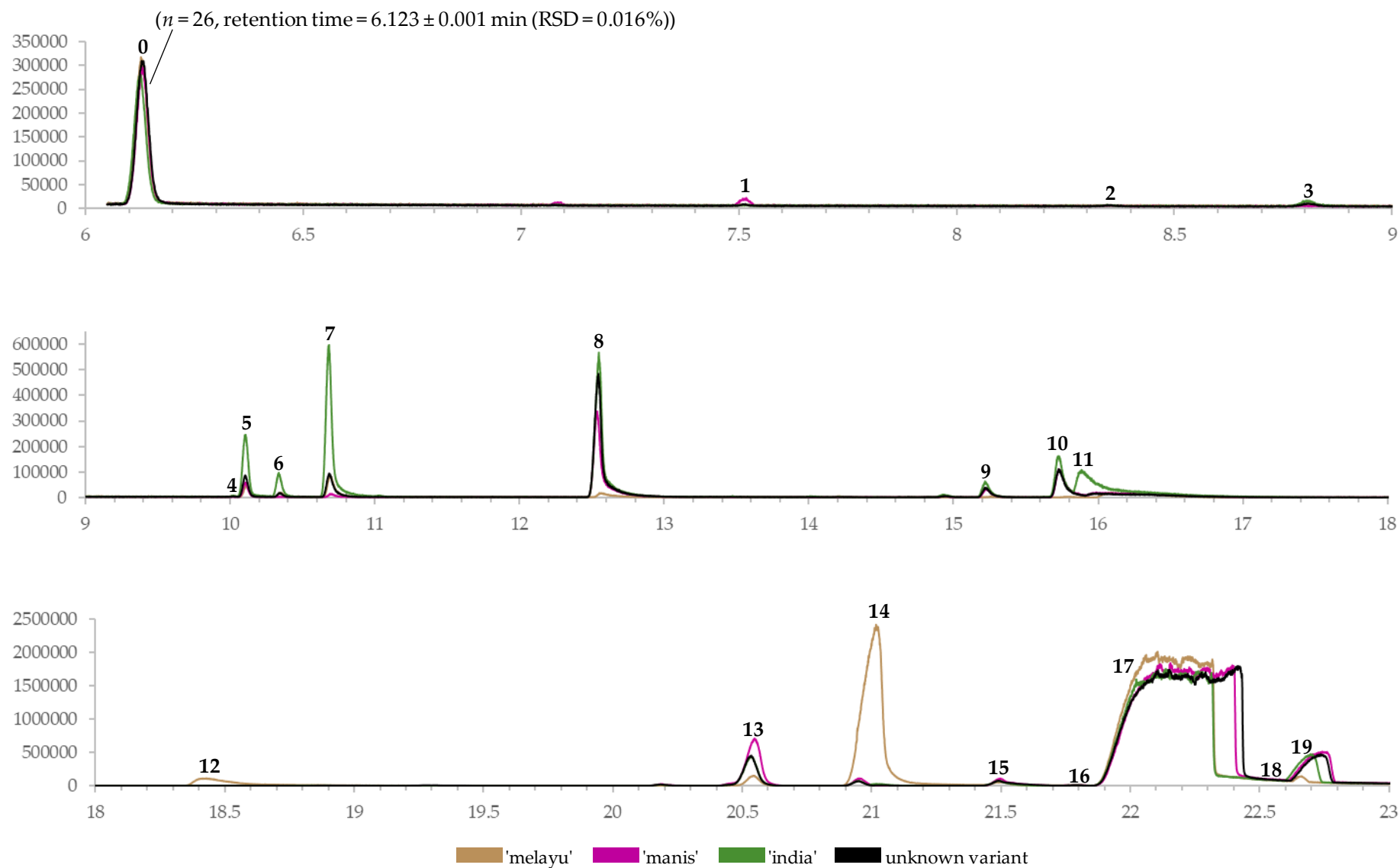


Figure S11. Representative BPC of *Piper betle* leaf essential oils in GC-MS analysis II. Constituents of numbered peaks are listed in Table S6.

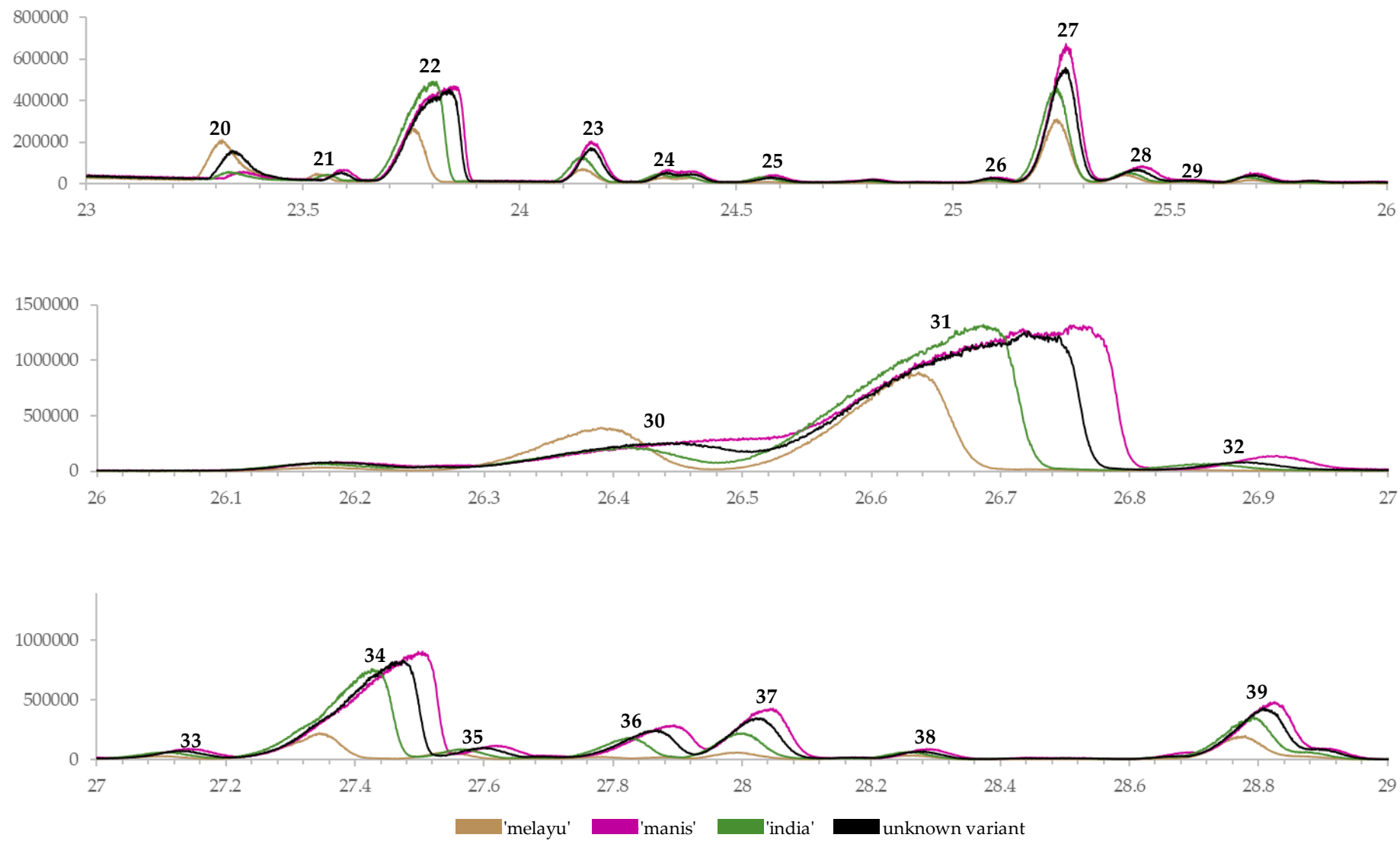


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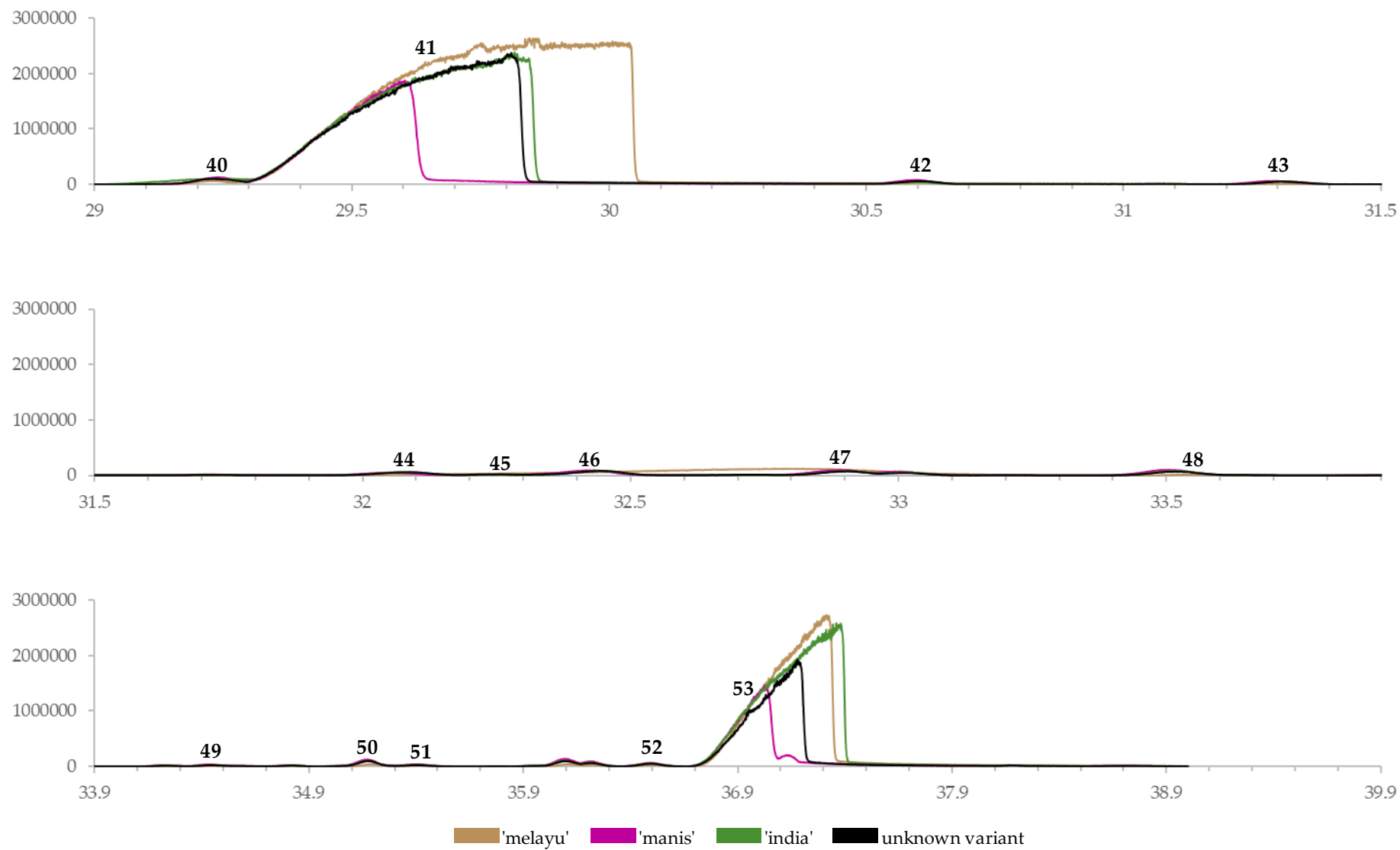


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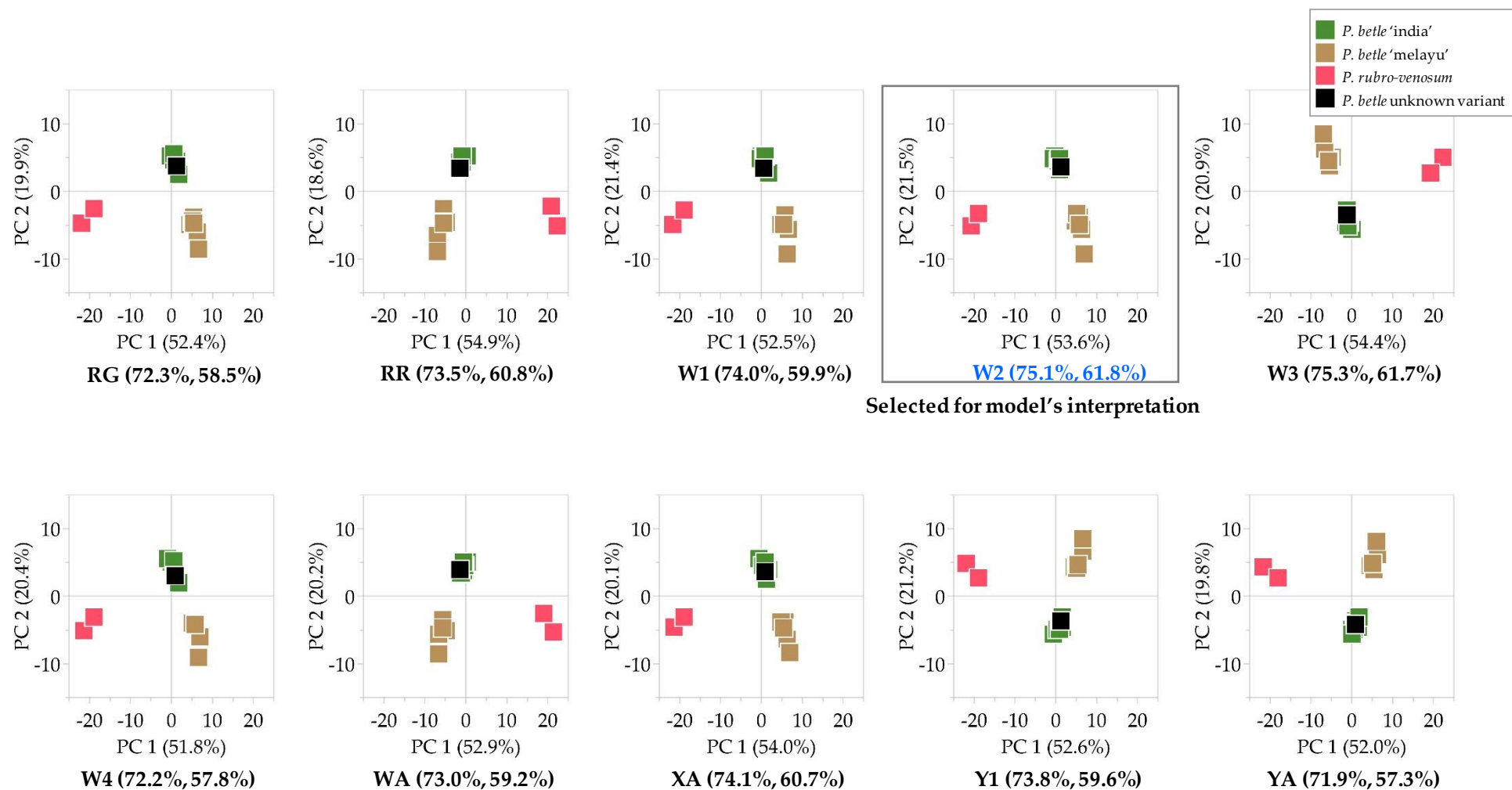


Figure S12. Score plots of principal component (PC) 1 *versus* 2 for GC-MS analysis I data when different reference files were used in MS-DIAL. The reference file, R²X (cumulative up to PC 2), and Q²X (cumulative up to PC 2) are highlighted in bold.

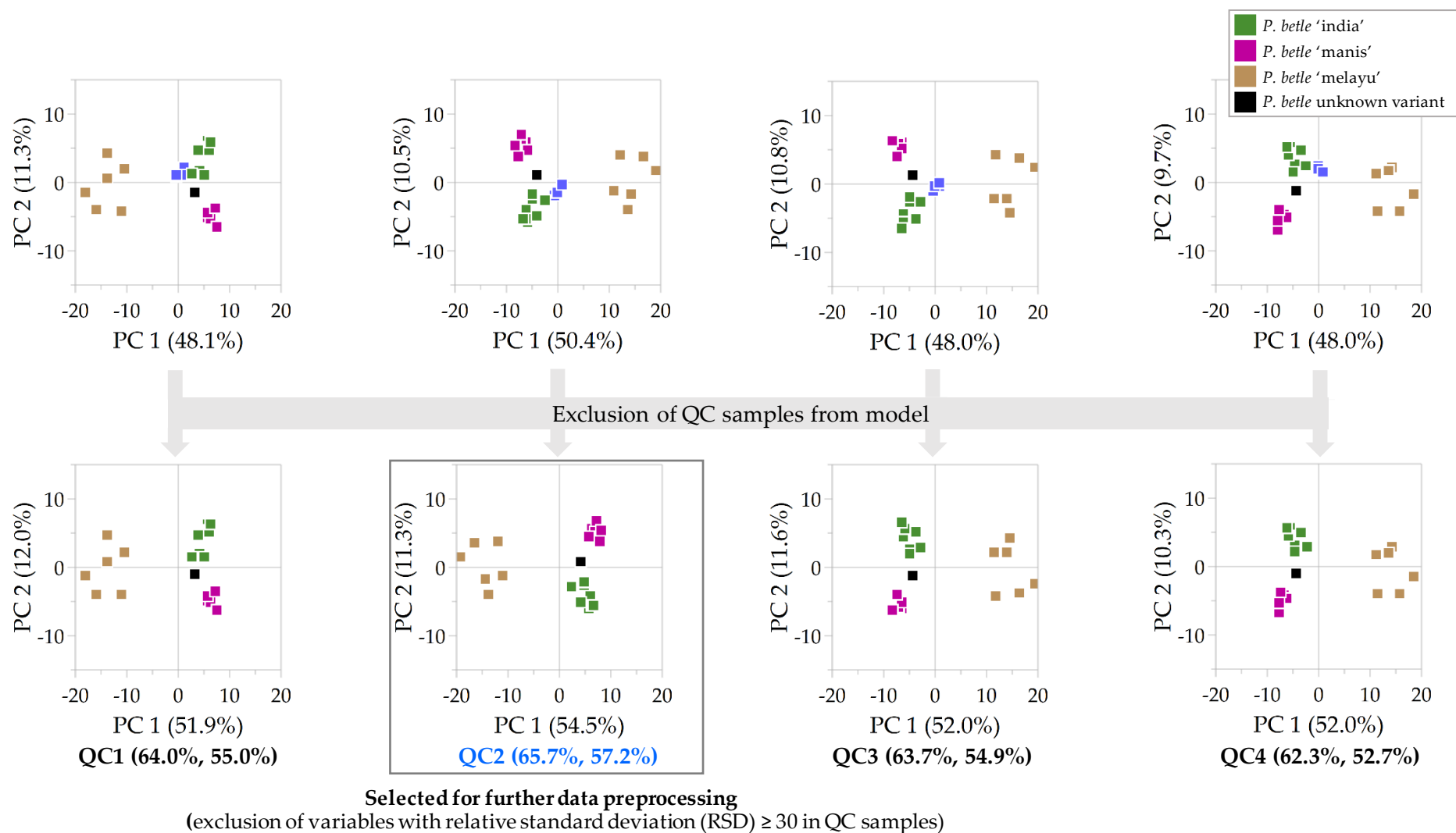


Figure S13. Score plots of principal component (PC) 1 *versus* 2 for GC-MS analysis II data when different reference files were used in MS-DIAL. The reference file, R^2X (cumulative up to PC 2), and Q^2X (cumulative up to PC 2) are highlighted in bold.

Table S7. Parameter settings in MS-DIAL version 4.24.

GC-MS	I	II
Data type		
Data type	Centroid	
Ion mode	Positive	
Accuracy type	Nominal	
Data collection parameters		
Retention time begin	9.30	6.05
Retention time end	41.50	39.00
Mass range begin	39.60	40.00
Mass range end	250.00	249.80
Data processing		
Number of threads	8	
Peak detection parameters		
Smoothing method	Linear weighted moving average	
Smoothing level	3	
Average peak width	20	
Minimum peak height	1000	
Mass slice width	0.5	
Mass accuracy	0.5	
MS1 Deconvolution parameters		
Sigma window value	0.5	
Amplitude cut off	2000	

GC-MS	I	II
Alignment parameters setting		
Reference file	W2	QC2
Retention time		RI
Retention index tolerance		10
Retention time tolerance		0.075
EI similarity tolerance		80
Retention time factor		0.5
EI similarity factor		0.5
Identification after alignment		FALSE
Gap filling by compulsion		FALSE
Base peak m/z selected as the representative quant mass		FALSE
Filtering setting		
Peak count filter		5
Remove feature based on peak height fold-change		FALSE
Sample max / blank average		5
Sample average / blank average		5
Keep identified and annotated metabolites		FALSE
Keep removable features and assign the tag for checking		TRUE
Export option		
Raw data matrix (Height)		FALSE
Normalized data matrix		TRUE
Filtering by the ion abundances of blank samples		TRUE

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