

1 **Comparison of methyl eugenol metabolites, mitochondrial COI and**
2 **rDNA sequences of *Bactrocera philippinensis* (Diptera: Tephritidae)**
3 **with three other major pest species within the *dorsalis* complex**

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3 21 **Abstract**
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5 22 Males of the oriental fruit fly, *Bactrocera dorsalis* (Hendel), and some of its sibling
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8 23 species show a strong affinity to methyl eugenol (ME). Methyl eugenol ingested by
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11 24 male flies is biotransformed in the crop to two ME-metabolites that eventually
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14 25 accumulate in the rectal gland, which is known to serve as a reservoir for *B. dorsalis* sex
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16 26 pheromones. Upon ME-feeding, males of laboratory and wild *B. philippinensis* Drew
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19 27 and Hancock selectively accumulated two metabolites, 2-allyl-4,5-dimethoxyphenol and
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21 28 (*E*)-coniferyl alcohol, in the rectal gland, as was seen in *B. dorsalis sensu stricto*, *B.*
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24 29 *invadens* Drew, Tsuruta and White and *B. papayae* Drew and Hancock. Phylogenetic
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26 30 analysis of COI and rDNA sequence data of these four taxa also revealed a tight
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29 31 relationship among *B. philippinensis*, *B. dorsalis s.s.*, *B. invadens* and *B. papayae* (all
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32 32 four are members of the *dorsalis*-species complex). This result corroborates the
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35 33 pheromone analysis. The usefulness of pheromonal analysis as a chemotaxonomy tool
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38 34 to complement molecular and other analyses in the differentiation of closely related
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40 35 sibling species within the *Bactrocera dorsalis* complex, where using morphological
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43 36 characters had been inadequate, is highlighted.
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53 40 **Key words:** *Bactrocera philippinensis* – *Bactrocera dorsalis* species complex –
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16 48 52 species revised by Drew and Hancock (1994). Of these, 26 species are known to
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19 49 be responsive to the male attractant methyl eugenol (ME), including *B. dorsalis* s.s., *B.*
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24 51 *dorsalis sensu lato* – see discussion), and *B. philippinensis* Drew and Hancock; all of
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27 52 which are considered serious and highly invasive fruit pests (Clarke et al. 2005; Tan et
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32 54 *Bactrocera philippinensis* is recorded as an endemic and notable pest species
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38 56 al, 2005). In Palau, it was first recorded and mistakenly identified as *B. dorsalis* in
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40 57 September, 1996 but confirmed as *B. philippinensis* five years later
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45 59 Females of *B. dorsalis* from different localities/countries have significantly
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51 61 (Mahmood 1999). Many females from these places, except Taiwan, have aculeus length
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57 63 together with other morphometric data led Mahmood (2004) to conclude that “no
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59 64 tenable method has been found to separate specimens of *B. dorsalis* from *B. papayae*

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3 65 and *B. philippinensis* using external morphological characters”.

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5 66 It was reported that females of *B. philippinensis* may be differentiated from *B.*
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14 69 electron scanning microscopy by Mahmood (2004) showed no difference in the length
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19 71 *papayae* and *B. philippinensis*. These inconsistencies show that the morphological
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25 73 rather than species-level, variations. Furthermore, phylogenetic studies have shown that
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27 74 *B. philippinensis* is monophyletic with respect to *B. dorsalis s.s.* and *B. papayae*
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33 76 2012a, b). Therefore, it is of great importance and urgency to understand the
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39 78 other characters such as sex pheromone profiles, which would provide a distinctive
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42 79 feature on diversification among the sibling species (Tan et al. 2011).

43 80 Like other notorious *Bactrocera* pest species, males of *B. philippinensis* are
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46 81 strongly attracted to and compulsively feed on ME, which is found naturally in over 450
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49 82 plant species from 80 families spanning across 38 orders (Tan and Nishida 2012).
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52 83 Consumption of ME significantly improves male mating performance and
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55 84 competitiveness of *B. dorsalis s.s.* (Shelly and Dewire 1994, Shelly 2000; Tan and
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58 85 Nishida 1996; Shelly and Nishida 2004; Orankanok et al. 2011), *B. papayae* (Tan and
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61 86 Nishida 1996, 1998), *B. carambolae* (Wee et al. 2007). ME acts as a sex pheromone

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3 87 precursor in *B. dorsalis s.s.* and *B. papayae* in which ME is biotransformed to
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5 88 (*E*)-coniferyl alcohol (E-CF) and 2-allyl-4,5-dimethoxyphenol (DMP) (Fig. 1) (Nishida
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11 90 temporarily stored in the rectal gland and emitted at dusk prior to courtship, were shown
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14 91 to act as sex pheromone that attracted conspecific females of *B. dorsalis s.s.* (Nishida et
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16 92 al. 2000) and *B. papayae* (Tan and Nishida 1996, 1998; Hee and Tan 1998; Khoo et al.
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19 93 2000). The same ME metabolites, E-CF and DMP, were also detected in the male rectal
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26 96 After consuming ME, irradiated males of *B. philippinensis* showed a mating
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35 99 to determine the fate of ME after consumption by males and to examine the
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38 100 phylogenetic relationship of *B. philippinensis* in relation to three other putative species,
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40 101 *B. dorsalis s.s.*, *B. invadens* and *B. papayae*, within the *B. dorsalis* complex, by using
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43 102 the mitochondrial COI and rDNA sequences. Lately, a study showed that *B. dorsalis*
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45 103 *s.s.*, *B. papayae* and *B. philippinensis* represent one biological species based on
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48 104 independent data sets on mitochondrial DNA and wing shape (Schutze et al. 2012).

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52 106 **Materials and methods**

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109 *Bactrocera philippinensis*, originally from Guimaras, Philippines, and positively
110 identified by R.A.I. Drew in 2009, was cultured in the FAO/IAEA Agriculture and
111 Biotechnology Laboratory, Seibersdorf, Austria. Due to strict quarantine restrictions,
112 experiments were conducted exclusively on sexually mature males (21-25 day-old) at
113 the Seibersdorf laboratory.

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115 **Chemical analysis**

116 Gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS) was performed with an Agilent 5975
117 inert XL MSD mass spectrometer (electron impact ionization at 70 eV) linked to an
118 Agilent 6890 gas chromatograph equipped with a HP-5MS column (28 m × 0.25 mm,
119 0.25 µm film thickness), using helium as a carrier gas and programmed from 60°C (1
120 min holding) to 280°C at a rate of 10°C/min. The GC quantification was carried out
121 with an HP 5890 series II plus using a HP-1 column (30 m × 0.25 mm, 0.25 µm film
122 thickness). The oven temperature was programmed from 60°C (2 min holding) to 240°C
123 at a rate of 10°C/min using 1-hexadecanol (Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Japan) as
124 an internal standard. The carrier gas was helium; and detection was by a flame
125 ionization detector (FID).

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127 **Feeding test and rectal sample preparation**

128 Males of *B. philippinensis* (21-25 day old; approximately the 50th generation) were
129 allowed to feed on methyl eugenol (Aldrich Chemicals Co., USA) impregnated into
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131 $\mu\text{l}/\text{disc}$) *ad libitum* for *ca.* 15 min and were then kept in a cylindrical plastic rearing
132 cage (15 cm diameter x 20 cm height) with a sufficient amount of adult food
133 (sugar-yeast hydrolysate mixture) and water at 24-30°C under ambient light conditions.
134 Rectal glands were dissected from the males at 6, 12, 24 and 48 hours following ME
135 feeding. Each extracted gland was individually preserved in 250 μl of redistilled
136 ethanol in a 1 ml screw-capped glass vial, and then, kept in a freezer at -20°C until
137 chemical analysis. The significant differences of the contents between DMP and E-CF
138 were analyzed by Wilcoxon signed-ranks test.

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140 Field trapping of wild male flies

141 Wild males were captured using ME-baited sticky traps at Castillejos, Zambales,
142 Philippines (Luzon Island) in 2007. The whole fly was carefully extracted from the
143 sticky trap and preserved individually in a vial containing redistilled ethanol (*ca* 250 μl).
144 Each of the specimens was subjected to morphological identification as *B.*
145 *philippinensis* before their rectal glands were extracted individually. A total of 18 males
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148 Identification and quantification of ME-metabolites in male rectal gland

149 Chemical identification was based on comparison of their retention time and mass
150 fragment pattern with those of authentic chemicals. Quantification of the
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26 162 ATATGCACACATCGCCCGTC-3'). The PCR products were cloned into the pGEM-T
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21 182 likelihood (ML) method was conducted by MEGA 5 (Tamura et al. 2011). Parameters
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31 186 **Results**

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56 195 E-CF ((*E*)-Coniferyl alcohol). GC: RI 1748. MS m/z (%): 180 (71, M^+), 162 (10), 147
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5 198 Figure 2 shows the quantities of DMP and E-CF present in the rectal gland of
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27 206 higher than those of DMP at 12h and 24h post ME feeding (Wilcoxon signed-ranks test,
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29 207 12h: $Z = -2.24$, $N = 8$, $P = 0.025$; 24h: $Z = -1.99$, $N = 6$, $P = 0.046$).
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35 209 Phenylpropanoid contents in the wild males
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43 212 it contributed to the high variation in total contents per fly [Mean content \pm S.E.: DMP
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45 213 4.7 ± 6.7 µg/gland; E-CF, 1.6 ± 3.5 µg/gland]. The ratio of DMP and E-CF detected in
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48 214 the rectal glands varied significantly for wild males with a bias towards DMP, while
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56 217 Phylogenetic analyses of *B. philippinensis* in relation to other *Bactrocera* species
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219 the resulting nucleotide was 497 bp and from 884 to 888 bp, respectively. Both COI and
220 rDNA analyses show that a lineage comprising of *B. philippinensis*, *B. dorsalis s.s.*, *B.*
221 *invadens*, *B. papayae* and *B. carambolae* was quite distinct from the two individual
222 lineages derived from *B. zonata* and *B. correcta* (Fig. 4). These phylogenetic trees based
223 on the mitochondrial genes clearly show that *B. philippinensis* belongs to the same
224 clade as the *B. dorsalis s.s.* as well as *B. invadens*, *B. papayae* and *B. carambolae*.

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226 **Discussion**

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228 After consuming ME, two rectal (sex pheromone) volatile components, DMP and E-CF,
229 were detected in *B. philippinensis* males. These phenylpropanoid components were also
230 previously detected in the other three closely related species of the *B. dorsalis* complex
231 after pharmacophagy of ME, namely *B. dorsalis s.s.* (Nishida et al., 2000) and *B.*
232 *papayae* (Tan and Nishida 1996), and *B. invadens* (Tan et al. 2011). But it was found to
233 differ partially from its sibling species, *B. carambolae* (Wee and Tan 2007), and totally
234 from other ME-responsive species that are not within the *dorsalis* complex – namely *B.*
235 *correcta* and *B. zonata* (Tokushima et al. 2010, Tan et al. 2011). Insect sex pheromone is
236 often highly species-specific and often serves as an important chemical cue, although
237 not solely responsible, for mate recognition and helps to delimit gene flow among
238 different populations through different blend, ratios and isomers, as in the European
239 ermine moth, *Yponomeuta* spp. (Löfstedt et al. 1991). Therefore, the presence of
240 identical sex pheromone profiles of DMP and E-CF among the four species strongly

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241 indicates that the species belong to the same biological species because they possess the
242 same ‘chemical’ language for sexual communication. It is speculated that if their
243 movements had not been restricted by international trade and quarantine restrictions,
244 they would have been able to ‘meet’ and mate amongst themselves without difficulty.
245 Previous mating study conducted in the Philippines also showed that there is high
246 reproductive compatibility between *B. philippinensis* and *B. dorsalis s.s.* (Medina et al.
247 1988). Additionally, mating compatibility studies conducted by A. Jessup, in the
248 FAO/IAEA Agriculture and Biotechnology Laboratory, Seibersdorf, Austria, have
249 shown that *B. invadens* and *B. philippinensis* were able to interbreed readily with *B.*
250 *dorsalis s.s.* and reproduced “highly fertile F₁ and F₂ hybrids” (A. Jessup, IAEA —
251 personal communication 2010, 2011).

252 Similarly, the ability to interbreed between *B. dorsalis s.s.* and *B. papayae* and
253 yield viable offspring up to F₃ (Tan 2003) indicated that the two sibling species are not
254 distinct biological species. This is further supported by the genetic evidence that one of
255 three actin gene alleles in *B. dorsalis s.s.* and *B. papayae* – allele BdorA1 and allele
256 BpapA2, respectively, have identical DNA sequence (Naeole and Haymer 2003).
257 Hence, *B. papayae* has been referred to as *B. dorsalis sensu lato*. Recent population
258 genetic analysis also corroborated these species as one and the same biological species
259 (Schutze et al. 2012; Krosch et al. 2012a).

260 Similar trend of variations in the ratio of sex pheromone components was also
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263 males (Wee and Tan 2001). Prolonged inbreeding in enclosures may induce insects to
264 adapt to laboratory conditions that may affect changes in the pheromone titers
265 (Giebultowicz et al. 1992; Raina et al. 1989). It was also suggested that the production
266 and ratio of DMP to E-CF may be indirectly related to the contemporary needs of
267 individual flies, as DMP was demonstrated to be a much weaker sex attractant than
268 E-CF, for *B. papayae* females (Hee and Tan, 1998). In addition, DMP was observed to
269 deter birds better than ME, followed by E-CF (Nishida and Fukami, 1990). Thus, it was
270 hypothesized that the E-CF as a sex pheromone component is more crucial than
271 allomone component (DMP) in the laboratory where the need to deter predators is
272 greatly reduced hence the consistence in higher E-CF to DMP ratio. Additionally, the
273 variations may indicate that the ratio of the sex pheromone components may not be a
274 good indicator for distinguishing tephritid species as the ratio may be dependent on
275 natural sources (often unknown) of the chemicals which the males feed on, as found in
276 certain *Bulbophyllum* orchid floral fragrance or secretion that contains either one or
277 both of the sex pheromone components besides ME (Tan et al. 2002, 2006).

278 The wild *B. philippinensis* males that did not possess ME-metabolites may
279 indicate that they had either no opportunity to feed on natural sources of ME or likely
280 just attained sexual maturity to be attracted for the first time to ME to initiate
281 pharmacophagy. This phenomenon was also shown in wild *B. papayae* (Nishida et al.
282 1988; Tan and Nishida 1996, 1998; Wee and Tan 2001). Further work is needed to
283 clarify the nature of pheromone acquisition, sequestration, emission and behavioral
284 effects on the courtship sequences in *B. philippinensis*, particularly under its natural

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285 environment, in comparison with those studies conducted for other sibling species.

286 Phylogenetic analyses on *B. philippinensis* from Guimaras and Luzon,
287 Philippines — based on the comparison of nucleotide sequences in the mitochondrial
288 genes, COI and rDNA — showed that the species belongs to the same species clade as
289 *B. carambolae*, *B. dorsalis s.s.*, *B. invadens* and *B. papayae* but differs from the *B.*
290 *zonata* species complex which is consistent with previous rDNA analysis by Muraji and
291 Nakahara (2001) and Krosch et al. (2012a). Similar phylogenetic relationship based on
292 the two mitochondrial genes was obtained for seven pest sibling species, namely *B.*
293 *carambolae*, *B. dorsalis s.s.*, *B. kandiensis*, *B. musae* (Tryon), *B. occipitalis*, *B. papayae*
294 and *B. philippinensis*, which appeared to have a common ancestor, within the *B.*
295 *dorsalis* complex (Zhang et al. 2010). This further shows that *B. philippinensis* is indeed
296 very closely related to the other ME-responsive sibling species within the *B. dorsalis*
297 species complex. Furthermore, a recent phylogenetic analysis using fruit flies collected
298 in the Ryukyu Islands, Taiwan, and the Philippines, and from fruits imported from the
299 Philippines and China intercepted at Narita International Airport showed fruit flies
300 possessing one of five banding patterns were grouped as *B. philippinensis* based on the
301 sequence of 1,138 bp mitochondrial DNA fragment from 16S to 12S rDNA (Muraji et
302 al. 2008). This led to an inference that the fruit flies collected in Sakishima region,
303 Japan, might have flown in directly from the Philippines.

304 In conclusion, the above evidence in this paper – chemical ecology and
305 chemotaxonomy as well as DNA analyses together with other evidence from different
306 perspectives, i.e., mating compatibility and hybrid viability, as well as molecular

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307 analyses, strongly indicate that *B. philippinensis* and its three very close sibling species,
308 namely – *B. dorsalis s.s.*, *B. invadens* and *B. papayae*, belong to the same biological
309 species. Therefore, based on the integrative and comprehensive approach, these four
310 species, currently discriminated by indistinct and variable morphological characters that
311 are unreliable for differentiating the sibling species (Mahmood 2004), should be
312 recognized taxonomically as either different populations or strains of a single biological
313 species, *B. dorsalis*. More importantly, they should not remain as the status quo of four
314 distinct putative species – currently based solely on indistinct morphological characters,
315 which have caused much confusion worldwide in the identification of the sibling
316 species in quarantine surveys and interceptions, as well as untold economic losses due
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458 **Legends**

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460 **Fig. 1** Chemical structures of methyl eugenol (ME) and its metabolites,
461 2-allyl-4,5-dimethoxyphenol (DMP) and *E*-coniferyl alcohol (E-CF) sequestered
462 by *Bactrocera philippinensis* males post feeding on ME.

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464 **Fig. 2** Contents (mean \pm S.E.) of 2-allyl-4,5-dimethoxyphenol (DMP: white) and
465 *E*-coniferyl alcohol (E-CF: gray) sequestered by *Bactrocera philippinensis* males
466 6, 12, 24 and 48 h post feeding on methyl eugenol ($N = 8$ for 6, 12 and 48 h; $N = 6$
467 for 24 h).

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469 **Fig. 3** Contents of 2-allyl-4,5-dimethoxyphenol (DMP) and *E*-coniferyl alcohol (E-CF)
470 accumulated in the individual rectal glands of wild *Bactrocera philippinensis*
471 males captured in a field site in Luzon Island, Philippines (black) ($N = 18$) and
472 laboratory males artificially fed on methyl eugenol (48 hr post treatment) (circle)
473 ($N = 8$).

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475 **Fig. 4** Phylogenetic trees constructed by maximum likelihood (ML) analysis. The
476 values shown at the nodes of the branches are bootstrap values (%) from 1000
477 replicate bootstrap samplings. Branch length is proportional to ML estimated
478 genetic distances. The scale bars indicate the number of nucleotide substitutions
479 per site. GenBank accession numbers are listed in Table 1. (A) Phylogenetic tree

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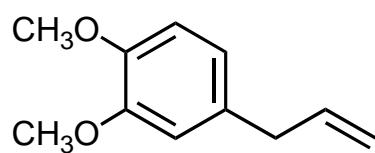
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AB720893	rDNA	<i>B. philippinensis</i>	Wild-A, Luzon, PH (2007)	This study
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AB720884	COI	<i>B. philippinensis</i>	Wild-C, Luzon, PH (2007)	This study
AB720895	rDNA	<i>B. philippinensis</i>	Wild-C, Luzon, PH (2007)	This study
AB568103	COI	<i>B. dorsalis s.s.</i>	Laboratory, Bangkok, TH (2009)	Tan et al. (2011)
AB568107	rDNA	<i>B. dorsalis s.s.</i>	Laboratory, Bangkok, TH (2009)	Tan et al. (2011)
AB720887	COI	<i>B. dorsalis s.s.</i>	Wild, Oahu, US (2002)	This study
AB720896	rDNA	<i>B. dorsalis s.s.</i>	Wild, Oahu, US (2002)	This study
AB568104	COI	<i>B. invadens</i>	IAEA (Vienna), origin: KE (2009)	Tan et al. (2011)
AB568108	rDNA	<i>B. invadens</i>	IAEA (Vienna), origin: KE (2009)	Tan et al. (2011)
AB720888	COI	<i>B. papayae</i>	Wild, Penang, MY (2007)	This study
AB720897	rDNA	<i>B. papayae</i>	Wild, Penang, MY (2007)	This study
AB720889	COI	<i>B. carambolae</i>	Wild, Selangor, MY (2008)	This study
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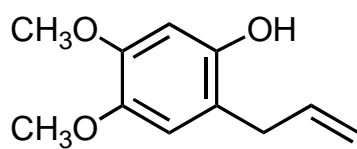
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AB720881	COI	<i>B. correcta</i>	Wild, Bangkok, TH (2007)	This study
AB569585	rDNA	<i>B. correcta</i>	Wild, Bangkok, TH (2007)	Tokushima et al. (2010)
AB721013	COI	<i>B. correcta</i>	Wild, Guava orchard ^a , TH (2009)	This study
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AB568106	rDNA	<i>B. correcta</i>	Laboratory, Bangkok, TH (2009)	Tan et al. (2011)
AB568105	COI	<i>B. zonata</i>	Laboratory, MU (2009)	Tan et al. (2011)
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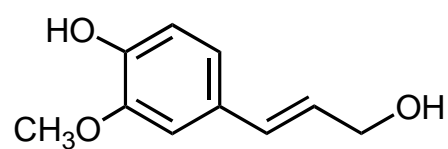
Fig. 1



Methyl eugenol (ME)



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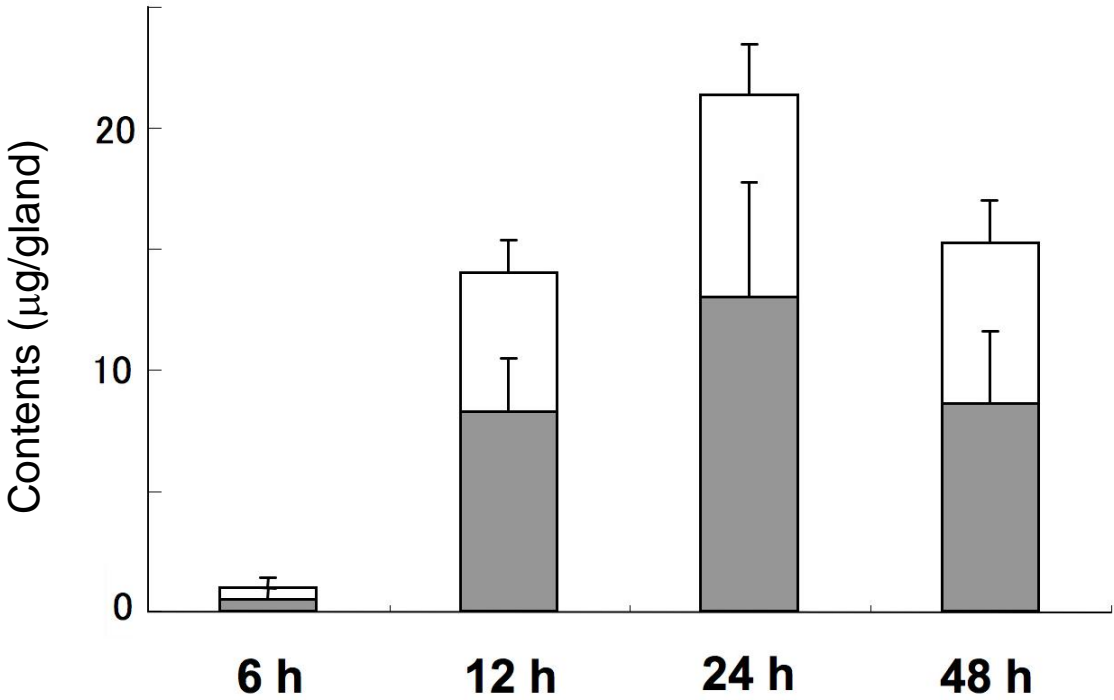


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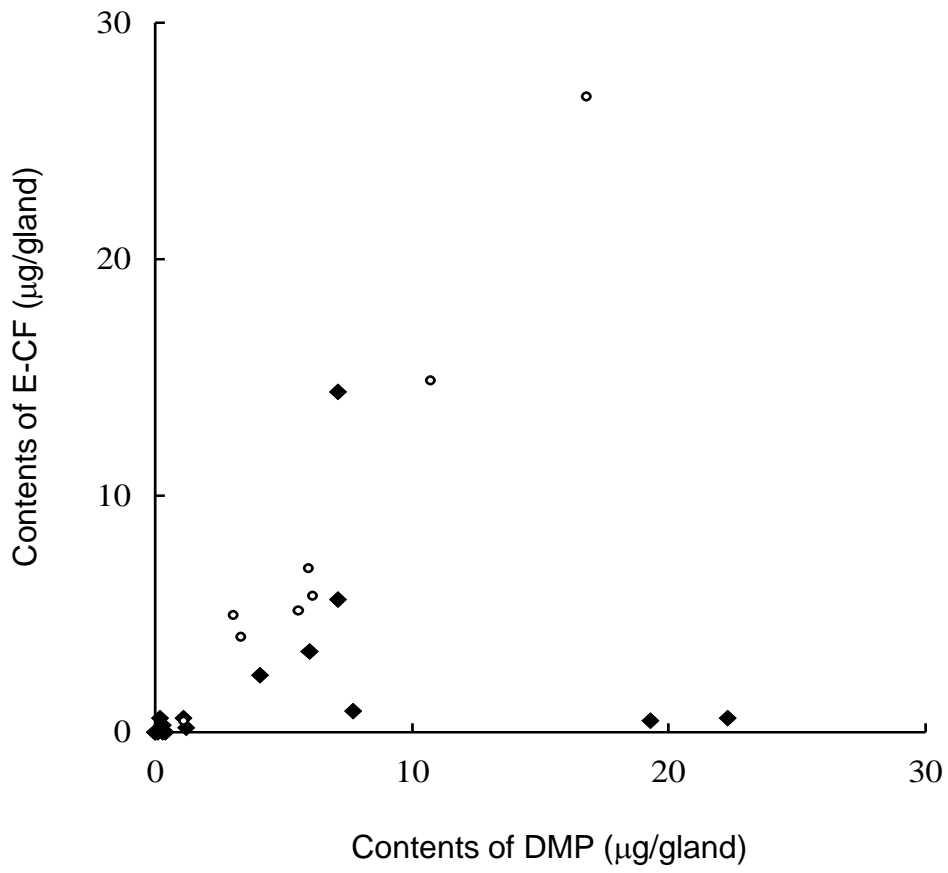
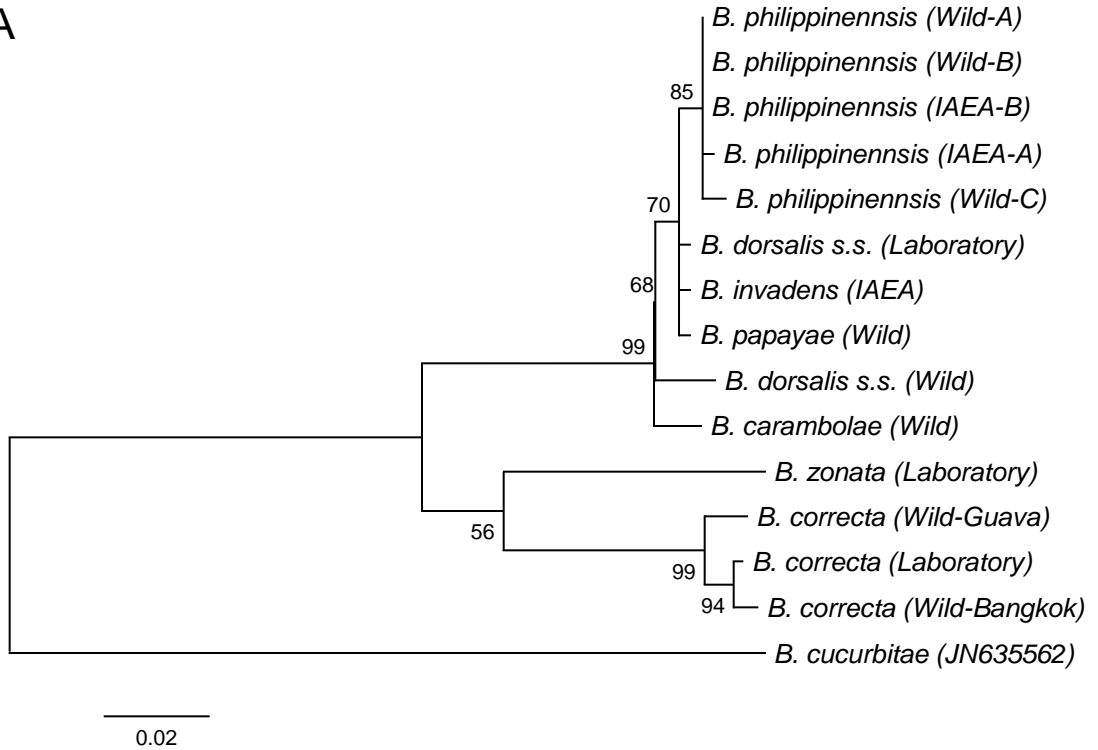


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