

1 **S1 Text: Supporting Results**

2 **Analysis of syntenic relationships reveals a pattern of “broken” macrosynteny** 3 **among the genomes of the three species.**

4 To identify genome-wide structural variation among the three species that constitute the Sigatoka disease
5 complex, the *P. musae* and *P. eumusae* scaffolds were aligned and ordered using the *P. fijiensis* scaffolds
6 as a reference. Whole genome alignment between *P. musae* and *P. eumusae* was not informative, due to
7 the highly fragmented assemblies of these two species. Of the 56 scaffolds that constitute the genome
8 assembly of *P. fijiensis*, only scaffolds 1-10, scaffold 12 and scaffold 19 were found to hold syntenic
9 relations with scaffolds in *P. musae* and/or *P. eumusae*. These scaffolds could thus represent the core
10 chromosomes in *P. fijiensis*, while the remaining scaffolds are possibly derived from dispensable
11 chromosomes, in agreement with what has been previously proposed based on an analysis of syntenic
12 relations between *P. fijiensis* and *Z. tritici* [1].

13 A total of 366 syntenic blocks were identified between *P. musae* and *P. fijiensis*, covering 34% (20.3 Mb)
14 and 55% (40.8 Mb) of the genome assembly in *P. musae* and *P. fijiensis*, respectively. Nearly all of the
15 syntenic blocks are rather small in size (9.1-279.9 Kb, median 41 Kb) and, consequently, each contains
16 only a small number of orthologous gene pairs (average 20, median 15, total 7306). To get a better picture
17 of the syntenic relationships between the two species we performed dot-plot analysis of the 11 scaffolds
18 in *P. musae* that were larger than 200 kb in size than those in *P. fijiensis*. The analysis revealed the presence
19 of segmental and tandemly repeated blocks of synteny between the two species that was occasionally
20 combined with intra-chromosomal inversions (S3B Fig.). This pattern can be potentially interpreted as
21 “broken” or “segmented” macrosynteny. Along the same lines, alignment of *P. eumusae* and *P. fijiensis*
22 genomes identified 259 syntenic blocks indicating that, despite their small size (8.9-750.8 Kb, median 57.4
23 Kb) and number of orthologous gene pairs contained in them (average 32, median 21, total 8388), they
24 share a high degree of localized co-linearity and synteny. Moreover, syntenic blocks between these two
25 species accounted for 49% of the genomic content in *P. eumusae* and 64% in *P. fijiensis*. Thus, as
26 compared to *P. musae*, *P. eumusae* shares a higher degree of conservation to *P. fijiensis* in terms of
27 coverage of syntenic sequences. The dot plot analysis of the 38 scaffolds in *P. eumusae* that were larger

1 than 200 kb in size compared to those in *P. fijiensis* again revealed a pattern of putatively broken
2 macrosynteny between the two species (S3C Fig.).

3 Taken together, analysis of syntenic relations indicated that, as compared to other species of
4 Dothideomycetes [1], the three primary agents of the Sigatoka disease complex share a higher portion of
5 localized conservation of gene order that further extends to segmental and tandemly repeated blocks of
6 macrosynteny, most likely as a result of the lineage-specific proliferation of repetitive elements in the three
7 species and other genomic rearrangements.

8 **The three Sigatoka species display mark differences in their repertoire of** 9 **transposable elements (TEs).**

10 Transposable elements (TEs) are a major component of fungal genomes, the dynamics of which largely
11 define variations in genome sizes among different fungal species, thus contributing to their evolution.
12 Genome-wide annotation and comparative analysis of transposable elements in *P. musae*, *P. eumusae*
13 and *P. fijiensis* indicated that, as with other Dothideomycetes [2-4], Class I TEs account for the majority
14 of the repetitive content in each genome (*Pm*: 20.4/29.2 Mb, 69.8%; *Pe*: 7.7/12.6 Mb, 61.1%; 62.3% *Pf*:
15 23.5/37.3 Mb), followed by Class II elements, which occupy a considerably higher fraction of the repetitive
16 fraction in *P. fijiensis* (6.4/37.3 Mb, 15.9%) as compared to *P. musae* (1.1/29.2 Mb, 3.8%) and *P. eumusae*
17 (0.6/12.6 Mb, 4.7%).

18 Next to the different representation of Class I and Class II elements in the repetitive fraction of the three
19 species, differences were also observed when considering variations in the repertoire of TEs within each
20 of the two major Classes. For example, in spite of the fact that Class I elements occupy a similar fraction
21 of the repetitive content in each species, marked differences in fractions of Long Terminal Repeat (LTR)
22 and non-LTR retrotransposons, the two major subclasses that make up Class I elements, were present
23 among the three species. LTR retrotransposons, more specifically, are the most numerous retroelements
24 in all three genomes, but their fraction is much higher in *P. fijiensis* (21.5 Mb, 57.7%) as compared to *P.*
25 *musae* (12.5 Mb, 42.8%) and *P. eumusae* (5.2 Mb, 41.3%) (Fig. 2B; S2 Table). Among LTR
26 retrotransposons, elements of the *Ty3/Gypsy* family are the most abundant in both *P. fijiensis* (18.5 Mb,
27 48.9%) as well as in *P. musae* (7.8 Mb, 26.7%) and *P. eumusae* (4.1 Mb, 32.3%), followed in much lower
28 proportion by elements of the *Ty1/Copia* family (*Pm*: 4.2 Mb, 14.3%; *Pe*: 0.6 Mb, 5.3%; *Pf*: 1.6 Mb, 4.1%)

1 (S2 Table). With respect to non-LTR retrotransposons, the long interspersed elements (LINEs) were the
2 dominant repeat class and were particularly enriched in *P. musae* (7.9 Mb, 27%) and *P. eumusae* (2.4 Mb,
3 19%). In contrast, LINE elements make up just 5.1% (2 Mb) of the repetitive fraction in *P. fijiensis* (Fig. 2B;
4 S2 Table). Among Class II elements, a large expansion of the TIR/hAT transposase is apparent in the
5 genome of *P. fijiensis* (4.2 Mb, 11.1%) but this subfamily is only limitedly present in *P. eumusae* (0.02 Mb,
6 0.2%) and *P. musae* (0.1 Mb, 0.4%) (S2 Table). Finally, several cases of species-specific gains and losses
7 of particular types of Class I and Class II elements were observed. For example, the Class I DIRS Nagro
8 and Penelope-like (PLE) elements were absent from *P. eumusae* and *P. musae*, respectively, although they
9 were both present in *P. fijiensis*. Also, the Class II PiggyBac element was found present only in *P. eumusae*
10 and *P. musae*, while the Helitron element was only in *P. fijiensis* (S2 Table). Next to the well characterized
11 Class I and Class II TEs, a considerable amount of unclassified repeat elements that represent newly
12 evolved, species-specific repeats were also discovered in the genomes of the three species. Notably,
13 unclassified repeats occupied a higher fraction of the repetitive content in *P. eumusae* (3.7/12.6 Mb,
14 29.7%), as compared to *P. musae* (6.1/29.2 Mb, 21.1%) and *P. fijiensis* (7.4 Mb/37.3, 19.8%), consistent
15 with the later historical appearance of this species (Fig. 2B; S2 Table).

16 **The efficacy and specificity of RIP in transposable elements and beyond** 17 **differs among the three species.**

18 In addition to impacting genome evolution, differences in the repertoire of TEs among the three species
19 also imply differences in TE activity and possibly genome defenses against mobile genetic elements. A
20 major defense mechanism against TE activity in fungi is mediated by repeat-induced point mutation (RIP)
21 [5, 6], a homology-based process that causes C:G to T:A transitions to duplicated regions of DNA during
22 meiosis, thus rendering TEs inactive through mutation [7]. RIP can also affect other types of DNA elements,
23 including gene duplicates that are frequently inactivated by the RIP-mediated introduction of stop codons
24 [8].

25 Analysis by RIPCAL [9] indicated that the genomes of the three species are all subject to RIP (S3 Table).
26 Overall, *P. musae* has a higher number of RIP loci predicted in its genome (5070), followed by *P. eumusae*
27 (3820) and *P. fijiensis* (2591). However, given the differences in genome sizes, a larger fraction of the *P.*
28 *fijiensis* (60.2%, 44.58 Mb) and *P. musae* (53.5%, 31.97 Mb) genomic sequences are under RIP as

1 compared to *P. eumusae* (37.2%, 17.06 Mb). In all three genomes RIP occurred mainly on large repeat
2 sequences (> 500 bp) as the vast majority (~98% on average) shows signs of RIP. Such high levels of
3 RIP in repeat sequences are comparable to the levels reported for other Dothideomycetes, including *F.*
4 *fulva* (97.2%), *P. lingam* (99.8%), *Z. tritici* (97.9%), and others [2-4]. Notably, they are also inconsistent with
5 the high density of TEs in the genomes of the three Sigatoka complex species, perhaps suggesting that
6 RIP cannot effectively defend them against TE activity. Furthermore, while the majority (2449/2591, 94.5%)
7 of the putative RIP loci in *P. fijiensis* are co-localized with the identified repeat elements, in contrast, 10%
8 (518/5070) of the RIP loci in *P. musae* and an impressive 33% (1257/3820) in *P. eumusae* are not
9 associated with repeat elements. This could suggest abundant spillage of RIP in *P. eumusae* outside the
10 duplicated target sequence into the adjoining non-duplicated sequences and/or that multicopy genes in
11 *P. eumusae* may be more sensitive to RIP than in *P. musae*, *P. fijiensis*, and other Dothideomycetes [2, 3,
12 10]. Furthermore, 2163, 3164, and 4539 of putative protein-coding genes that represent 19.4%, 29.8%,
13 and 34.6% of the total genes in *P. eumusae*, *P. musae*, and *P. fijiensis*, respectively, were found located
14 within a 2 kb region flanking the RIP loci in each species. These included 32 (28.6% of the total predicted
15 effectors), 35 (31.8% of the total predicted effectors), and 37 (35.2% of the total predicted effectors) of
16 putative effectors present in *P. eumusae*, *P. musae*, and *P. fijiensis*, respectively (S3 Table). Slippage of
17 RIP in the coding regions of effectors could impact pathogenicity, as has been demonstrated in the
18 pathogenic fungus *Pl. lingam* [11].

19 **Functional annotation and characterization of the species' gene complement** 20 **indicate abundant species- and lineage-specific adaptations.**

21 To understand similarities and differences in the functional properties of the three species, we annotated
22 each species proteome, by assignment into the functional categories of the eukaryotic orthologous groups
23 (KOG) database [12]. KOG has four major functional categories, i.e. cellular processing and signaling,
24 information storage and processing, metabolism, and poorly characterized proteins with unknown
25 functions. A total of 6292 (59.7%), 6783 (61.3%), and 7323 (55.9%) of the predicted proteins in *P. musae*,
26 *P. eumusae*, and *P. fijiensis*, respectively were assigned to KOGs. A KOG-based breakdown of the species'
27 proteomes indicated that the percentage of proteins allocated to each of the four higher functional
28 categories of KOG was comparable among the three species, although the absolute total number of

1 proteins assigned to the same KOG category could be different among them (S6 Fig.). For example, a
2 total of 1873 proteins from *P. musae*, 2066 proteins from *P. eumusae* and 2164 from *P. fijiensis*,
3 corresponding to 17.8%, 18.7% and 16.5% of their proteomes, respectively, were assigned KOGs in the
4 cellular processes and signaling category. Similar results were also obtained when examining the
5 distribution of KOGs from each species within the functional categories of metabolism (*Pm*: 1946 proteins,
6 18.45%; *Pe*: 2026 proteins, 18.31%; *Pf*: 2235 proteins, 17.05%), information storage and processing (*Pm*:
7 1188 proteins, 11.26%; *Pe*: 1312 proteins, 11.85%; *Pf*: 1413 proteins, 10.78%), and the category of poorly
8 characterized ones (*Pm*: 1285 proteins, 12.18%; *Pe*: 1379 proteins, 12.46%; *Pf*: 1511 proteins, 11.53%)
9 (S6 Fig.). The pattern was also conserved when the proteomes were annotated based on the 25
10 subcategories of KOG, in which case *P. fijiensis* generally exhibited the highest number of proteins
11 annotated in all but three of the sub-categories (i.e. N: Cell wall/membrane envelope biogenesis, Y:
12 Posttranslation modification, protein turnover, chaperones, and B: Replication, recombination and repair).
13 Proportionally to their proteome sizes, however, the three species do not exhibit any significantly large
14 differences in the percentage of proteins distributed across the 25 KOG subcategories (S6 Fig.), indicating
15 that, based on their KOG profiles, they execute a fairly similar spectrum of biological activities.

16 Further orthology-based comparative analysis of the species' gene and proteome complements indicated
17 that a total of 6307 protein-coding gene families containing at least one gene copy in each of the three
18 species were shared by all three species that represent their core proteome complement (Fig. 4A). KOG-
19 based functional annotations revealed that nearly a third (2076) of the core gene families encode
20 hypothetical proteins that could not be assigned to any of the four higher-level categories of KOG. A total
21 of 4782 KOG terms could be assigned to the remaining 4231 families, with the ones involved in "cellular
22 processing and signaling" (1508), and "metabolism" (1311) being more abundant as compared to families
23 involved in "information storage and processing" (1008) or are "poorly characterized" families with
24 unknown function (955) (S7 Fig.). Note that some gene families receiving KOG annotations could be
25 assigned to more than one functional category of KOG. Thus, the distribution of KOG annotations for the
26 core proteome of the three species follows a pattern similar to that of their individual full proteomes.
27 Perhaps not surprisingly based on the phylogenetic relationships of the three species, the proportion of
28 the *P. fijiensis* proteome (6975/13 107, 53.21%) included within the core proteome of the three species is
29 smaller as compared to *P. eumusae* (6886/11 064, 62.23%) and *P. musae* (6834/10 548, 64.78%),

1 indicating that the overall gene complement of this species is more divergent as compared to the gene
2 complements of the other two pathogens. Consequently, the number of species-specific protein-coding
3 genes retrieved from *P. fijiensis* (3442/13 107, 26.2%) was higher as compared to *P. eumusae* (1759/11
4 064, 15.9%) and *P. musae* (1867/10 548, 17.7%) (Fig. 4A), which is in line with the earlier branching of *P.*
5 *fijiensis* from the last common ancestor of all three species [13]. The KOG-based functional annotations
6 of the species-specific genes revealed that the overwhelming majority of these genes in *P. musae* (1652),
7 *P. eumusae* (1460), and *P. fijiensis* (2842) encode for hypothetical proteins with unknown function (S7
8 Fig.). Such genes may have been acquired after speciation events and perform novel functions, potentially
9 contributing significantly to the genome evolution and pathogenic diversification of the three species [14].

10 A BLAST-based search (e-value: 1e-5, alignment coverage > 50%) against all currently available fungal
11 genomes in the JGI database revealed that from the 6307 core protein-coding gene families, 234 are
12 lineage-specific to the Sigatoka species (Fig. 4B). Such gene families could embrace genes that are
13 important for virulence on the banana host, and are thus suitable candidates for follow-up functional
14 analyses or for use as molecular markers. Functional annotations showed that only 55 of the lineage-
15 specific gene families could be assigned to one of the functional categories of KOG, while 17 of the families
16 were predicted to encode for secreted proteins, including 6 putative effectors that could be required for
17 virulence specifically on the banana host (S8 Fig.). Similarly, of the species-specific genes, 2176, 1403,
18 and 1120 genes in *P. fijiensis*, *P. musae* and *P. eumusae*, respectively, are putative orphans, as no
19 homologs could be identified in none other species (Fig. 4B). The overwhelming majority of orphan genes
20 (~95%) in the three pathogens encode for hypothetical proteins without any protein domains or putative
21 functional roles assigned to them (S8 Fig.), suggesting that they may promote micro-evolutionary
22 divergence of the three species and likely virulence on the banana host as well.

23 **Analysis of copy-number variations (CNV) reveals parallel patterns of gene** 24 **family expansions and contractions between *P. fijiensis* and *P. eumusae*.**

25 Analysis of CNV among *P. musae*, *P. eumusae*, and *P. fijiensis* indicated that clustering of the species
26 based on the pattern of expansions and reductions in core gene families, and especially the ones related
27 to metabolism, is more respectful of the species virulence profiles rather than their evolutionary

1 relationships, suggesting that *P. fijiensis* and *P. eumusae* exhibit somewhat concerted patterns of CNV
2 (Fig. 6).

3 To investigate whether the pattern of parallel changes in size in gene families shared between *P. fijiensis*
4 and *P. eumusae* extended beyond core gene families, the analysis was expanded to include gene families
5 that are shared by at least two of the species but not necessarily the third one (i.e. it could be absent in
6 the third species). The number of equally sized gene families between either two of the three species was
7 then enumerated and further classified into three major groups, based on the pair of species that were
8 sharing the equivalent family sizes. For example, in group *Pe/Pf*, *P. eumusae* and *P. fijiensis* share equal
9 family sizes but different than *P. musae*, in group *Pe/Pm*, *P. eumusae* and *P. musae* share equal family
10 sizes but different than *P. fijiensis*, and finally in group *Pm/Pf*, *P. musae* and *P. fijiensis* share equal family
11 sizes but different than *P. eumusae*. To avoid uncertain CNV status, species-specific genes were not
12 considered in this analysis. Once more, the pairwise comparisons showed that a significantly higher
13 number of the gene families had exactly the same copy number shared between *P. eumusae* and *P.*
14 *fijiensis* (*Pe/Pf* group: 1742 gene families), rather than between *P. musae* and *P. fijiensis* (*Pm/Pf* group:
15 1127 gene families) or between *P. musae* and *P. eumusae* (*Pe/Pm* group: 945 gene families) (S9 Fig.).
16 This result reinforces the confidence that *P. eumusae* and *P. fijiensis* share a more similar pattern of gene
17 family expansions and contractions as compared to the other two pathogen pairs. KOG-based functional
18 annotations showed that of the gene families with CNV that can be assigned to a functional category of
19 KOG (2363 families), the majority are again mainly related to metabolism (33.0%, 780/2363 families),
20 followed by cellular processes and signaling (29.3%, 692/2363 families) and information storage and
21 processing (16.7%, 395/2363 families). Furthermore, for the families with CNV, *P. eumusae* and *P. fijiensis*
22 retain comparable copy numbers in almost all categories and subcategories of KOG as compared to the
23 other two species pairs.

24 Although clustering of *P. fijiensis* together with *P. eumusae*, when considering variations in gene families
25 related to metabolism, could be due to convergent expansions and contractions in these two species, an
26 alternative hypothesis is that it might be caused by changes that have taken place in *P. musae*. To
27 investigate this possibility, we followed an approach of observing in the nine Capnodiales species that
28 were previously used for phylogenetic reconstruction and estimation of divergence times (Fig. 3, S5 Fig.),

1 changes in gene copy numbers of their metabolic families. In specific, we first identified, based on KOG
2 annotations, gene families associated with metabolism in the nine Capnodiales species, and then using
3 the CNV for each family among the different species, we performed hierarchical clustering in order to
4 elucidate the pattern of copy number changes that has emerged during evolution. Hierarchical clustering
5 of the species based on copy number changes in the 1503 metabolic gene families that were identified in
6 at least one of the nine species, clustered *P. eumusae* together with *P. fijiensis*, supporting the occurrence
7 of parallel evolution (S10A Fig.). In addition, *P. musae* still clustered together with *P. eumusae* and *P.*
8 *fijiensis* (bootstrap value of 68), and not in another part of the dendrogram, suggesting that changes in
9 gene copy numbers in this species are not happening at a rate that is radically different from the other
10 species of Capnodiales included in the analysis. Changes in copy numbers among the 9 species of
11 Capnodiales occurred in 922 of the 1503 metabolic gene families, including 130 gene families that have
12 changed copy number only in *P. musae*, and which consequently could have directed the clustering of *P.*
13 *fijiensis* together with *P. eumusae*. However, excluding these 130 gene families from the analysis still
14 clustered the two more virulent species together (S10B Fig.), indicating that their clustering is likely due to
15 parallel expansions and contractions in these two species rather than changes that took place solely in *P.*
16 *musae*.

17 To further investigate which metabolic pathways are likely to have been affected by parallel changes in the
18 two more virulent species, we performed a GO (Gene Ontology)-based analysis and identified GO terms
19 that support the clustering of *P. eumusae* with *P. fijiensis*. Genome-wide GO-based functional annotations
20 were done using InterProScan. A total of 4590 (41.5%) proteins of *P. eumusae*, 4277 (40.5%) proteins of
21 *P. musae*, and 4930 (37.6%) proteins of *P. fijiensis* could be assigned at least one GO term in one of the
22 three higher-level ontology categories, i.e. biological process (BP), molecular function (MF) and cellular
23 component (CC). The majority of proteins from all three species were assigned GO terms in the BP
24 category (*P. eumusae*: 6440, *P. musae*: 6079, and *P. fijiensis*: 6775), followed by assignments in the MF
25 (*P. eumusae*: 5094, *P. musae*: 4791, and *P. fijiensis*: 5304) and CC categories (*P. eumusae*: 3776, *P.*
26 *musae*: 3561, and *P. fijiensis*: 4035). In the BP category, GO terms for metabolic (GO: 0008152) and cellular
27 processes (GO: 0009987) were particularly enriched in the genomes of the three species, while in the MF
28 and CC categories, GO terms for catalytic activity (GO: 0003824) and binding (GO: 0005488), and GO
29 terms for cell (GO: 0005623) and organelles (GO: 0043226), respectively, were the ones mostly enriched

1 (S11A Fig.). Hierarchical clustering of the species, based on the GO-distribution profiles (i.e. by
2 enumerating the number of genes assigned to each category of GO) of their entire proteomes, produced
3 the expected tree topology that was congruent with the species phylogenetic relationships (S11B Fig.). To
4 identify GO terms that define a tree topology that is respective of the species virulence profiles, we used a
5 random forest (RF) approach, a statistical method that can be used for an unbiased ranking and filtering
6 from large datasets of biomarkers (e.g. genes) that are associated with a given molecular signature or
7 pattern [15-17]. Using this approach, a total of 24 GO terms were identified that could possibly underlay
8 the clustering of *P. eumusae* together with *P. fijiensis*, when considering changes in the predicted
9 proteomes of the three species (S11C Fig.). Consequent mapping of these GO terms on a directed acyclic
10 graph (DAG) that illustrates the connections among the different terms in the form of parent-to-child
11 relationships, indicated that the majority of identified GO terms (16/24) are associated with metabolic
12 processes (GO: 0008152) (S12 Fig.). Included as child nodes are five terms that are directly related to
13 regulation of metabolic processes (GO: 0019222) such as regulation of primary metabolic processes (GO:
14 0080090), regulation of nitrogen compounds (GO: 0051171) and others, and six terms that are associated
15 with cellular metabolic processes (GO: 0044237) such as pyridine (GO: 0019507) and receptor (GO:
16 0043112) metabolic processes. Interestingly, among the identified GO terms that contribute to the
17 clustering of *P. eumusae* together with *P. fijiensis* is the one referring to pigmentation (GO: 0043473) (S12
18 Fig.), a feature that is known to play a role in virulence of fungi (Liu and Nizet 2009). Overall, the GO
19 analysis corroborated results from the KOG-based analysis that changes related to metabolism, such as
20 those related to the regulation of metabolic processes, have played an important role in the evolution of
21 virulence in the sigatoka disease complex.

22 **CAZy annotations and characterization of plant cell wall degrading enzymes**
23 **(PCWDEs) suggest small differences among the three species but also more**
24 **similar profiles for *P. eumusae* and *P. fijiensis* as compared to *P. musae*.**

25 Cellulose, hemicelluloses, and pectins are the main constituents of plant cell wall polysaccharides, but
26 their amount can vary significantly in different plant species. To enable their efficient degradation, fungi
27 produce an array of carbohydrate-active enzymes (CAZymes) that consequently play a major role in
28 defining their aggressiveness as plant pathogens and their ability to acquire different sources of organic

1 matter for their nutrition [18]. Traditionally, CAZymes have been organized into five major superfamilies,
2 comprised of glycoside hydrolases (GHs), glycosyltransferases (GTs), polysaccharide lyases (PLs),
3 carbohydrate esterases (CEs), and carbohydrate-binding modules (CBMs) [19]. Of these, CBMs do not
4 possess any catalytic properties but rather promote the interaction of the enzyme with the target
5 polysaccharide substrate, thus increasing the efficiency of catalysis. A sixth superfamily of alternative
6 enzymatic partners with auxiliary activities (AAs) has been recently added to the original five, which
7 incorporates lytic polysaccharide monooxygenases and redox enzymes that enhance the activity of the
8 original GH, PL and CE enzymes by promoting the oxidation of cell wall components [20].

9 To assess their ability to degrade and metabolize different polysaccharides, we annotated and compared
10 the repertoire of putative CAZymes present in *P. musae*, *P. eumusae* and *P. fijiensis*, with an emphasis on
11 the characterization of enzymes involved in the breakdown of plant cell walls (PCWs). To identify any
12 features specific to the three banana pathogens, we also contrasted their CAZyme profiles to those of 16
13 other Dothideomycetous fungi with different nutritional lifestyles and host specificities [2, 3]. Our CAZY
14 annotations revealed a total of 490, 501, and 516 CAZyme modules from all six major superfamilies in the
15 predicted proteomes of *P. musae*, *P. eumusae* and *P. fijiensis*, respectively (S13 Fig.). Of these, GHs are
16 the most abundant, exhibiting also the greatest variability in numbers and diversity at the individual family
17 level (S4 Table). More specifically, a total of 222, 236 and 244 putative GHs from 61, 60 and 59 different
18 GH families were recovered from the genomes of *P. musae*, *P. eumusae*, and *P. fijiensis*, respectively,
19 representing 45.3%, 47.1%, and 47.2% of their total CAZyomes. In contrast, GTs, CEs, PLPs, CBMs and
20 AAs for the three species accounted on average for approximately 21.3%, 12.4%, 1.4%, 14.8% and 12.4%
21 of their CAZyomes, respectively.

22 The high number of GHs encoded in genome of the three species and the relative proportions of the rest
23 of the CAZY superfamilies are in agreement to the numbers reported previously in other Dothideomycetous
24 fungi (S13 Fig.) [2, 3]. A Mann-Whitney U test indicated that the medians of the sums of GHs present in
25 the *P. eumusae*, *P. musae* and *P. fijiensis* lineage, on one hand, and the group of 16 Dothideomycetes, on
26 the other, are not significantly different to each other ($P = 0.433$). In a similar manner, the Mann-Whitney
27 U test also failed to detect any significant differences between these two groups, when considering the
28 rest of the CAZY superfamilies (GTs: $P = 0.081$, CEs: $P = 0.217$, AAs: $P = 0.157$, CBMs: $P = 0.157$, PLPs:

1 $P = 0.217$). However, at the individual family level many differences can be present between the two
2 groups (S4 Table; S14 Fig.). Family GH25, for example, which includes enzymes with lysozyme activities
3 that cleave the bacterial cell-wall polymer peptidoglycan and are produced by many organisms as a
4 defensive mechanism against bacteria [21], is only present in the three banana pathogens and the pine
5 tree pathogen *D. septosporum* but is absent in any of the other Dothideomycetes. Overall, the Mann-
6 Whitney U test indicated that 15 GH, 3 CE, 8 GT, 2 AA, and 5 CBM families are over- or under-represented
7 in the genomes of the three banana pathogens as compared to the other 16 species of Dothideomycetes
8 (S4 Table). Such differences in the specific enzymatic repertoire of different fungi are not uncommon and
9 are likely a reflection of their diverse nutritional strategies and adaptation to different hosts and the host
10 environment [18].

11 To further investigate whether there is an association between the arsenal of CAzymes present in each
12 species and their nutritional lifestyles, we performed hierarchical clustering based on the total number of
13 CAzymes present in each individual family. The clustering pattern of the species broadly followed their
14 taxonomic division into Capnodiales, Hysteriales and Pleosporales rather than their nutritional lifestyle,
15 although within each individual order many deviations from the expected species phylogeny could be
16 observed (Fig. 7). Of marked importance, *P. eumusae* clustered together once more with *P. fijiensis* rather
17 than *P. musae*, as expected based on the phylogenetic placement of the three species, indicating that *P.*
18 *eumusae* and *P. fijiensis* share additional complementary patterns of expansions and contractions in
19 CAZyme families. Such similarities in changes in family sizes between the two more aggressive on *Musa*
20 host species, could thus reflect adaptive expansions or contractions that would suggest that the
21 CAZyomes of these two species have converged towards a better exploitation of their banana host.

22 To look for functional bias in the pattern of expansions and contractions, as well as compare the relative
23 abundance of CAzymes in the three species, we inspected the putative biological roles that these enzymes
24 might have by assigning each CAZy family to its broader substrate preference and function. A closer
25 examination in the functional diversity of the CAzymes present in *P. musae*, *P. eumusae* and *P. fijiensis*,
26 revealed that cell wall degrading enzymes (CWDEs) constitute the majority of CAzymes encoded in their
27 genomes, representing 44.9% (220/490), 46.9% (235/501) and 47.1% (243/516) of their total CAZyomes,
28 respectively (S15 Fig.). Plant cell wall degrading enzymes (PCWDEs), in particular, are most numerous in

1 the three species, accounting for about a quarter of their CAZyomes (i.e. *Pm*: 119/490, 24.3%; *Pe*: 125/501,
2 25.0%; *Pf*: 130/516, 25.2%) (S5 Table). Moreover, within the group of PCWDEs, the ones directed towards
3 the degradation of hemicellulose (*Pm*: 54.6%, *Pe*: 55.2%, *Pf*: 53.1%) are found in higher numbers as
4 compared to enzymes involved in the decomposition or hemicellulose-pectin complexes (*Pm*: 21.0%, *Pe*:
5 22.4%, *Pf*: 21.5%), pectin (*Pm*: 21.0%, *Pe*: 20.8%, *Pf*: 22.3%), and cellulose (*Pm*: 3.4%, *Pe*: 1.6%, *Pf*: 3.1%)
6 (S5 Table). The higher number of hemicellulases in these species is not unusual among plant pathogenic
7 fungi, which in general have a much higher and more diverse arsenal of lignocellulolytic (i.e.
8 decomposition of cellulose, hemicellulose, and lignin) enzymes as compared to pectinases [3, 18]. It
9 should be noted that from the above calculations we excluded families such as GH1, GH3, GH5, and GH9,
10 whose members can act both on plant and fungal cell walls, and which have been placed in the generic
11 category of cell wall degraders.

12 Despite the fact that the three banana pathogens share similar numbers in PCWDEs, overall, they display
13 some differences at the individual family level. Such differences can be both in the diversity of families
14 present in each species as well as in the number of members in each family (S6 Table; S16 Fig.). More
15 specifically, from the total number of 34 CAZy families present in at least one of the three species and
16 associated with PCW decomposition, 29 of these families are found in all three species, two (GH11 and
17 GH95) are present in only two species, and three (GH74, GH39 and GH88) are present in just one of the
18 species. Also, 8 of the 35 families differ by two or more members among the three species (S6 Table; S16
19 Fig.). For example, when considering the GH43 family, one of the most abundant GH families in fungi that
20 includes enzymes for the enzymatic breakdown of hemicellulose-pectin complexes, *P. fijiensis* has 16
21 members encoded in each genome, while *P. eumusae* and *P. musae* have 19 and 14 members,
22 respectively. Also in this case, hierarchical clustering of the species based on their PCWDE distribution
23 profiles demonstrated that *P. eumusae* and *P. fijiensis* form a single group with strong bootstrap support,
24 thus revealing that they share more similar patterns of average family sizes for PCWDEs as compared to
25 *P. musae* (Fig. 7).

26 When compared to other Dothideomycetes, the median numbers of hemicellulases and other types of
27 PCWDEs present in the three species are not, based on Mann-Whitney U tests, significantly different from
28 the corresponding median numbers in the group of 16 Dothideomycetes or the subset of five

1 hemibiotrophic fungi from the Capnodiales clade (S6 Table) [2, 3]. Along the same lines, we could not
2 distinguish any clear differences in the overall arsenal of PCWDEs between monocot and dicot infecting
3 species. At the individual family level, however, the Mann-Whitney U test indicated that family GH74
4 involved in the degradation of cellulose is again underrepresented (or entirely missing) in the genomes of
5 *P. musae*, *P. eumusae*, and *P. fijiensis* as compared to the five hemibiotrophic species of Capnodiales. In
6 contrast, families CE1 and CE3 of esterases, whose members display hemicellulolytic activity, family
7 GH51, whose members are involved in the degradation of hemicellulose-pectin complexes, and families
8 GH78 and GH115, which include many enzymes with pectinolytic activity, are overrepresented in the
9 genomes of *P. musae*, *P. eumusae*, and *P. fijiensis* as compared to the five hemibiotrophic Capnodiales
10 (S6 Table). Such differences at the individual family level could be the result of adaptation of *P. musae*, *P.*
11 *eumusae*, and *P. fijiensis* to their banana host, as they are frequently observed among species adapted
12 on different host species. Similar observations at the individual family level could also be made when the
13 three species were compared to the larger group of 16 Dothideomycetes included in this study. Family
14 GH78, for example, which includes enzymes with α -L-rhamnosidase activity involved in the removal of L-
15 rhamnose from PCWs [22], is largely expanded in the genomes of *P. musae*, *P. eumusae* and *P. fijiensis*
16 as compared to the other 16 Dothideomycetes. The most prominent observation in comparisons with the
17 group of the 16 Dothideomycetes is that cellulolytic enzymes, in general, are clearly underrepresented in
18 the genomes of the three banana pathogens, as they are in the genomes of the other five Capnodiales
19 that were included in these comparisons (S6 Table).

20 **Annotation of the core enzymes involved in the biosynthesis of secondary**
21 **metabolites (SMs) reveals that the three Sigatoka species potentially produce**
22 **a diverse but only partially overlapping array of SMs.**

23 Filamentous fungi secrete numerous secondary metabolites (SMs) to alter and adapt to their environment
24 [23]. These low-molecular-weight metabolic products display a wide range of chemical structures that
25 translate into diverse biological functions and important ecological roles, including parasitic infection of
26 the host, antagonistic interactions with other microorganisms, and several others [23, 24]. For plant
27 pathogenic fungi, SMs are commonly produced during infection of the host and are important
28 determinants of fungal pathogenicity, also frequently defining the host range of the producing pathogen.

1 Host-specific toxins (HSTs), in particular, which are almost exclusively produced by plant-pathogenic
2 species of Dothideomycetes, are most frequently the products of secondary metabolism and play a
3 fundamental role in host-specialization of these pathogenic fungi [25]. In addition, many phytopathogenic
4 Dothideomycetes also produce an array on highly toxic SMs that function as non-HSTs against a wide
5 variety of plant species [23-25].

6 Inventory of the genes encoding for the four core enzyme types that catalyze the first committed step in
7 the biosynthesis of the major SM classes found in fungi (i.e. polyketide synthases:PKSs, non-ribosomal
8 peptide synthases: NRPSs, terpene synthases:TSs, and dimethylallyl tryptophan synthases:DMATs)
9 [23], identified a total of 28, 27, and 21 genes in the genomes of *P. musae*, *P. eumusae*, and *P. fijiensis*,
10 respectively. The majority of core enzymes in all three species are predicted as PKSs (7 in *Pm*: PksA-to-
11 PksG, 10 in *Pe*: Pks1-to-Pks10, and 7 in *Pf*: PksI-to-PksVII), followed by NRPSs (10 in *Pm*: NpsA-to-NpsK,
12 7 in *Pe*: Nps1-to-Nps6, and 8 in *Pf*: NpsI-to-NpsVII) or hybrid PKS-NRPSs (1 in *Pm*: PksNpsA, 2 in *Pe*:
13 PksNps1 and PksNps2, and 2 in *Pf*: PksNpsI and PksNpsII), and finally TSs (5 in *Pm*: TsA-to-TsG, 5 in *Pe*:
14 Ts1-to-Ts5, and 4 in *Pf*: Tsl-to-TsIV) (S7 Table). No DMATs were detected in any of the three species. The
15 number and type of core SM genes predicted in the genomes of the three banana pathogens are
16 comparable to those reported previously for other species of Capnodiales, including the close-related
17 tomato pathogen *F. fulva*, the wheat pathogen *Z. tritici*, and the poplar pathogen *S. populicola* [2, 3].
18 Unfortunately, a complete and reliable annotation of the full biosynthetic gene clusters in which the
19 identified core SM genes are embedded was not possible, mainly due to the highly fragmented genome
20 assemblies, especially for *P. eumusae* and *P. musae*.

21 Analysis by AntiSMASH and manual curations of the domain architectures of the core enzymes indicated
22 that nearly all of the PKSs present in the predicted proteome of the three species belong to the subcategory
23 of iterative type I PKSs, with a higher number predicted in *P. eumusae* ($n=10$) than in *P. musae* ($n=7$)
24 and in *P. fijiensis* ($n=6$) (S7 Table). As expected, no type II PKSs were found in any of the three species,
25 while one type III was identified in *P. eumusae*, in agreement with the rare presence of these two PKS types
26 in fungi. Moreover, with the exception of Pks5 from *P. eumusae*, all other type I PKSs from the three species
27 contain at least the minimum set of ketosynthase (KS), acyltransferase (AT), and acyl carrier protein (ACP)
28 domains and are thus likely to be functional. Inspection of their predicted domain architectures also

1 indicated that 4 of the PKSs from *P. musae* (PksB, PksC, PksE, PksF), 5 from *P. eumusae* (Pks2, Pks3,
2 Pks7, Pks8, Pks10), and 3 from *P. fijiensis* (PksII, PksIII, PksVI) can be further classified as non-reducing
3 type (NR), suggesting that they are involved in the biosynthesis of aromatic compounds. The remaining 3
4 PKSs from *P. musae* (PksA, PksD, PksG), 4 from *P. eumusae* (Pks1, Pks4, Pks6, Pks9), and 3 from *P.*
5 *fijiensis* (PksI, PksIV, PksV) can accordingly be classified as highly (HR) or partially-reducing (PR) PKSs
6 (S7 Table), alluding to the production of aliphatic compounds or reduced polyketide chains, respectively.

7 To better understand the type of SMs that might be produced by the three species, we performed a
8 phylogenetic analysis with other fungal core PKS enzymes that are involved in the biosynthesis of well
9 characterized SMs, such as aflatoxins, fumonisins, and others (S17 Fig.). A comprehensive list and
10 annotation of these SMs is included in the recent publications by Collemare et al (2014) [26] and Gallo et
11 al (2013) [27]. Our phylogenetic analysis also included PKS-NRPSs, as these enzymes produce related
12 hybrid polyketide structures. To avoid biasing the results, only the highly conserved KS and AT domains
13 were used for tree construction. The analysis showed that most of the NR-PKSs from the three banana
14 pathogens could be clustered with high support (ML bootstrap values $\geq 80\%$) with enzymes that are
15 involved in the biosynthesis of known phyto- and mycotoxins in other fungi, and could be involved in the
16 production of structural analogs with matching backbones. More specifically, PksE from *P. musae* as well
17 as Pks6 and Pks7 from *P. eumusae* were found clustered with the Pks13 from *Fusarium graminearum* (ML
18 bootstrap of 84%), which together with the reducing Pks4 from the same species are involved in the
19 production of zearalenone, a notorious mycotoxin produced by species of *Fusarium* spp. with estrogenic
20 activity in animals [28]. However, despite the fact that the *P. eumusae* Pks6 is annotated as a reducing
21 type, both *P. eumusae* and *P. musae* seem to lack orthologues of Pks4 from *F. graminearum*, and thus,
22 they are unlikely to produce zearalenone [29]. Moreover, the orthologous PksC, Pks3, and PksIII enzymes
23 from *P. musae*, *P. eumusae*, and *P. fijiensis*, respectively were clustered (bootstrap value of 99%) with core
24 enzymes that mediate the biosynthesis of the anthraquinone endocrocin in species of *Aspergillus* spp.
25 Anthraquinones are well-known for their array of industrial and medical uses but also as precursors to the
26 synthesis of aflatoxin intermediates [30]. Clustered with the orthologous PksB, Pks2, and PksII (bootstrap
27 of 100%) from *P. musae*, *P. eumusae*, and *P. fijiensis*, respectively, was EfPks1, which is involved in the
28 biosynthesis of elsinochromes in the citrus pathogen *Elsinoë fawcettii*, a group of light-activated, non-host
29 specific toxins with a role in pathogenesis for this Dothideomycete species [31]. Along the same lines,

1 Pks10 from *P. eumusae* was orthologous to Ctb1 from *Cercospora nicotinae*, which is required for the
2 biosynthesis of the light-activated, non-HST cercosporin in this fungal species [32]. Although cercosporin
3 production has, to the best of our knowledge, not yet been reported outside the genus of *Cercospora*, the
4 production of photoactivated phytotoxins by the three pathogens that constitute the Sigatoka disease
5 complex has been frequently observed under various conditions [33-38]. Thus, our analysis of core SM
6 genes corroborates these earlier experimental findings, suggesting the possible involvement of light-
7 activated phytotoxins in the pathogenesis of the three species. Finally, PksF and Pks8 from *P. musae* and
8 *P. eumusae*, respectively, are likely orthologous to core enzymes involved in the biosynthesis of
9 azaphilones, a structurally diverse class of fungal metabolites that exhibit a wide range of biological
10 activities, including antimicrobial, antifungal and antioxidant activities [39]. Similarly to NR-PKSs, analysis
11 of orthologous relationships among HR-PKSs and PR-PKSs from the three banana pathogens and other
12 fungi showed strong clustering (bootstrap value of 100%) of the Pks4 and PksIV enzymes from *P. eumusae*
13 and *P. fijiensis*, respectively, with Fum1 from *Fusarium oxysporum*, the key enzyme involved in the
14 biosynthesis of fumonisin. Fumonisin is a non-HST with a role in virulence of *Fusarium* spp. and are
15 particularly notorious for the diverse mycotoxicoses that they can cause in animals and humans [40].
16 Strong clustering (bootstrap value of 100%) was also seen between Pks9 from *P. eumusae* and PksN from
17 *Alternaria solani*, an enzyme involved in the biosynthesis of the decaketide compound alternapyrone [41],
18 while the *P. musae* PksD and PksV enzymes were grouped with the *Alternaria alternata* DEP5, which is
19 involved in the biosynthesis of depudecin, an inhibitor of histone deacetylase (HDAC) with a minor role in
20 virulence of *A. brassicicola* on cabbage [42]. Finally, none of the hybrid PKS-NRPS enzymes from the
21 three species were strongly clustered with any of the known fungal core enzymes included in this study.
22 Taken together, the phylogenetic analysis indicates that although the three pathogens share some
23 orthologous core PKS enzymes, they still exhibit considerable variation in the arsenal of SMs that they
24 potentially produce, some of which may bear structural similarity, at least in their backbone structure, to
25 already characterized phyto- and mycotoxins.

26 Similar overall results were extracted by an analysis of the NRPSs present in the three banana pathogens
27 (S18 Fig.). Like PKSs, NRPSs are megasynthases consisting of several enzymatic modules that elongate
28 the backbone amino acid chain according to the collinearity rule. The minimal set of core domains required
29 for a functional NRPSs module are an amino acid adenylation domain (A), a thiolation (T) or peptidyl carrier

1 protein (PCP) domain, and a condensation domain (C), while additional optional domains maybe present
2 as well. Domain annotations indicated that the majority of NRPSs predicted in the genome of the three
3 banana pathogens are putatively functional, consisting of one or several repeats of the three elemental
4 domains present in NRPSs. Exception are two NRPSs in *P. musae* (NpsH and NpsK), one in *P. eumusae*
5 (Nps6), and one in *P. fijiensis* (NpsVII), which lack at least one of the three core domains and which thus
6 may be non-functional. Phylogenetic analysis based on the A domains of the fungal NRPS and NRPS-like
7 enzymes included in the recent study by Collemare et al. (2014) [26] and the A domains of the NRPS
8 enzymes encoded in the genomes of the three banana pathogens, indicated mostly weak clustering
9 among the various NRPSs and the presence of only a handful of clearly identifiable orthologs. More
10 specifically, the analysis showed that NRPSs from the three banana pathogens are mainly present within
11 three of the nine subfamilies in which fungal NRPSs can be classified [43], i.e. the subclasses of
12 siderophore synthases (SID), cyclosporine synthases (CYCLO) and Eucaryote-only synthases (EAS).
13 Within the SID subgroup, the three A domains of the multimodular NpsA, Nps1, and NpsI enzymes from
14 *P. musae*, *P. eumusae*, and *P. fijiensis*, respectively, were seen clustered with high to median support (ML
15 bootstrap values of 71%, 83% and 98%) with the corresponding A domains of the SSM1 and Nps2
16 siderophore synthetases from *Magnaporthe oryzae* and *Cochiobolus heterostrophus*, respectively, which
17 catalyze the first step in the biosynthesis of the intracellular storage siderophore ferricrocin. This hexa-
18 peptide was shown to be essential for several biological processes, including conidiation (*Aspergillus*
19 *nidulans* and *Neurospora crassa*) and germination of conidiospores (*A. nidulans*), sexual development (*A.*
20 *nidulans*), oxidative stress resistance (*A. nidulans*), and virulence on host plants (*Pa. oryzae*) [44-46]. Within
21 the CYCLO subgroup, NpsV from *P. fijiensis* is a monomodular enzyme with no homologs in the other two
22 species, while the orthologous NpsB, Nps2, and NpsII from *P. musae*, *P. eumusae*, and *P. fijiensis*,
23 respectively, are hybrid multimodular enzymes with two A domains, one of which is clustered within the
24 CYCLO clade and the other within the EAS clade. Within the EAS subgroup, weak clustering (bootstrap of
25 69%) was seen between NpsG from *P. musae* with SidD and Nps6 from *Aspergillus fumigatus* and *Bipolaris*
26 *maydis*. Homologues of SidD and Nps6 are broadly conserved among siderophore-producing
27 ascomycetes and are virulence determinants in many plant pathogenic fungi, most likely being involved
28 in the biosynthesis of coprogen-type siderophores [47]. Also, a blast search of the published NRPSs
29 (NPS1-12) in *B. maydis* [46] [48] against the three genomes, next to the homologs mentioned above,

1 yielded a homolog of *B. maydis* Nps10 in all three species (i.e. NpsJ, Nps7 and NpsVIII). Although the
2 function of this encoded product of this gene is unknown [48], it is the most conserved NRPS in all
3 Dothideomycetes genomes examined so far [36]. Finally, a phylogenetic tree of the fungal TSs
4 orthologous to the ones present in the three species that constitute the Sigatoka disease complex is also
5 presented at [S19 Fig](#).

6 **Effector characterization indicates that the three pathogens exhibit** 7 **overlapping but still very dissimilar repertoires of candidate effectors.**

8 The secretome, or extracellular proteome, constitutes a dynamic part of the proteome, and secretome
9 analysis offers the means to understanding microbial pathogenicity and host-adaptation. Effectors, in
10 particular, are low molecular weight proteins that are secreted by microbes during pathogenesis to
11 suppress or evade the host immune system and thus, aid the proliferation of disease [49, 50]. The use of
12 comparative genomics within a phylogenetic framework has revealed large differences in effector
13 repertoires among plant pathogens specializing on the same or different hosts, which contributes to, and
14 even sometimes defines, the underlying differences in virulence and host specificity. Thus, differences in
15 effector repertoires can be indicative of changes in virulence and evolutionary adaptations on specific
16 hosts, whereas similarities can reveal the pathogenic core utilized by microbes to infect their hosts. We
17 have recently shown, for example, that homologs of the Avr4 and Ecp2 effector proteins from the tomato
18 pathogen *F. fulva* are present in *P. fijiensis* and other Dothideomycetes, and despite the low levels of
19 sequence homology shared among them, their intrinsic function is mostly conserved [2, 51, 52].

20 To gain a deeper insight into the pathogenic potential of the three species that constitute the Sigatoka
21 disease complex, we characterized their secretomes, placing an emphasis on identifying and comparing
22 their arsenal of candidate effector repertoires. We broadly defined as effectors the subgroup of secreted
23 proteins that were shorter than 250 amino acids in length with a cysteine content that was at least two-fold
24 higher than the average cysteine content of the full proteome in the individual species [3]. We used the
25 arbitrary chosen length of 250 amino acids and not 200 used previously in other comparative genomics
26 studies within Dothideomycetes [2, 3, 46] as some already characterized effectors (e.g Ecp2-3 of *P.*
27 *fijiensis*, 239 amino acids) are larger than 200 amino acids in length [51, 52]. By reciprocal BlastP best hit
28 (e-value: 1e-5) analysis implemented in OrthoMCL, we also retrieved the set of candidate effector proteins

1 shared by the three species, while BlastP (e-value: $1e^{-5}$, alignment coverage > 50%) against the NCBI nr
2 database and the JGI fungal genome database was used to identify putative homologs in other fungal
3 species and beyond. As for the full proteome, we defined “core”, as those effectors shared by the three
4 species and other fungal species as well, while we classified “lineage-specific” as the subset of core
5 effectors that are present only in the three pathogens that constitute the Sigatoka disease complex. We
6 also considered effectors that are found in only one of the three pathogens but not in the other two as
7 “species-specific”, while we classified “orphans” as the subcategory of species-specific effectors that do
8 not have homologs in any other fungal species.

9 Secretome and effector identification was performed using the bioinformatics workflow presented in [S20](#)
10 [Fig.](#), which consisted of a number of filtering steps that progressively increased the probability of
11 identifying truly secreted proteins and effectors [53]. A total of 612, 638, and 584 secreted proteins were
12 predicted in the genomes *P. musae*, *P. eumusae*, and *P. fijiensis*, respectively, indicating that the three
13 species employ secretome arsenals of comparable size to the secretomes of most other hemi-biotrophic
14 fungi, but smaller as compared to necrotrophic pathogens (Mann-Whitney U test, P -value = 0.01) ([S8](#)
15 [Table](#)). Using the criteria listed above, a total of 110, 112, and 105 putative effector proteins could be
16 retrieved from the predicted secretomes of *P. musae*, *P. eumusae*, and *P. fijiensis*, respectively. Pfam and
17 homology-based functional annotations of the effector arsenal of the three species indicated that included
18 among the core effectors shared by the three banana pathogens and other fungi are three paralogs of
19 Ecp2 (i.e. Ecp2-1, Ecp2-2, and Ecp2-3) [52] and homologs of the *F. fulva* Ecp6 [54] and Avr4 [55] chitin-
20 binding effectors ([S9 Table](#)). Notably, a second paralog of Avr4, which we termed Avr4-2, could be found
21 in the genome of the three banana pathogens and other Dothideomycetous fungi as well. Whether Avr4-2
22 has a function similar to Avr4 is currently unknown. Almost all other core effectors have hits to hypothetical
23 proteins in other fungi and do not contain any functional domains based on Pfam annotations. Also none
24 of the lineage-specific effector families matched to Pfam domains, while Pfam-based functional
25 annotations of the orphan effectors in each species indicated that except for one effector from *P. musae*
26 that has a Pfam hit to a Rapid Alkalinization Factor (RALF) domain (PF05498), all others could not be
27 assigned a specific function and thus represent novel effectors ([S9 Table](#)). Notably, RALFs are a family of
28 ubiquitous plant-derived secreted peptides that induce rapid apoplast alkalization upon pathogen infection
29 and regulate other important aspects of plant growth and development [56]. Although RALFs are

1 presumably restricted only to plants [57], a functional RALF-like protein has been recently reported in the
2 plant pathogenic fungus *Fusarium oxysporum* in which it promotes pathogenicity on tomato plants and
3 has presumably been acquired from plants through horizontal gene transfer [58]. Thus, the presence of a
4 RALF-like secreted protein in *P. musae* could represent a similar case of a horizontally derived effector
5 from plants with a yet unknown role in virulence of the fungus. Of the species-specific effectors present in
6 each species, four could be functionally annotated in *P. eumusae*, including a homologue of the Ecp1
7 effector protein from *F. fulva* [50] and of the MgSM1 cerato-platanin protein family effector from *Pa. oryzae*
8 [59] (S9 Table). Both these effectors are shown to be virulence factors in their respective species and thus
9 their homologs in *P. eumusae* might have a similar role in virulence as well. The third effector from *P.*
10 *eumusae* had a hit to MD-2-related lipid-recognition (ML) domain (PF02221, which is implicated in lipid
11 recognition. Similarly, six of the species-specific effectors *P. musae* could receive Pfam-based functional
12 annotations with hits to a Rare lipoprotein A (RlpA) domain (PF03330), a Lipocalin-like domain (PF08212,
13 a multicopper oxidase (PF07731), a fungal hydrophobin (PF06766), and finally a putative Ecp2-like
14 necrosis-inducing factor domain (PF14856) (S9 Table). This could potentially represent a 4th paralog of the
15 Ecp2 effector family present in *P. musae*, although its sequence is highly diverse as compared to the other
16 three Ecp2 paralogs present in this species. Finally, search for Pfam domains in the species-specific
17 effectors of *P. fijiensis* identified one effector with a hit to the Ser-Thr-rich glycosyl-phosphatidyl-inositol-
18 anchored membrane family (PF10342), two effectors with a hit to a cutinase (PF01083) and a peptidase
19 (PF13933) enzyme, respectively and two more effectors containing putative RALF domains (PF05498) (S9
20 Table). Neither of these two effectors, however, shared significant homology over the entire protein to the
21 RALF-like effector identified in *P. musae*.

22 The clustering analysis suggests that the three pathogens, despite their very close evolutionary
23 relationships, common infection biology and host range, exhibit a considerably diverse arsenal of effector
24 proteins that could have contributed to their differences in virulence. However, caution needs to be taken
25 regarding the numbers listed above, as when the effector repertoire of each species was used as query in
26 Blastp searches (e-value: 1e-5, alignment coverage > 50%) against the entire proteome of the other two
27 species, then additional putative homologs could be identified that were not annotated as effectors, either
28 because they were larger than 250 amino acids in length or because they were not predicted as secreted
29 proteins in the other species (S9 Table; S21B-D Fig.). For example, BlastP-based query of the *P. eumusae*

1 effector repertoire against the predicted effectorome and proteome of *P. musae*, returned 39 and 75 protein
2 hits, respectively, indicating that the true number of effectors shared by the two species could be
3 considerably higher. From the additional 36 proteins that were retrieved as blast hits against the entire
4 proteome of *P. musae*, 7 were larger than 250 amino acids, while the remaining 29 were missing a signal
5 peptide. Manual curation of a randomly selected set of six of these non-secreted proteins indicated that in
6 two cases they represented misannotations and an alternative ORF could be found that corresponded to
7 a putatively homologous secreted protein. When considering all the blastp hits of a species effectorome
8 against the entire predicted proteome of the other two species, then the number of species-specific and
9 orphan effectors is reduced to 33 and 20 in *P. musae*, 27 and 17 for *P. eumusae*, and 43 and 36 in *P.*
10 *fijiensis*, respectively (S9 Table; S21B-D Fig.). This, however, still remains a relatively high number of
11 species-specific and orphan effectors in each species, while *P. eumusae* and *P. musae* continue to share
12 a larger number of putative homologous effectors as compared to putative effectors shared between *P.*
13 *fijiensis* and *P. eumusae* or between *P. fijiensis* and *P. musae*.

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