

**P-033: Secondary metabolites in seed development of *Musella lasiocarpa***

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*Musella lasiocarpa*, a member of the Musaceae (Fig.1), is an endangered endemic banana species in Southwestern China [1]. The plant has no importance as food source but it is well-known as an ornamental plant. We were interested in the built-up of secondary metabolites in the seeds during their development to complement the knowledge on developmental biology of *Musa* species [2]. Seeds of different developmental stages were sampled and analyzed for their metabolic profiles by high performance liquid chromatography coupled with high-resolution electrospray ionization mass spectrometry (HPLC-HRESIMS) and fluorescence detection (FLD). The identity of metabolites was elucidated by means of nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy (NMR) which eventually enabled us to construct a timetable of emerging metabolites formed during seed development.



Figure 1: *Musella lasiocarpa* (Musaceae)

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