Supplemental Information

Methods

Metabolite analyses. For metabolomics analyses of *Siraitia* tissues, frozen tissue was ground in liquid nitrogen (IKA A11 homogenizer, IKA®-Werke GmbH & Co., Staufen, Germany). 600 μl of methanol: water (1:1) was added to 200 mg fine ground powder and the resulting mixture was vortexed for 30 seconds, sonicated for 15 min and vortexed again for 30 seconds. The sample was cleaned of debris by centrifugation (20,000g) and by filtration using PTFE 0.2 μm syringe filters (Axiva, Sigma Chemicals). For metabolic analyses of transgenic tobacco leaves expressing SgCDS under the CaMV promoter, mature leaves were freeze dried and 200 mg fine ground powder were extracted with 600 mL of 80% MeOH as described above. Chromatographic separations and identifications HPLC-DAD analysis was carried out on an Agilent 1200 HPLC system with an Agilent 1200 Diode Array Detector. The analytical column used was Zorbax Eclipse XDB - C18 (4.6x50.0 mm, 1.8 μm, Agilent Technologies, USA). The mobile phase contained A, H_2O ; B, 100% HPLC grade acetonitrile. The column was equilibrated with 77% A, and the sample was injected, reaching 80% B gradient after 10 min. The mobile phase flow was 1.5 mL/min. The semi-preparative column used was: Luna 5μ C18(2) 100A, 250x10mm (Phenomenex, USA). The mobile phase contained A, $H₂O$; B, 100% HPLC grade acetonitrile. For semi-preparative mogroside separation, the column was equilibrated with 77% A, and then 100 μl of sample was injected, reaching 33% B after 5 min and 90% B after 12 min. For cucurbitadienol-like molecules, the column was equilibrated with 40% A, and then 100 µl of sample was injected, reaching 95% B gradient after 9 min, and then reaching 100% B after 34 minutes and running it for six minutes, before returning to 60% B. The mobile phase flow for semi-preparative column was 5 mL/min. Each substance was identified by co-migration with standards and by matching the UV spectrum of each mogroside peak against that of a standard. Portions of eluted and collected peaks were taken also for analysis in LC-MS. The LC-MS analysis was carried out on an Agilent 1290 Infinity series liquid chromatograph coupled with an Agilent 1290 Infinity DAD and Agilent 6224 Accurate Mass Time of Flight (TOF) mass spectrometer (MS). The analytical column was: Zorbax Extend-C18 Rapid Resolution HT column (2.1x50.0 mm, 1.8 μm, Agilent Technologies, Waldbronn, Germany) Mass spectrometry was performed using an Agilent 6224 Accurate Mass TOF LC-MS System equipped with dualsprayer orthogonal ESI (for mogroside glucosylation assays) or APCI (for cucurbitadienol and hydroxylated derivatives) sources (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, USA). The mobile phase contained A, $H₂O$; B, 100% HPLC grade acetonitrile, both with 0.1% formic acid. The column was equilibrated with 100% A, and then the sample was injected, reaching 50% B gradient after 10 min. The mobile phase flow was 0.4 mL/min. Eluting compounds were subjected to dual ESI source, with one sprayer for analytical flow and one for the reference compound (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, USA). The ESI source was operated in positive mode with the following settings: Gas and vaporizer temp- 300ºC; drying gas flow of 8 L/min and nebulizer set to 35 psig. VCap set to 3000 V; and Fragmentor to 110 V. Scan mode of the mass detector was set (110–1000 m/z). Each substance was identified by co-migration with commercial standards and by matching the mass spectrum of putative peak against that of a standard and expected exact mass. The chromatogram was initially analyzed by MassHunter Qualitative Analysis software v.B.06.00 (Agilent) and further analyzed by MassHunter Mass Profiler software v.B.05.00 (Agilent). Cucurbitadienol and hydroxylation products were separated by a modified program as follows. The column was equilibrated with 5 % B at a flow rate of 0.3 mL/min for 1.5 min. Eluent B was then increased to 95 % till 6 min, raised to 100 % B at 12 till 15 min and restored to 5 % by 16.5 min. The flow rate of the mobile phase was 0.3 mL/min and the column oven temperature was 40ºC. Eluting compounds were subjected to positive APCI source, with one sprayer for analytical flow and one for the reference compound (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, USA). The APCI source was operated in positive mode with the following settings: Gas and vaporizer temp- 350ºC; drying gas flow of 5 L/min and nebulizer set to 40 psig. VCap set to 3500 V; corona needle 7 µA and Fragmentor to 140 V. Scan mode of the mass detector was applied $(110-1000 \text{ m/z})$.

Standards. Triterpenoids were identified by comparison of their exact mass, mass spectrum and retention times of purchased standards (squalene, 2,3-epoxysqualene, lanosterol, Sigma-Aldrich; 2,3,22,23-diepoxysqualene, Echelon Biosciences, Salt Lake City, UT, USA) and of prepared mogroside standards, as below. Standards of Mogroside VI, Mogroside V, Isomogroside V, 11-oxoMogrosideV, Mogroside IVA and Siamenoside were generously provided by The Coca Cola Company and described in (1). To obtain mogrosides with lower degree of glycosylation, as well as the aglycone mogrol, we performed enzymatic and acid hydrolysis of Mogroside V, as described below. Cellulase: 10 mg of Mogroside V were incubated (shaking at 200 rpm) together with 25mg cellulase of *Trichoderma reesii* (Sigma) for 48hours in 10 mL sodium acetate buffer (0.1M, pH4.3) at 42° C. Reaction mix with accumulated Mogroside III and Mogroside II-A (M2c) was dried by lyophilisation, dissolved in 1 mL of Methanol: H_2O (1:1) and separated using semi-preparative HPLC, as above. Mild acid hydrolysis: 10 mg of Mogroside V were incubated in 0.2N HCl in methanol at 90° C for 3h. Then, the reaction mix with accumulated Mogroside II-A1 (M2x), Mogroside 1 and Mogrol was lyophilized, dissolved in 1 mL of Methanol: $H_2O(1:1)$ and separated using semi-preparative HPLC. The structures of newly acquired substances were verified by NMR, described below.

TLC. To isolate preparative amounts of cucurbitane-like substances prior to final purification on HPLC system, total extracts of yeast accumulating the products of the C11 and C19 CYP hydroxylases were applied to TLC silica gel 60 with concentrating zone 20x2.5cm (Merck KGaA, Germany). The TLC solvent system used for isolation of less polar compounds $(C_{30}H_{50}O_2)$, was hexane/petroleum-ether/ethyl-acetate 10/10/10 (vol/vol/vol). The solvent system used for isolation of more polar compounds (oxidocucurbitadienol) was hexane/petroleum-ether/ethyl-acetate 15/15/7.5 (vol/vol/vol). When the front reached middle of the plate, an additional 15 parts of ethyl-acetate were added into the solvent system. The TLC run continued until the front reached 1 cm from the upper edge of the plate. Bands were visualized using ρ-anisaldehyde/sulphuric acid/acetic acid (2) (1:1:48, vol/vol/vol), as well as by UV. The silica fractions were carefully removed from the aluminum base, and components were extracted by vortexing (30s) in 10 mL of methanol, filtered and further evaporated under a gentle flow of nitrogen gas. Each fraction was resuspended in 1 mL methanol, and checked on LC-MS for presence of the substances of interest.

NMR. NMR spectra were run in a Bruker Avance-III-700 instrument in CD₃OD as a solvent containing TMS as internal reference, at 300K. In addition to $1D⁻¹H$ and ^{13}C spectra (at 700.5 and 176.1 MHz, respectively), we also performed three 2D experiments: COSY (${}^{1}H\times {}^{1}H$ correlation) HMQC (one-bond ${}^{1}H\times {}^{13}C$ correlation) and HMBC (long-range ${}^{1}H\times {}^{13}C$ correlation); this permitted the assignment of every carbon and proton signals in the molecules (see Table S8) and confirmed the molecular structures.

DNA isolation, RNA isolation, library preparation and sequencing. DNA isolation was performed using the GenEluteTM Plant Genomic DNA miniprep kit (Sigma, St.Louis, MO). The quality of the DNA was analyzed by ND-1000 spectrophotometer (Nanodrop Technologies, Wilmington, DE) and by electrophoresis on agarose gel. The concentration of DNA was estimated using Qubit® 2.0 Fluorometer (Life technologies, Singapore) and Qubit® dsDNA BR Assay Kit. Genomic DNA samples were sent to the W.M. Keck Center for Comparative and Functional Genomics (University of Illinois, USA) for the preparation of DNA libraries for sequencing. Construction of shotgun genomic, mate-pair and TSLR DNA libraries and sequencing on the HiSeq2500 were carried out at the Roy J. Carver Biotechnology Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC). The shotgun genomic DNA libraries were constructed from 1µg of DNA after sonication with a Covaris M220 (Covaris, MA) with the Library Preparation Kit from Kapa Biosystems (Kapa Biosystems, MA). The libraries were loaded onto a 2% agarose gel and fragments 120bp to 330bp and 360 to 510bp in length were recovered for the final libraries with the QIAquick gel extraction kit (Qiagen, CA). Mate-pair libraries were prepared with the Nextera Mate-Pair Sample Preparation Kit (Illumina, CA). Briefly, 10ug of high quality genomic DNA was subjected to two tagmentation reactions and run on a 0.6% Megabase agarose gel. Genomic fragments 5-7kb and 8-10kb were size selected, purified on an EluTrap (GE Healthcare Life Sciences, Piscataway, NJ) and circularized. The circles were sonicated with a Covaris M220 and enriched for those fragments containing the biotinylated circularization adaptor. Enriched fragments were end-repaired, A-tailed, adaptored and PCR amplified with the TruSeq DNA Sample Prep kit (Illumina). Four TSLR libraries were constructed with the TruSeq Synthetic Long-Read DNA Library Prep kit (Illumina, CA) following the manufacturer's protocols. The final libraries were run on Agilent bioanalyzer DNA high-sensitivity chips (Agilent, Santa Clara, CA) to determine the average fragment size and to confirm the presence of DNA of the expected size range. They were also quantitated by qPCR on a BioRad CFX Connect Real-Time System (Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc. CA) prior to pooling and sequencing. The shotgun and mate-pair libraries were pooled in equimolar concentration based on the qPCR concentration and sequenced on an Illumina HiSeq2500. The DNA fragments were sequenced for 101 cycles from each end using TruSeq SBS sequencing kits v3. The raw .bcl files were converted into demultiplexed compressed fastq files using bcl2fastq v1.8.2 Conversion Software (Illumina). Each TSLR library was sequenced on one lane on an Illumina HiSeq 2500 for 161 cycles from each end of the fragments using Rapid SBS sequencing kits v1. The runs were streamed to BaseSpace and assembled into long reads using the integrated TruSeq Long Read Assembly Software from Illumina.

RNA isolation. Total RNA was isolated using a modification to the method of Verwoerd *et al*. (3) from: (1) *Siraitia* fruits (mix of at least 3 fruit from each stage) harvested during development between 15 DAA to 103 DAA (15, 34, 50, 77, 90, 103 DAA) and, (2) leaves, stems and roots. Briefly, frozen, uniformly ground samples $(-3-4)$ g) were mixed by vortexing in a 50-mL tube with 10 mL hot extraction buffer (80ºC) enclosing equal parts of phenol and RNA isolation buffer contained 0.1 M Tris-HCI (pH 8.0), 0.1 M LiCl, 0.01 M EDTA, 1% (w/v) SDS. After vortexing for 30 second 6 mL mix of chloroform-3-methylbutanol (24:1, v/v) was added, vortexed and centrifuged at 4000*g* for 7 min. The aqueous phase was transferred to a new 50-mL tube and an equal volume of 4 M LiCl was added to the solution. RNAs are allowed to precipitate overnight and collected by centrifugation 12,000 *g* for 10 min at 4º C. The resulting RNA pellet was dissolved in 0.5 mL diethylpyrocarbonate (DEPC) water. After re-precipitation with $1/10$ volume of 3 M sodium acetate (pH 5.3) and 2 volumes 95% ethanol, the pellet was dissolved in 100 µL DEPC water. The quality of the RNA was analyzed by ND-1000 spectrophotometer (Nanodrop Technologies, Wilmington, DE) and by electrophoresis on a formaldehyde agarose gel. Total RNA samples were sent to the W.M. Keck Center for Comparative and Functional Genomics (University of Illinois, USA) for the preparation of Illumina RNA-Seq libraries and sequencing.

De novo **transcriptome assembly and annotation.** Raw reads were subjected to a cleaning procedure using the FASTX Toolkit [\(http://hannonlab.cshl.edu/fastx_toolkit/](http://hannonlab.cshl.edu/fastx_toolkit/index.html) [index.html,](http://hannonlab.cshl.edu/fastx_toolkit/index.html) version 0.0.13.2) including: (1) removing adaptors from reads using fastx barcode splitter (2) trimming read-end nucleotides using fastx trimer; (3) removing sequencing artifacts using fastx artifacts_filter (4) removing reads that had less than 70% base pairs with quality score \leq 22 using fastq_quality_filter, (5) removing poly A-tails from the high quality reads using EMBOSS 6.4: trimmest, (6) removing rRNA, mtDNA and chloroplast sequences. A total of ~119 million clean reads, obtained after processing and cleaning, including 9 single-end libraries of 100bp from 15DAA (days after anthesis), 34DAA, 50DAA, 77DAA, 90DAA,

103DAA fruit, stem, leaves and root) were assembled *de novo* using the CLC-BIO program [\(http://www.clcbio.com/files/appnotes/CLC_bio_RNA.pdf](http://www.clcbio.com/files/appnotes/CLC_bio_RNA.pdf)). The resulting transcripts were annotated using the Basic Local Alignment Search Tool (BLASTX) (4) against the melon protein database [\(https://melonomics.net/;](https://melonomics.net/) version 3.5), the Plant Transcription Factors database [\(http://planttfdb.cbi.pku.edu.cn/\)](http://planttfdb.cbi.pku.edu.cn/), and the SwissProt database, with an E-value cut-off of 10^{-5} . [Supplementary Data File 1](http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0020751915002945#s0125) includes the transcriptome assembly sequences and annotation, listed as contigs. The resulting transcriptome was mapped to the genome assembly using version 2.1.0 of the bowtie2 software (5).

Protein modelling and localization. SQE was modelled using Phyre2 (6) fold recognition server. Phyre2 was used to model the 3D structure since the closest homologs in the PDB showed only18% sequence identity or less. The server uses advanced remote homology detection methods and through sequential steps, such as profile construction, similarity analysis, and structural properties, selects the best suited templates and generates protein models. All the resulting high quality models were based on Flavin monooxygenase fold. The binding tunnel was calculated using the CAVER (7) program. Potato epoxide hydrolase (PDB entry 2CJP) served as template for modeling SgEPH structure (60% sequence identity). The protein sequences were aligned using HHpred (8) (profile Hidden Markov based alignment). All-atom model of SgEH was then built using the restrained-based modelling approach as implemented in the program MODELLER (9) 9V13. Docking of the epoxycucurbitadienol and epoxysqualene into the SgEPH constructed homology model was carried out using AutoDock Vina (10). The rotatable torsions of the ligands were released during docking calculations as well as the rotatable torsions of several residues in the binding site. Human lanosterol synthase (PDB entry 1W6K) served as template for modeling SgCDS structure (45% sequence identity) performed as for the EPH protein. Cyanobacterial CYP120A1 (PDB entry 2VE3) served as template for modeling SgCYP88L structure (21% sequence identity) performed as for the EPH protein. For modelling of the UGTs, several structural templates were used: *Medicago truncatula* UGT71G1 (PDB entry 2ACW), *Arabidopsis thaliana* UGT72B1 (PDB entry 2VCE), *Vitis vinifera* UFGT (PDB entry 2C1Z), *Medicago truncatula* UGT78G1 (PDB entry 3HBF) and *Medicago truncatula* UGT85H2 (PDB entry 2PQ6). The different SgUGTs share 20-30% sequence identity to the putative templates. The proteins sequences were aligned using multiple sequence alignment tools: HHpred, Promals3D (11) and Expresso (12). All-atom models of the various SgUGTS were then built based on the different sequence alignments, using the restrained-based modelling approach as implemented in the program MODELLER 9V13. The models were evaluated using z-DOPE (13), ProSA (14), ProQ2 (15) and QMEAN (16). For each template, the model showing the best score as judged by consensus prediction carried out by these four evaluation methods was saved for further studies. Docking of mogrol and other mogrosides into SgUGT constructed homology models were carried out using AutoDock Vina. The ligands rotatable torsions were released during docking calculations as well as the rotatable torsions of several residues in the binding site. Protein localization was performed using the following programs: Bacello (17), Protein Prowler (18), Predotar (19), TargetP (20), Psort (21) and Cello (22).

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Supplementary figures

Fig. S2. Squalene epoxidase genes in Siraitia and other Cucurbitaceae. a) Phylogenetic tree of squalene epoxidases in Siraitia and additional cucurbits. The Cla and Csa accessions indicate *Citrullus lanatus*, watermelon and *Cucumis sativus*, cucumber, respectively, and are derived from the ICUGI Cucurbit Genomics Database [http://www.icugi.org.](http://www.icugi.org/) The MELO accessions are from the C. melo genome and taken from the Melonomics database [https://melonomics.net.](https://melonomics.net/) **b**) Hierarchical clustering of squalene epoxidase gene expression in *Siraitia*. Both SQE1 and SQE2 are significantly expressed in the youngest fruit. Expression RPKM data can be found in Data File S2.

Fig. S3. **Overall structure model of SgSQE1** (contig 16760, residues 60-417). The binding tunnel as calculated by CAVER is shown as green spheres and the bound FAD shown in purple ball & stick representation. The model is based on the structure of the Flavin monooxygenase, Aklavinone 12-hydroxylase RdmE (PDB entry 3IHG), that showed the widest tunnel among the Phyre2 results. More than a dozen Flavin monooxygenase structures were identified in the PDB as good templates for SE modeling with 100% confidence. However, SQE shares very low sequence similarity (at most 18% sequence identity) to any of those Flavin monooxygenases and consequently all the models show high error in the predicted coordinates. Examining the various predicted models reveals a narrow tunnel leading from the SQE surface to the bound FAD. The models differ by the opening and the volume of the tunnel. Nevertheless, most of the predicted channels are wide enough to accommodate the extended squalene conformation and none of them are wide enough to accommodate the cyclicized cucurbitane.

Fig. S4. **Cucurbitadienol and 23,24 epoxycucurbitadienol accumulation in transgenic tobacco plant expressing** *Sg***CDS under the control of CaMV 35S promoter.** Extracted ion chromatograms of CDS activity in transgenic tobacco leaves (**a**) and wild type (wt) (**b**) 2,3;22,23-diepoxysqualene (peak #3) is accumulated in wt leaves while cucurbitadienol (peak #4) and 24,25-epoxycucurbitadienol (peak #2) are accumulated in transgenic tobacco leaves expressing SgCDS. Mass spectrum of 24,25 epoxycucurbitadienol from transgenic plants is shown. The mass spectra of other identified compounds are presented in Fig. S5.

Fig. S5. Mass spectra of compounds shown in Fig. 2a. And Fig S7.

Fig. S5. Continued.

Fig. S6. **Detailed docking model of CDS with 24,25 epoxy metabolite.** The anosteryl cation with epoxide moiety in position 24-25 was docked in the CDS model. Purple lines represent hydrophobic interactions and green lines, hydrogen bonding. While the binding pocket is indeed very hydrophobic it accommodates very well the epoxide. The addition of one polar atom (the epoxy oxygen) doesn't effect the binding, likely due to the large amount of interactions and some polarity from nearby main chain atoms.

Fig. S7. LC-MS analysis of extracts of yeast coexpressing SgCDS with EPH 1-3. The extracted ion chromatogram of ions m/z=407-444 represents relevant triterpenoid compounds and derivatives accumulated in the yeast. Yeast coexpressing SgCDS with EPH1-3 are represented in the three upper panels and a chromatogram from yeast harboring SgCDS as negative control is presented in the bottom panel. MS spectra and identifications are presented in Fig. S5 .

Fig. S8. **Docking models of SgEPH1-4 and descriptions of their docking characteristics.**

Docking 24(S),25-Epoxycucurbitadienol - Contig28382 **Comparison to the Potato EH (2CJP)**

In the crystallographic structure of the potato EH, a water molecule was found hydrogen bonded to the two lid tyrosines. This position might indicates the expected position of the oxygen in the epoxide ring of bound substrate. The modeled epoxide oxygen is very close to that position. In addition, tetraethylene glycol was found in the binding pocket of the potato EH (colored hydrophobicnk). HBording to the docking calculation that is the location of the cucurbitadienol. Together this two location overlaps support the docking HBuracy.

Docking 24(R), 25-Epoxycucurbitadienol - Contig 28382

Docking the R enantiomer is looking slightly better as the epoxide oxygen found just between the two tyrosines while the nucleophile Asp-101 is in close proximity to both C24 and C25 positions. (Just perfect match). In the next calculations I used both R and S enantiomers, but I will show here only the R enantiomer since it showed in all calculations better match.

Docking 24(R), 25-Epoxycucurbitadienol - Contig73966

The epoxide oxygen found just between the two tyrosines, creating hydrogen bonds to the hydroxyl group, while the nucleophile Asp-101 is in close proximity to both C24 and C25 positions.

Docking 24(S), 25-Epoxycucurbitadienol - Contig 28382

Docking of epoxycucurbitadienol was carried out using AutoDock Vina on contig28382 constructed homology model. The epoxide oxygen found just between the two tyrosines, creating hydrogen bonds to the hydroxyl group, while t A low energy model is presented here. This model fit to the known catalytic mechanism of EHs. Asp101 is the catalytic nucleophile, and His295/Asp260 comprise a general base-charge relay pair. The Distance between Asp101 and the substrate C-24 is 3.0Å. Two tyrosine residues from the lid (Tyr150 and Tyr230) are expected to assist ring opening by hydrogen bonding to the oxygen of the substrate's epoxide ring. In the model only Tyr150 creates hydrogen bond to the epoxide.

Docking 24(R), 25-Epoxycucurbitadienol - Contig86123

nucleophile Asp-101 is in close proximity mainly to both C24 position.

Docking 24(R), 25-Epoxycucurbitadienol - Contig102640

The epoxide oxygen found just between the two tyrosines, creating hydrogen bonds to the hydroxyl group, while the nucleophile Asp-101 is in close proximity mainly to C-24 position.

Fig. S9. Expandable version of the phylogenetic tree of *Siraitia* **CYP450s.** The protein sequences used for the alignment and phylogenetic tree are listed in Data File S2. Three CYPs referred to in the text are boxed in red.

Fig. S10. Expandable version of the hierarchical tree and expression heat map of the expressed Siraitia CYP450s. CYP numbers are according to the CYP scaffolds listed, with RPKM data, in Data File S2. CYP numbers numbered xxxx.x refer to the CYP scaffolds and the last number refers to the number of tandem CYPs in that scaffold. CYPs beginning with the letter S refer to genomic scaffolds and if followed by a decimal point and number refers to the number of tandem CYPs in that genomic scaffold. The two CYPs with activity toward cucurbitadienol are marked with an asterisk *. S623.1 indicates the C11 hydroxylating enzyme.

Fig. S11. Preference of EPH for epoxycucurbitadienol substrate. Docking epoxycucurbitadienol and diepoxysqualene on the constructed homology model of EPH (shown in Fig. S8). The results indicate that the reaction with epoxycucurbitadienol is preferred over that with epoxysqualene.

Epoxycucurbitadienol Calculated affinity -11.8 kcal/mol

Diepoxysqualene Calculated affinity: -11.2 kcal/mol (the epoxide is not in the catalytic site)

Diepoxysqualene Calculated affinity: -9.9 kcal/mol (the epoxide is in the catalytic site)

Fig. S12. Preference of EPH for epoxycucurbitadienol substrate compared to 11-OH epoxycucurbitadienol. Although the epoxycucurbitanedienol with hydroxyl on C11 (R or S configuration) might bind to EPH, all favorably predicted binding modes are not productive as the epoxide is not in the catalytic position. This was due to the highly hydrophobic nature of the pocket.

Hydroxyl on C11 (R configuration): This conformation cannot lead to hydrolysis of the epoxide by nucleophilic attackof Asp-101

(calculated affinity: -10.8 kcal/mol)

No Hydroxyl on C11: This conformation can lead to hydrolysis of the epoxide

(calculated affinity: -11.5 kcal/mol)

Fig. S13. Expandable version of the phylogenetic tree of SgUGTs, including functionally identified triterpenoid UGTs from other plants (listed in Table S9). The UGTs identified in this report are boxed in red. The UGT85 family is listed as UGT720 in light of the recent reclassification of the UGT85 family kindly performed by Prof. Michael Court (on behalf of the UGT **UGT92** nomenclature committee).

Fig. S14. Expandable version of the hierarchical tree and expression heat map of the *Siraitia* UGTs in developing *Siraitia* fruit. UGT numbers are according to the UGT scaffolds listed in Data File S2. Enzymes identified in this paper are marked by stars. The UGT720 (UGT85) genes 269.1 and 269.4 are highly expressed in the young fruit while the UGT94 genes are highly expressed in the mature fruit. RPKM data can be found in Data File S2.

Fig. S15. Reactions, chromatograms and mass spectra of primary C3 and C24 glucosylations schematically presented in Figure 5. EIC (top window) and MS Spectrum (bottom window) results of reaction mixes with active enzymes are shown. Chromatogram window legends: indicated enzyme + substrate and the arrow points to the product shown in the chromatogram. Structures and full names of substrates and products are listed in Table S1. Enzymes participating in reactions are presented in Fig. 1.

Fig. S16. Reaction, chromatogram and mass spectrum of primary family 73 glucosylation at C25. EIC (top window) and MS Spectrum (bottom window) results of reaction mix with active enzyme UGT73D5 is shown. UGT73D5 is listed in Data file S2 as s63. The C25 position of glucose was confirmed by NMR, presented in Table S8.

Fig. S17. Models that may explain the regiospecific glycosylations at C24 and C25. In (**a, b**) Mogrol fits into UGT73D5 and UG73-251-6 with only position 25 in close proximity to the catalytic histidine. **c**) Mogrol fits very nicely into UGT720- 269-1 with positions 24 and 25 in close proximity both to the catalytic histidine as well as to the UDP-glucose. According to the docking results there is slight preference toward position 24 (shorter distance). However this is almost insignificant due to the expected errors in the model. **d**) The main reason for the difference is the polarity near the catalytic histidine. While the loop that includes the catalytic histine is more hydrophobic in UGT720-269-1, it is polar in UGT73-251-6 and UGT73D5 (s63). As such the hydrophobic rings of mogrol are tilting toward the loop in UGT720- 269-1 and tilting away from the loop in UGT73-251-6 and UGT73D5.

Fig. S18. Protein modelling of UGT720-269-1 showing second glucosylation at C3. **a**) Modelling of glycosylation at C24; **b**) Modelling of second primary glycosylation at C3. UGT720-269-1 structural model reveals highly hydrophobic binding pocket. According to the docking simulation, mogrol preferably binds with C24 in the catalytic site, while C24 glucosylated mogroside will clearly bind with C3 in the catalytic site, maintained by interactions of the C24 glucosyl moiety with amino acids in the loop.

Fig. S19. Reactions, chromatograms and mass spectra of secondary glucosylations. EIC (top window) and MS spectra (bottom window) results of reaction mixes with active enzymes are shown. Structures and full names of substrates and products are listed in Table S1. Enzymes, participating in reactions are listed in Fig. 1.

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Fig. S20. Three tandem functionally active UGT94 family Siraitia genes from scaffold 289 share high level of identity. a) Multiple alignment of the three UGT94 family proteins from contig 289. **b**) Identity and similarity matrix between family 94 UGT scaffold 289 member genes. Similarity and identity scores between three family 94 genes (showing enzymatic activity) from *Siraitia* were determined using MatGAT 2.02 (http://bitincka.com/ledion/matgat/) run with BLOSUM62. In the lower left side of the figure - the percentage of similarity is presented, whereas in the upper right side of the figure there are values of the identity percentage between three proteins. 289_1 is UGT94-289-1, 289_2 is UGT94-289-2 and 289_3 is UGT94- 289-3.

Fig. S21. UGT94-289-3 was occasionally shown to catalyze production of Mogroside VI using Mogroside V as a substrate. Peak "M6-II", eluting at 1.9 min in (**a**) (m/z=1449.7113) coelutes with the M6 standard in (**c**) indicates accumulation of Mogroside VI in the reaction mix, compared to inactive enzyme control (**b**). Residual Mogroside V that was not completely converted to Mogroside VI in reaction mix, elutes at 2.1 min in (**a**) and (**b**). **c**) Standard of Mogroside VI. The reaction products were checked using LC-MS, as described in SI Methods section. Spectrum is shown for two Mogroside VI products according to the m/z values but the structural differences were not deciphered. To discriminate between the two Mogrosides VI they were marked I (eluting at 1.5min) and II (eluting at 1.9 min).

Fig. S22. Complete alignment for branching UGTs. The complete sequences of the seven UGTs partially presented in Fig. 6b showing the conserved polar amino acids characteristic of the branching UGTs, in blue. Sequences are presented in Data File S2.

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Fig. S23. Arrangement of tandem *EPH* **and** *UGT* **(families 94 and 720) genes in watermelon, melon, cucumber and** *Siraitia* **genomes/scaffolds (b-d).** The length of the three *Siraitia* scaffolds presented (scaffolds 148, 1277 and 71) are 192.4, 51.1 and 452.5 kb, respectively. **a**) Syntenous tandem arrangement of *EPH* and *UGT* genes in watermelon, melon, cucumber and *Siraitia* genomes/contigs. Identity matrixes between syntenous tandem genes from EPH (**b**), UGT94 (**c**) and UGT720 (**d**) families in watermelon, melon, cucumber ad *Siraitia*, indicating the onthologous nature of the genes.

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Fig. S24. Expandable version of the normalized hierarchical tree and expression heat map of the combined members of the five enzyme families (SQE, CDS, EPH, CYP and UGT) reported in this paper and shown in Figure 7. Enzymes identified in this paper are marked by asterisks*. Expression data for the non-fruit tissues stems, roots and leaves are included. The young fruit expression of SQE1 and EPH2 is marked by asterisks in the lower third of the figure. The mature-fruit specific expression of the UGT94 branching family can be seen in the upper portion. The early-fruit expression pattern of UGT85-269-1 is also presented, clustering close to the mogrol genes.

Table S1. Structures and additional data regarding the mogrosides referred to in this study. Mogrosides were identified using LCMS (m/z) and NMR (Table S8), and by comparing the eluting peak m/z and retention time to that of a known standard, when available.

Table S2. Description of DNA libraries used for genome assembly. In light of the large read lengths of the Moleculo reads only a small percentage of the mate-paired reads were necessary for the scaffolding. Data were deposited in the NCBI Sequence Read Archive (SRA) database as Bioproject XXX (to be deposited upon acceptance).

Raw data

Assembly input

Siraitia hybrid assembly RunCA parameters (spec file settings)

Table S3. DNA genomic assembly statistics. Reads were filtered to remove chloroplast and mitochondrial genome sequences, as determined by blast analysis compared to the melon chloroplast and mitochondrial genome (https:/melonomics.net/genome/).

Table S4. Number of RNA-Seq reads in *Siraitia* **fruits, leaves, stem and root.** Following cleaning as described in the Methods section, the remaining reads were assembled into transcript contigs, described in Table S5.

Table S5. Statistics of the *de novo* **transcriptome assembly.** Methods for assembly

are described in the methods section. Results are presented in Data File S1.

Table S6. Squalene synthase genes in other *Cucurbitaceae* **(a) and the expression of the single gene in** *Siraitia* **(b).** Gene names for the three published genomes are derived by blast analysis from the databases ICUGI Cucurbit Genomics Database http://www.icugi.org for cucumber and watermelon and the Melonomics database https://melonomics.net for melon.

a) Single squalene synthase genes in *Cucurbitaceae* genomes

b) Squalene synthase gene expression in *Siraitia*

Table S7. List of functionally identified triterpenoid CYPs and their families, derived from published studies.

Table S8. NMR data of identified compounds presented in this paper.

a) Triterpene (aglycone) chemical shifts (all in CD_3OD)

26	1.66	25.93	1.67	25.94	1.12	24.96	1.16	24.67	1.20	22.65
27	1.60	17.74	1.60	17.73	1.16	25.75	1.15	26.62	1.24	23.03
28	1.10	26.45	1.11	26.16	1.10	26.47	1.10	26.47	1.10	26.47
29	1.05	27.44	1.01	28.24	1.05	27.43	1.05	27.43	1.05	27.45
30	0.86	19.86	0.88	18.98	0.87	19.86	0.87	19.89	0.87	19.88

b) Glucose moiety chemical shifts (all in CD₃OD)

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1. R_1 = OH, R_2 = H
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2. $R_1 = H, R_2 = OH$

- **3.** $R_1 = R_2 = H \text{ (mogrol)}$
- **4.** $R_1 = 1-\beta$ -glucose, $R_2 = H (M1)$
- 5. $R_1 = H$, $R_2 = 1$ - β -glucose (M1-C25)

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	\mathbf{H}	13 C	\boldsymbol{H}	^{13}C	
$\mathbf{1}$	1.46, 1.57	21.14	1.46, 1.58	21.14	
$\boldsymbol{2}$	1.71, 1.88	28.90	1.72, 1.88	28.93	
$\mathbf{3}$	3.47	76.66	3.48	76.66	
$\overline{\mathbf{4}}$		41.45		41.45	
5		141.23		141.24	
6	5.59	121.51	5.59	121.49	
7	1.80, 2.38	24.39	1.80, 2.38	24.38	
8	1.76	43.67	1.76	43.65	
9		34.49		34.48	
10	2.27	37.85	2.27	37.84	
11	1.44, 1.66	32.34	1.44, 1.65	32.32	
12	1.51, 1.68	30.46	1.50, 1.68	30.46	
13		46.27		46.28	
14		49.17		49.19	
15	1.12, 1.20	34.77	1.13, 1.22	34.75	
16	1.27, 1.88	27.94	1.31, 1.88	27.93	
17	1.50	50.47	1.50	50.43	
18	0.85	15.37	0.86	15.40	
19	0.92	28.06	0.92	28.05	
20	1.43	35.82	1.50	35.88	
21	0.90	18.67	0.91	18.66	
22	1.03, 1.42	36.46	1.29, 1.61	32.91	
23	1.85, 2.02	24.87	1.45, 1.55	25.86	
24	5.09	125.25	2.68	64.99	
25		130.94		58.13	

c) Cucurbitadienol (6) and its 24,25-epoxide (7), in CDCl₃

6. Cucurbitadienol

Table S10. **Gene locations of mogroside gene orthologs in other cucurbits.** The syntenous nature of the tandem gene families (UGT94 and EPH) can be seen among all the species. Gene names and positions for the three published genomes are derived from the databases ICUGI Cucurbit Genomics Database http://www.icugi.org for cucumber and watermelon and the Melonomics database https://melonomics.net for melon.

Table S11. **Syntenous organization of CDS clusters in** *Siraitia* **and other cucurbits.** The *Siraitia* cluster is presented in 2 scaffolds, 1407 and 2217 of *Siraitia* genome, which were not combined by the assembly program due to the large intron within the CDS gene. The CDS coding sequence was manually identified in the two scaffolds and the total scaffold size encompasses in total about 75 kbp. The genes are aligned according to the respective CDS genes. ACT, acyltransferase; CDS, cucurbitadienol synthase; CYP, cytochrome P450.

Table S12. **Synteny of CYP450 C-11 hydroxylase cluster in** *Siraitia* **and other cucurbits.** The complete *Siraitia* cluster is presented in a single scaffold of 327kb. The gene arrangements indicate inversions in the gene order. BAHD, BAHD acyltransferase; Adh, alcohol dehydrogenase.

Table S13. Expression of the mogroside pathway orthologs in developing melon and watermelon fruit. Data represent expression data (RPKM) in developing fruit of 3 varieties of watermelon and 3 varieties of melon, of the respective orthologs of the 6 mogrol biosynthesis genes coordinately expressed in *Siraitia* fruit. All varieties were sampled at 10, 20, 30 and ripe (about 40) days after pollination. Watermelon varieties are Orangeglo (OG), Yellow Crimson (YC) and Crimson Sweet (CS). Melon varieties are Doya (a flexuosus type), Noy Yizre'el (NY), a cantaloupensis type, and Faqus (FAQ), a flexuosus type. Data are the average of the results from three individual RNA-seq libraries, each.

Table S14. Expression of alternative triterpene synthases during fruit development and in vegetative tissues of *Siraitia***.** bAM, beta-amyrin synthase; CAS, cycloartenol synthase; CDS, cucurbitadienol synthase. RPKM, reads per kilobase of transcript per million mapped reads. DAA, days after anthesis, indicating fruit age. SgCDS is the most highly expressed terpene synthase in young *Siraitia* fruit.

Table S15. Subcellular localization predictions of the mogroside enzymes based on six localization prediction algorithms. The best hit from each program is presented. The classifiers used by each program are listed below. The references for the programs are listed as supplemental references 17-22.

Available classifiers:

BaCello: secretory pathway (SP), cytoplasm, nucleus, mitochondrion (mTP) and chloroplast (cTP).

ProteinProwler: SP, mTP, cTP, other

Predotar: Mito, Plastid, ER, Elsewhere

TargetP: cTP, mTP, SP, other

Psort: plasma membrane, ER (membrane), ER (lumen), microbody (peroxi), Chloroplast thylakoid membrane, Golgi, mitochondrial inner membrane, mitochondrial matrix space, lysozome (lumen), cytoplasm

Cello: PlasmaMembrane, Lysosomal, Cytoplasmic, Chloroplast, Mitochondrial, Peroxisomal, ER, Extracellular, Vacuole, Golgi, Nuclear, Cytoskeletal