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26 Small RNA sequencing

Three small RNA libraries were constructed using total RNAs isolated from young leaves as described before¹. Libraries were sequenced on a Novaseq 6000 platform with a single-end read length of 50 bp. Clean reads were mapped to the *A. spinulosa* genome by Bowtie², and known miRNAs were identified using miRBase 22.0 database with miRDeep2³. Novel miRNAs were predicted by the combination of miREvo⁴ and miRDeep2³.

We totally obtained 29.64 million clean reads of sRNA with length at 18-30 nt. Of 33 which, 21 nt length of sRNA were the most abundant, occupying 34.72% 34 (Supplementary Fig. 12). 9,561,080 (96.78%) reads could be mapped to the A. 35 spinulosa genome. A total of 182 known and 181 novel miRNAs were identified 36 (Supplementary Table 18) and their first nucleotides mainly trended to be uracil 37 (Supplementary Fig. 12). The rRNA, tRNA, snRNA and snoRNA were predicted, and 38 the percentage of rRNA was dominant, with 93.11% (Supplementary Table 19 and 39 Supplementary Fig. 12). Three leaf samples shared a high correlation coefficient of 40 miRNA TPM values ($R^2 > 0.97$), indicating a quite good repeatability (Supplementary 41 Fig. 12). 42

43 Differential expression of homeologous genes and GO enrichment analysis

Raw RNA-seq read counts from four tissues (stem, leaf, sorus and gametophyte) were
normalized by DESeq2⁵. Log2 fold change (L2F) and base mean expression (BME)
level were calculated for each gene across the 4 tissue types using DESeq2⁵.

Following normalization and differential expression analysis, differential expression data was extracted for syntenic gene pairs identified as belonging to the most recent WGD (Ks=0.2-0.5). Subsequently, BME and L2F in expression between tissue types were used to identify homoeologs that had diverged in expression following duplication. To identify gene pairs with divergent expression between tissue types we calculated the pairwise difference in L2F (diffL2F=|L2F 1-L2F 2|) between homoeologs and selected pairs with a difference of at least 2, an arbitrary cutoff representing a 4 fold change in expression between the syntenic genes. To identify homoeologs with different levels of expression regardless of tissue type, pairs were filtered according to the log2 fold change in base mean expression across all tissue types, i.e. "BME ratio" (BME_ratio=log2(BME_1/BME_2)). Finally, both BME_ratio as well as diffL2F were compared between collinear blocks to look for evidence of expression bias between homologous sub genomes.

60 Out of 3,921 syntenic gene pairs with Ks between 0.2 and 0.5, 3,557 had at least one gene with a BME greater than 10 and were included in subsequent analyses. After 61 filtering, 1,184 gene pairs showed a BME ratio greater than 2, indicative of 62 differential expression regardless of tissue type and 141 pairs had one gene with a 63 BME below 1 indicative of one homolog being silenced in all 4 tissues. A total of 64 2,105 gene pairs exhibited differential expression in at least one comparison, and 65 many pairs were differentially expressed in multiple comparisons with 136 gene pairs 66 differentially expressed in all comparisons (Extended Data Fig. 3). 67

68 Datasets were constructed for GO enrichment using a custom Python script to filter the output of DESeq2 by difference in L2F expression between tissues as well as BME 69 ratio. Pairwise tissue comparisons were collapsed to produce a non-redundant set of 70 differentially expressed genes across all tissue types. Functional gene annotations were 71 obtained using the EggNOG-mapper tool⁶. GO-term enrichment was conducted in 72 TBtools⁷ using the plant specific GO-slim ontology. GO-enrichment was first 73 performed using the complete set of annotated genes as a background set. An additional 74 analysis was also run using only syntenic genes in the background set to control for bias 75 toward specific categories caused by differential retention of certain types of genes 76 following WGD. 77

To examine which genes are preferentially kept following WGD, we carried out Gene Ontology (GO) enrichment analysis. When compared to a genome-wide background annotation, syntenic gene pairs from the recent WGD event (0.2<Ks<0.5) exhibited significant enrichment of transcription related genes in the molecular function category as well as various categories associated with development and response to a range of environmental stimuli (Extended Data Fig. 3). This is in line
with previous studies that have shown high retention rates of homoeologous genes in
these GO categories following WGD events in *Arabidopsis thaliana*⁸.

When GO enrichment analysis was conducted on differentially expressed gene pairs using all syntenic genes as the background, we found that genes exhibiting tissue specific expression were highly enriched for transporter activity (p-value=0.0023) compared to other syntenic gene pairs (Extended Data Fig. 3).

GO enrichment analysis demonstrated that homoeologous genes with divergent
expression were enriched in different GO categories than genes that did not exhibit
tissue specific expression.

93 Metabolite identification based on widely targeted metabolomics

We exploited the technology of widely targeted metabolomics⁹ from Metware 94 Company (Wuhan, China) to investigate the metabolites in the leaves and stems of A. 95 spinulosa. Leaves and stems at three developmental stages, collected from three 96 individual trees, were freeze-dried and crushed using a mixer mill. Powder (100 mg) 97 was extracted overnight at 4 °C with 70% methanol. The extracts were absorbed into a 98 CNWBOND Carbon-GCB SPE cartridge (ANPEL), filtered through a 0.22 µm nylon 99 syringe filter and analyzed using an LC-ESI-MS/MS system (HPLC, Shim-pack 100 UFLC SHIMADZU CBM30A system; MS, Applied Biosystems 6500 Q TRAP). We 101 conducted OPLS-DA (Orthogonality Partial Least Squares-Discriminant Analysis)¹⁰ 102 to obtain VIP (variable importance in project) values. All compounds were annotated 103 in the KEGG¹¹ database and a self-built MetWare¹² database. The metabolites that 104 have significantly differential contents in different tissues were identified using two 105 cutoffs (VIP \geq 1; FC (Fold Change) \geq 2 or FC \leq 0.5). 106

107 A total of 274 metabolites were identified, including 87 primary metabolites and 108 187 secondary metabolites (Supplementary Fig. 8 and Supplementary Dataset 8). 109 Secondary metabolites include 72 flavonoids, 29 phenylpropanoids and 11 alkaloids, 110 etc, of which flavonoids were the most abundant, occupying 38.5% of secondary 111 metabolites (Supplementary Fig. 8 and Supplementary Dataset 8). Some flavonoids

have application potential in pharmacology: for examples, quercetin could enhance 112 antitumor activities of trichostatin A¹³, and eriodictyol had anti-inflammatory effects¹⁴. 113 Most flavonoid compounds were detected at higher-level contents in leaves than in 114 stems (Supplementary Fig. 8). Further by comparison of flavonoid contents in leaves 115 with different developmental stages, 49 were significantly upregulated in old leaves 116 compared to young leaves, such as naringenin (2.2 folds), eriodictyol (6.0 folds), 117 apigenin 7-O-glucoside (49.1 folds) and kaempferol 3-O-galactoside (57.8 folds), 118 119 indicating content accumulation of major flavonoids along with leaf development (Supplementary Fig. 8 and Supplementary Dataset 9). RNA-seq analysis of the 358 120 gene models (Supplementary Dataset 10) in the 8 family (CHS, CHI, F3H, FLS, F3'H, 121 F3'5'H, FNS and GT) of flavonoid pathway identified the genes that were specifically 122 expressed in different tissues, supporting the flavonoid synthesis in leaves and stems 123 124 (Supplementary Fig. 8).

125 Metabolite identification based on isolation and spectra

Six kg of dried stem powder was extracted with ethanol to obtain a crude extract, 126 which was further extracted successively in petroleum ether, ethyl acetate and 127 *n*-butanol, followed by condensation, obtaining a petroleum ether extract (Fraction A, 128 Fr. A), an ethyl acetate extract (Fraction B, Fr. B), and an *n*-butanol extract (Fraction 129 C, Fr. C). We used different columns to separate these three fractions: a silica-gel 130 column (100-200 and 200-300 mesh, Qingdao Marine Chemical) for Fr. A, an 131 ODS-C18 column (50 µm, YMC) for Fr. B, and a MCI HP20 column (Mitsubishi) for 132 Fr. C. After elution with different solvents, i.e. CH_2Cl_2 -MeOH (100:0 \rightarrow 0:100, v/v) 133 for Fr. A, MeOH (30%-100%) for Fr. B, and EtOH (30%-100%) for Fr.C), we 134 obtained 40 fractions (Fr. A1-30, Fr. B1-6 and Fr. C1-C4). Fr. A8, Fr. B1 and Fr. B2 135 were further separated by the Sephadex LH-20 column (18-110 µm, GE healthcare) 136 and eluted with MeOH, giving subfractions Fr. A8.1-A8.13, Fr. B1.1-B1.25, and Fr. 137 B2.1-B2.30. 138

Eleven metabolites were purified from these fractions by semi-preparative HPLC
on an Agilent C18 column (250 × 10 mm I.D., 5 μm) equipped with a LC-6AD pump

and a Shimadzu SPD-20A UV-Vis detector (Shimadzu) using MeOH-H₂O as eluent. 141 The structures of one novel metabolite alsophilin and ten metabolites were identified 142 by MS and NMR spectra (Supplementary Fig.9). The optical rotations were recorded 143 using a Rudolph Research Analytical automatic polarimeter (Rudolph). Its molecular 144 formula was identified by high-resolution electrospray ionization mass spectrometry. 145 UV spectrum was measured on a JASCO J-815 CD spectropolarimeter (JASCO). IR 146 spectrum was acquired by KBr disk method on a Shimadzu FTIR-8400S spectrometer 147 148 (Shimadzu). HPLC, equipped with a chiral column (Daicel Chiralpak IC) and using isopropanol and hexane (60:40) as eluent, was used to separate (-)-alsophilin and 149 (+)-alsophilin from alsophilin. The absolute configurations of (\pm) -alsophilin were 150 assigned by experimental and theoretical electronic circular dichroism (ECD)¹⁵. A 151 conformational search was conducted using the MOE software with the MMFF94s 152 force-field. All 34 conformers whose Boltzmann distribution was more than 1% were 153 optimized at the B3LYP/6-311G (d,p) level in MeOH using a PCM solvent model 154 with the Gaussian 16 program package. ECD calculations of all the conformers were 155 156 run by the time-dependent density functional theory (TDDFT) at B3LYP/6-311g (d,p) level in MeOH with the PCM solvent model (Supplementary Table 20). The overall 157 calculated ECD spectra were generated by Boltzmann weighting using SpecDis. 158 Through isolation and identification of metabolites in the A. spinulosa stem, we 159 obtained eleven compounds, including ten known and one novel. Of which, ten 160 known compounds were identified by comparing their spectroscopic data with the 161 reported data in the corresponding literatures as 3,4-dihydroxybenzalacetone (2)^{16,17}. 162 protocatechnic aldehyde $(3)^{17}$, vanillic acid $(4)^{16}$, piceatannol $(5)^{18,19}$, cyperusphenol B 163 $(6)^{19}$, cinnamtannin B-1 $(7)^{20}$, jezonodione $(8)^{18,20}$, davallialactone $(9)^{21}$, cyathenosin 164 A (10)²², 4-*O*- β -D-glucopyranosyl-*p*-coumaric acid (11)²³ (Extended Data Fig. 9). 165

166 Characterization of alsophilin structure

167 The novel compound, mentioned above, was named alsophilin. It was obtained as 168 yellow amorphous powder with the molecular formula $C_{27}H_{20}O_9$ identified by 169 high-resolution electrospray ionization mass spectrometry (HRESIMS,

Supplementary Fig. 9) at m/z 489.1179 ([M+H]⁺, calcd for C₂₇H₂₁O₉, 489.1180), 170 requiring 18 degrees of unsaturation. UV and IR spectrum of (\pm) -alsophilin are shown 171 in Supplementary Fig. 9. The ¹H NMR spectrum (Supplementary Table 21 and 172 Supplementary Fig. 9) exhibited the signals assignable to two 1,2,4-trisubstituted 173 benzenes at δ 7.06 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 6.97 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.0 Hz), 6.78 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), and 174 6.76(d, J = 2.0 Hz), 6.66 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.0 Hz), 6.79 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), a175 1,3,5-trisubstituted benzene at δ 6.12(2H, d, J = 2.5 Hz), 6.18 (t, J = 2.5 Hz), a 176 trans-1,2-disubstituted double bonds at δ 7.38 (d, J = 16.0 Hz) and 6.70 (d, J = 16.0177 Hz), an olefinic methine singlet proton attributable to δ 6.43, two aliphatic methine 178 doublet protons at δ 5.43(d, J = 6.5 Hz) and 4.26 (d, J = 6.5 Hz). In the ¹³C NMR 179 spectrum, 27 carbons were observed (Supplementary Table 21 and Supplementary Fig. 180 9), including one α , β -unsaturated ester carbon ($\delta 163.1$), eight oxygen-bearing 181 aromatic or olefinic quaternary carbons (δ 173.8, 164.9, 160.1 (2C), 148.9, 147.3, 182 146.9, 146.8), four carbon-substituted aromatic or olefinic quaternary carbons (\delta 183 144.7, 132.5, 128.7, 103.8), 12 aromatic or olefinic methines (\delta138.1, 122.2, 119.0, 184 185 117.0, 116.6, 116.4, 114.9, 113.8, 106.7(2C), 102.6, 96.3), and two aliphatic methines (δ 97.8, 55.0) according to its ¹³C NMR and HSOC spectra (Supplementary Fig. 9). 186 Above spectral data implied that (\pm) -alsophilin was a dimeric structure of hispidin²⁴ 187 and piceatannol²⁵. To confirm the structure and determine the connection mode of two 188 monomer units, HMBC spectrum was examined (Supplementary Fig. 9). The 189 long-range correlations from H-2 to C-4, C-6 and C-7, from H-5 to C-1 and C-3, from 190 H-6 to C-2, C-4 and C-7, from H-7 to C-2, C-6 and C-9, from H-8 to C-1, C-9 and 191 C-10, and from H-10 to C-8, C-11, C-12 and C-13 assigned the hispidin moiety. The 192 key HMBC correlations from H-2' to C-4', C-6' and C-7', from H-5' to C-1' and C-3', 193 from H-6' to C-2' and C-4', and from H-10'(14') to C-8' and C-12' confirmed the rings 194 A and B of piceatannol. Other long-range correlations from H-7' to C-11, C-1', C-2', 195 C-6', and C-9', from H-8' to C-11, C-12, C-13, C-1', C-9', and C-10'(14'), indicated 196 the central position of C-7' and C-8', that were oxidized from the olefinic carbons in 197 piceatannol moiety. Both of them connected the monomer units of rings A and B of 198 piceatannol and ring C of hispidin. Thus, all protons and carbon resonances were 199

assigned and the planar structure of (\pm) -alsophilin was established.

The relative configuration of (\pm) -alsophilin is determined to be *trans* orientation 201 between protons P7' and P8' from the key ROESY correlations between protons 202 P7'/P10'(P14') and P8'/P2' observed in the ROESY spectrum (Supplementary Fig. 9). 203 Next, the specific optical rotation and CD spectrum of alsophilin were examined. 204 Though the CD spectrum showed cotton curves (Extended Data Fig. 6) but the 205 rotatory value was nearly zero, suggesting (\pm) -alsophilin may be a pair of enantiomers 206 with different amounts. The enantiomers, (+)-alsophilin and (-)-alsophilin were 207 separated by Agilent 1260 (Agilent Technologies, USA) on a chiral column Daicel 208 Chiralpak IC column (250 × 4.6 mm I.D., 5 µm, Daicel Chemical Industries, Ltd., 209 210 Japan). When we analyzed (±)-alsophilin, (+)-alsophilin and (-)-alsophilin on HPLC (CAPCELL PAK ADME column ($150 \times 4.6 \text{ mm}, 5 \mu \text{m}$); Mobile phase: 0min, 10% -211 30min, 50% - 35min, 100% ACN-H₂O; Wavelength: 382 nm; Flow rate: 1.0 mL/min), 212 they had the same retention time at 20.835 min. When we analyzed (\pm) -alsophilin, 213 214 (+)-alsophilin and (-)-alsophilin on HPLC (Column: Daicel Chiralpak IC column $(250 \times 4.6 \text{ mm}, 5 \text{ }\mu\text{m})$; Mobile phase: hexane-isopropanol (6:4); Wavelength: 382 nm; 215 Flow rate: 1.0 mL/min), they had different retention time, displaying (+)-alsophilin 216 (7.895 min), (-)-alsophilin (15.037 min) (Extended Data Fig. 6). The rotatory values 217 of these two monomers were the inverse of each other, (-)-alsophilin: $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ -13.5 (c 218 0.2, MeOH); CD (c 0.1(w/v)%, MeOH) 211 (23.85), 245 (12.94), 285 (4.50), 380 219 (-3.72) nm. (+)-alsophilin: $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ 8.5 (c 0.13, MeOH); CD (c 0.1(w/v)%, MeOH) 212 220 (-19.30), 245 (-10.44), 283 (-4.58), 386 (2.67) nm, and the CD spectra showed the 221 mirror-image cotton effects, further confirming that (\pm) -alsophilin were a pair of 222 enantiomers (Extended Data Fig. 6). The above results indicated that the product with 223 CD effects is not the optical monomer and is the enantiomer in the different ratio. 224 Quantum chemical calculations of the electronic circular dichroism (ECD) spectra 225 confirmed the absolute configurations of (-)-alsophilin and (+)-alsophilin as 7'S,8'S 226 and 7'R,8'R, respectively by comparing experimental and predicted ECD curves 227 (Extended Data Fig. 6). 228

229 Biological activity assays of 11 metabolites

These 11 metabolites were tested for their antioxidant efficacies, anti-inflammatoryeffects, and cytotoxicities. Antioxidant activities were evaluated by measuring lipid

peroxidation product malondialdehvde (MDA) as described²⁶. The effect of the 232 compounds on the production of MDA was calculated according to the OD at 532 nm. 233 In vitro cytotoxicities (represented by IC_{50} values) were evaluated against five tumor 234 cell lines, including human cerebroma (U251), human hepatoma cells (HepG2), 235 human gastric cancer cells (HGC27), human breast carcinoma cells (MCF7), and 236 human colorectal carcinoma cells (HCT-116), using the MTT method based on the 237 reported procedure²⁷. Anti-inflammation activities were evaluated based on nitric 238 oxide (NO) product inhibition in lipopolysaccharide (LPS)-stimulated RAW264.7 239 cells as described²⁸. NO production was determined by the Griess reaction and 240 measured at 540 nm. 241

Significant antioxidant effects were detected for compounds (\pm)-alsophilin, (-)-alsophilin, (+)-alsophilin, piceatannol and cyperusphenol B, and their inhibitory rates on the lipid peroxidation product malondialdehyde (MDA) were all above 90% at 10⁻⁵ M (Extended Data Fig. 9 and Supplementary Table 22). None of them showed any anti-inflammatory or cytotoxic activity.

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Supplementary Figures



Supplementary Figure 1. Characteristics of *A. spinulosa* **genome. a**, Chromosome karyotype. **b**, Gene density. **c**, DNA transposon. **d**, Retrotransposon. **e**, GC content.



Supplementary Figure 2. Methylation analysis in *A. spinulosa* leaves. a, Circos plot of methylation level in the of context CG, CHG and CHH in 69 chromosomes. The layers from outer circle to inner circle represent chromosomes, mCG methylation level, mCHG level, mCHH level, and gene density, respectively. b, Bar plot of TE methylation levels of contexts C, CG, CHG and CHH. c, Heat map of FPKM values of 6 DNA methyltransferase genes in stems, leaves, and sori. St1/2/3: stem stage 1/2/3, Le1/2/3: leaf stage 1/2/3, So1/2/3: sorus stage 1/2/3. d, Pearson correlation of methylation level in the whole genome among three leaf samples. The high correlation coefficient (R²>0.97) shows a good repeatability.



Supplementary Figure 3. Phylogenetic tree of CMT proteins from different species. These proteins are clustered into six groups (hCMT α , hCMT β , ZMET, CMT1, CMT2, and CMT3). Two CMT proteins in *A. spinulosa*, highlighted in green, are in the hCMT α clade. The protein sequences were aligned by MUSCLE and the phylogenetic tree was constructed by RAxML using a maximum likelihood method.

Supplementary Figure 4. Phylogenetic analysis of MADS-box proteins in *A. spinulosa* and other plants. Species name abbreviations are listed before protein names, Ath, *Arabidopsis thaliana*; Atr, *Amborella trichopoda*; Aar, *Aethionema arabicum*; Bst, *Boechera stricta*; Bna, *Brassica napus*; Bra, *Brassica rapa*; Bol, *Brassica oleracea*; Csa, *Camelina sativa*; Cgr, *Capsella grandiflora*; Cru, *Capsella rubella*; Esa, *Eutrema salsugineum*; Sir, *Sisymbrium irio*; Tpa, *Thellungiella parvula*; Tha, *Tarenaya hassleriana*. Proteins are clustered into five categories, including MIKC, Ma, Mβ, Mγ, Mδ. The Arabidopsis and *A. spinulosa* proteins are highlighted in red and blue, respectively. Protein sequences were aligned by MUSCLE and the phylogenetic tree was constructed by RAxML using a maximum likelihood method.

CreNOP10	MYLMYYDDDAGNRVYTLKKIAPDGTPTKSAHPARFSPDDKFSRERITCKKRFGLLPIQKPPPEL
SmNOP10-1	MYLMCYVNEEGQKVYTIKKEAPDGSPTESSHPARFSPDDKFSKQRVMLKKRFGILPTQKPPHEY
SmNOP10-2	MYLMCYVNEEGQKVYTIKKEAPDGSPTESSHPARFSPDDKFSKQRVMLKKRFGILPTQKPPHEY
StNOP10	MFLMCYINEEGQKVYTLKKELDDGTPTESSHPARFSPDDKCSKHRVILKKRFGLLPTQKPPQEY
MpNOP10	MYLMYYINENGSKVYTMKKEAPDGSPTMSAHPARFSPDDKFSKQRIICKRRFGLLPTQGPAHNY
AtNOP10	MYLQCYINEKGEKVYTTKKESPLGLATESAHPARFSPDDKYSKQRVLLKKRFGLLPTQNAPLQZ
PtNOP10-1	MYLQFYINDNGDKVYTTKKESPLGLPTQSAHPARFSPDDKYSRQRVLLKKRFGLLPTQQSPLKZ
PtNOP10-2	MYLQFYINDNGDKVYTTKKESPLGLPTESAHPARFSPDDKYSRQRFLLKKRFGLLPTQQSPLKY
PpNOP10	MYLMCYTNENGDKVYTLKKETPVGEATHSAHPARFSPDDKFSKHRIICKKRFNLLPTQQPPHNY
ScNOP10-1	MYLMCYTNENGDKVYTLQKESPEGGPTQSAHPARFSPDDKFSKHRVVLKKRFGLLPTQSPPPAY
ScNOP10-2	MYLMCYTNENGDKKESPEGGPTQSAHPARFSPDDKFSKHRVVLKKRFGLLPTQSPPPAY
AcNOP10	MYLMFYINENGDKVYTLQKDSPEGTPTQSAHPARFSPDDKFSKHRVVLKKRFGLLPTQSPPPTY
CriNOP10-1	MYLMFYINENGDKVYTLQKDSPEGSPTQSAHPARFSPDDKFSKHRVVLKKRFGLLPTQKPPPSY
CriNOP10-2	MYLMFYINENGDKVYTLQKDSPEGSPTQSAHPARFSPDDKFSKHRVVLKKRFGLLPTQKPPPTY
CriNOP10-3	MYLMFYINENGDKVYTLQKDSPEGSPTQSAHPARFSPDDKFSKHRVVLKKRFGLLPTQKPPPTY
GmNOP10	MYLMFYINDKGEKVYTLKKESPLGTPTQSAHPARFSPDDKFSRHRILLKKRFGLLPTQQPAPRY
AaNOP10	MYLMFYINDNGEKVYTLKKEDPAGTPSQSAHPARFSPDDKFSKQRITLKKRFGLLPTQAPPKEY

Supplementary Figure 5. Sequence alignment and phylogenetic analysis of NOP10 proteins in 12 plant species. a, protein sequences were aligned by MUSCLE. Cre: *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii*; Sm: *Selaginella moellendorffii*; St: *Selaginella tamariscina*; Pp: *Physcomitrella patens*; Sc: *Salvinia cucullata*; At: *Arabidopsis thaliana*; Pt: *Populus trichocarpa*; Mp: *Marchantia polymorpha*; Ac: *Adiantum capillus-veneris*; Cri: *Ceratopteris richardii*; Gm: *Gnetum montanum*; Aa: *Anthoceros angustus*. b, A neighbor joining (NJ) phylogenetic tree was constructed using Mega-X with 1000 bootstrap replicates.

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Supplementary Figure 6. Lignin structures analysis in petiole (Pe), sclerenchymatic belt (Sb), pith (Pi) and phloem (Ph) of A. spinulosa analyzed by 2D HSQC NMR. a, NMR analysis of petiole. G-type monolignol in aromatic region and some chemical bonds such as β -O-4, β - β in side chain region were detected. **b**, NMR analysis of sclerenchymatic belt. No lignin components were found in the whole cell wall gel-sample. All possible lignin components are marked with red dot lines, and the chemical structures of the lignin subunits are color-coded to show their possible signal assignments in the spectra. None of the correlations from the sample match with the lignin components except methoxyl group. All lignin region of 2D HSQC NMR spectra of enzyme lignin (EL) from sclerenchymatic belt. No lignin components are shown from the enzyme lignin sample. The polysaccharides disappear after the cellulose treatment. c, NMR analysis of pith. No lignin components are shown from the EL sample. d, NMR analysis of phloem. No lignin components are shown from the EL sample.

Supplementary Figure 7. Phylogenetic analysis of NAC proteins in *A. spinulosa* and other plants. a, NAC protein sequences are from *Arabidopsis thaliana* (Ath), *Amborella trichopoda* (Atr), *Ananas comosus* (Ao), *Oryza sativa* (Osa), *Populus trichocarpa* (Ptr), *Vitis vinifera* (Vvi), *Zea mays* (Zma), *Triticum aestivum* (Tae), *Eucalyptus grandis* (Egr), *Coffea canephora* (Cca), *Solanum lycopersicum* (Sly), *Lotus japonicas* (Lja), *Brachypodium distachyon* (Bdi), *Physcomitrium patens* (Ppa), *Selaginella moellendorffii* (Smo), *Boechera stricta* (Bst), *Brassica napus* (Bna), *Brassica oleracea* (Bol), *Camelina sativa* (Csa), *Capsella grandiflora* (Cgr), *Capsella rubella* (Cru), *Eutrema salsugineum* (Esa), *Raphanus raphanistrum* (Rra), *Raphanus sativus* (Rsa), *Sisymbrium irio* (Sir), and *Thellungiella parvula* (Tpa). Protein sequences were aligned by MUSCLE and the phylogenetic tree was constructed using RAxML using a maximum likelihood method. According to the phylogenetic relationship, all proteins are clustered into four categories, including VNDs, SMBs, NSTs, and Others. Two *A. spinulosa* genes, marked with red circles, were clustered in the VND clade. Seven *A. spinulosa* genes, marked with red stars, are clustered in the SMB clade. **b**, Heat map shows the relative expression levels of seven SMB-like and two VND6-like genes in pith (Pi), sclerenchymatic belt (Sb), xylem (Xy), and phloem (Ph) of *A. spinulosa*. FPKM values were normalized using the Z-score method.

Supplementary Figure 8. Characterizations of secondary metabolites in leaves and stems of *A. spinulosa.* **a,** Abundances of 274 metabolites detected by widely targeted metabolomics. Relative abundances are normalized and used in hierarchical cluster analysis using R. 18 samples are clustered to 6 groups and each group contains three biological replicates. St1/2/3 (stem stage 1/2/3), Le1/2/3 (leaf stage 1/2/3). **b,** Histogram shows the category of 274 metabolites, including 87 primary and 187 secondary metabolites. The flavonoids constitute the majority (38.5% of the secondary metabolites). **c,** Heat map shows the relative contents of 72 flavonoid metabolites detected in stems and leaves of *A. spinulosa* by the technology of widely targeted metabolomics. The counts are normalized using Z-score method. **d,** Flavonoid biosynthesis pathway in leaves. Small red cells represent log2 (fold change) of metabolites between Le3 and Le1. PAL: phenylalanine ammonia-lyase; C4H: cinnamate-4-hydroxylase; F3H: flavanone 3-hydroxylase; F3'H: flavonoid 3'-hydroxylase; F3'S'H: flavonoid 3', 5'-hydroxylase; FLS: flavonol synthase; FNS:

flavone synthase; GT: glycosyltransferase. **e**, Heat map shows relative expression of genes related to flavonoid biosynthetic pathway in stems and leaves of *A. spinulosa*. FPKM values were normalized using Z-score method. 358 pathway enzyme genes identified in the *A. spinulosa* genome, including 8 *CHS* genes, 4 *CHI* genes, 10 *F3H* genes, 10 *FLS* genes, 21 *F3'H* genes, 6 *F3'5'H* genes, 46 *FNS* genes, and 253 *GT* genes, are clustered into two groups (A and B) according to the expression patterns. The genes in group A and B are highly expressed in leaves and stems, respectively.

Supplementary Figure 9. The spectra of (±)-alsophilin for its structure determination. a, HRESIMS spectrum of (±)-alsophilin, measured on a Thermo Scientific Q Exactive Focus Orbitrap mass spectrometer. b, Ultraviolet (UV) spectrum of (±)-alsophilin, measured on a JASCO J-815 CD spectropolarimeters. UV (MeOH) λ_{max} (log ε) 203.5 (2.28), 259.5 (0.35), and 385.5 (0.59) nm. **c**, Infrared (IR) spectrum of (±)-alsophilin, acquired by KBr disk method on a Shimadzu FTIR-8400S spectrometer. IR (KBr) vmax 3324, 1671, 1607, 1544, 1447, 1286, 1162, 1115, 1007, 965, 848, 814, 762, 689 cm⁻¹. d, ¹H NMR (nuclear magnetic resonance) spectrum (500 MHz) of (±)-alsophilin, recorded on a Bruker AV-500 spectrometer using deuterated solvent CD₃OD with TMS as an internal standard, and ¹H NMR spectral data are shown in Supplementary Table 21. e, ${}^{13}C$ NMR spectrum (125 MHz) of (±)-alsophilin, recorded on a Bruker AV-500 spectrometer using deuterated solvent CD₃OD with TMS as an internal standard, and ¹³C NMR spectral data were shown in Supplementary Table 21. f, ${}^{1}H{-}{}^{13}C$ correlation spectra of (±)-alsophilin, with 1D ${}^{1}H$ and ¹³C spectra on the horizontal and vertical axes; acquired on a Bruker AV-500, 500 MHz spectrometer, in CD₃OD (central solvent peaks used as references. HSQC correlations are overlaid on the HMBC spectra; magenta contours are for the 1-bond ¹H–¹³C correlations of protonated carbons for the hispidin (H) moiety, green contours for the piceatannol (P) moiety. HMBC spectra (black) showing 2- and 3-bond correlations that aided the assignments. The correlations (highlighted in green) from protons P7' and P8' are particularly useful, those correlating with carbons H12 and H11 (magenta highlighting and circled) being especially diagnostic for establishing the phenylcoumaran nature of the product derived from P8'-H12 radical coupling. Boxes labeled $\times 2.5$ are lower-level contours (expanded 2.5×) useful for assignments. Contours colored light gray are from residual 1-bond correlations (split by the 1-bond ¹H–¹³C coupling constant) that are not minimized in the used HMBC experiment. Assignments for the 1D proton and carbon spectral projections are numbered and color-coded to match the (\pm) -alsophilin. g, ROESY spectrum of (\pm) -alsophilin, recorded on a Bruker AV-500 spectrometer using deuterated solvent CD₃OD with TMS as an internal standard. Important cross-peaks are highlighted by being dark blue (positive) and red (negative); their lighter colors are from the diagonal and less-important attributes of the spectrum. Assignments for the 1D proton and carbon spectral projections are numbered and color-coded to match the (\pm) -alsophilin. Note that the proton spectrum used for the projections is not run on the same sample nor at the same time; some peaks have therefore been moved. We use the dotted lines to show the offset. h, Key HMBC and ROESY correlations of (±)-alsophilin. The relative configuration of (\pm) -alsophilin is determined to be *trans* orientation between protons P7' and P8' from the key ROESY correlations between protons P7'/P10'(P14') and P8'/P2'.

Supplementary Figure 10. Phylogenetic relationships of PKS III proteins in different species. The abbreviations before protein names represent different species, At: *Arabidopsis thaliana*, Gb: *Ginkgo biloba*, Sm: *Selaginella moellendorffii*, St: *Selaginella tamariscina*, Af: *Azolla filiculoides*, Sc: *Salvinia cucullata*, Pp: *Physcomitrella patens*, Pm: *Piper methysticum*, Ct: *Ceratopter-is thalictroides*, De: *Dryopteris erythrosora*, Df: *Dryopteris fragrans*, Ea: *Equisetum arvense*, Ps: *Pinus sylvestris*, Ah: *Arachis hypogaea*, Vr: *Vitis riparia*, Vv: *Vitis vinifera*, Rt: *Rheum tataricum*. The red genes represent reported function-known proteins, with GenBank accession numbers: CtCHS (AFN02448), DeCHS (AHU87077), DfCHS (AHA85054), EaCHS (BAA89501), AtCHS (BAD89858), AhSTS (BAA78617), RtSTS (AAP13782), VrSTS (AAF00586), VvSTS (CAA54221), PmSPS1 (QCX36371), PmSPS2 (QCX36372), and PsSTS1 (P48407). Proteins highlighted in blue have detectable enzyme activities *in vitro*. Protein sequences were aligned by MUSCLE and the phylogenetic tree was constructed by RAxML using a maximum likelihood method.

Supplementary Figure 11. MAPS analysis of Cyatheales WGD event excluding *A. spinulosa*. A Cyatheaeles-wide WGD event was still detected when *A. spinulosa* was excluded from the MAPS analysis. The percentage of subtrees supporting a WGD at or before N3 was significantly higher than null and positive simulations according to an one-sided Fischer's Exact Test (P < 0.005). The dark lines in the center of the shaded regions represent the average values for null and positive gene tree simulations.

Supplementary Figure 12. Characterization of small RNA in *A. spinulosa* leaves. a, Length distribution of small RNAs. 21 nt length of sRNA reads are the most abundant, occupying 34.72%. b, First nucleotide bias of miRNAs, mainly trending to be uracil. c, Annotation of non-coding RNAs (ncRNAs), including rRNA, tRNA, snRNA and snoRNA. Of which, 93.11% are rRNAs and there is no snoRNA in *A. spinulosa*. d, Pearson correlation analysis among three leaf samples shows a high correlation coefficient of miRNA TPM values ($R^2 > 0.97$), indicating a quite good repeatability.

Supplementary Tables

Supplementary Table 1. Statistics of clean sequencing data generated from the PacBio Sequel platforms, Illumina and Hi-C sequencing in *A. spinulosa*.

PacBio data										
Platform	Inse	rt size	SMR	Г cell	Clean d	lata	N50		Depth ¹ ((X)
	(1	kb)	num	ıber	(Gb))	length (bp)			
Sequel I		20	7	3	442.7	2	15,543		71.06	
Sequel II		20	3	\$	460.1	5	23,021		73.86	
Total		-	70	6	902.8	7	-		144.92	2
				Illumi	na data			_		
Insert size	T	уре	Reads	length	No. of cl	ean	Total cl	ean	Dept	h ¹
 		(b		p)	reads		bases (bp)		(X))
270 bp	Paire	ed-end	150		2,577,465,130		386,619,769,50		62.0)6
500 bp	Paire	ed-end	150		2,644,833,362		396,725,00)4,300	63.6	58
Total		-	-		5,222,298	,492	783,344,77	73,800) 125.	74
	-			Hi-C	C data					
Туре		Read	number	Base	number		Ratio	D	Depth ¹ (X))
				()	bp)		(%)			
Total clean	data	1,331,	223,757 399,36		-,127,100		-	64.10		
Mappec	1	1,047,	,707,917 314,31		2,375,100 78.70		78.70		-	
paired-end r	reads									
Unmappe	ed	10,3	64,629	3,109,	,388,700 (0.78		-	
paired-end r	reads									
Valid dat	ta	301,6	557,590	120,497,277,000			30.17		-	

¹Depth was calculated under the assumption of a genome size of 6.23 Gb.

	Scaffold length	Number	Contig* length	Number
	(bp)		(bp)	
N10 ¹	112,454,994	5	4,372,444	112
N20	104,380,601	11	3,288,578	277
N30	100,365,623	17	2,700,726	488
N40	95,373,544	24	2,220,203	741
N50	92,484,196	30	1,795,171	1,056
N60	88,178,156	37	1,417,007	1,445
N70	81,981,237	45	1,073,001	1,956
N80	79,385,870	52	749,984	2,651
N90	71,293,965	61	419,601	3,737
Maximum length	135,221,733	-	9,774,507	-
Total length	6,234,337,617	-	6,230,791,617	-
Total number	-	69	-	7161
GC content	42.1%	-	42.1%	-

Supplementary Table 2. Statistics for the chromosome-level assembly of the *A*. *spinulosa* genome.

¹N10 refers to the size above which 10% of the total length of the sequence assembly can be found. From N20 to N90 are similarly defined. * indicates contig after scaffolding.

Assembly assessment							
	Number	Percentage (%)					
Complete BUSCOs	249	97.6					
Complete and single-copy BUSCOs	203	79.6					
Complete and duplicated BUSCOs	46	18.0					
Fragmented BUSCOs	3	1.2					
Missing BUSCOs	3	1.2					
Total BUSCOs groups searched	255	-					
Annotation ass	essment						
	Number	Percentage (%)					
Complete BUSCOs	184	72.1					
Complete and single-copy BUSCOs	151	59.2					
Complete and duplicated BUSCOs	33	12.9					
Fragmented BUSCOs	55	21.6					
Missing BUSCOs	1.6	6.2					
Missing Debees	16	0.3					

Supplementary Table 3. BUSCO assessments of *A. spinulosa* genome assembly and annotation using Eukaryota_odb10 dataset (10 September, 2020).

	Length (bp)	% of genome
Class I: Retrotransposon	2,520,569,120	40.43
LTR-Retrotransposon	2,353,496,477	37.75
LTR/Copia	777,705,955	12.47
LTR/Gypsy	1,553,536,402	24.91
LTR-other	22,254,120	0.37
Non-LTR Retrotransposon	167,072,643	2.70
SINE	2,103,182	0.03
LINE	166,664,081	2.67
Class II:DNA Transposon	157,368,721	2.52
CMC-EnSpm	37,224,336	0.59
MULE-MuDR	16,810,091	0.26
hAT-Tag1	12,699,458	0.20
TcMar-Tc2	12,573,034	0.20
hAT	12,247,640	0.19
TcMar-Tc1	11,945,278	0.19
Sola-1	11,337,487	0.18
PIF-Harbinger	7,273,667	0.11
Sola-2	4,807,706	0.07
Low Complexity	28,370,389	0.45
Tandem repeat	663,557,047	10.64
Unknown	1,286,756,815	20.63
Total content	4,685,835,730	75.15

Supplementary Table 4. Statistics of repeat sequences in *A. spinulosa* genome.

Gene numbers and features	
Gene_count	67,831
Gene_max	207,196 bp
Gene_min	102 bp
Gene_Median / Average	2,382 / 9,542.41 bp
CDS_count	67,831
CDS_max	47,169 bp
CDS_min	102 bp
CDS_Median / Average	879 / 1,135.58 bp
cDNA_count	67,831
cDNA _max	48,726 bp
cDNA _min	102 bp
cDNA_Median / Average	1,095 / 1,396.61 bp
mRNA_count	71,488
mRNA _max	207,196 bp
mRNA _min	102 bp
mRNA _Median / Average	2,472 / 9,762.09 bp
mRNA_count_Median / Average	1 / 1.03
UTR3_Median / Average	296 / 392.35 bp
UTR5_Median / Average	137 / 284.47 bp
Exon_Median / Average	553 / 711.40 bp
Exon_count_Median / Average	2/3.76
Intron_Median / Average	566 / 8,130.30 bp
Intron_count_Median / Average	1 / 2.61

Supplementary Table 5. Statistics of gene numbers and features in *A. spinulosa*.

Dataset	Number	Percent (%)
Nr	63,551	93.69
Swiss-Prot	35,772	52.73
KOG	14,040	20.69
eggNOG	58,208	85.81
InterPro	52,284	77.07
Pfam	44,813	66.06
GO	35,549	52.4
KEGG	9,665	14.24
All functional genes	64,688	95.36

Supplementary Table 6. Gene functional annotation in the A. spinulosa genome.

	A. spinulosa	A. thaliana
Total gene number	67,831	27,655
Average gene length (bp)	9,542.41	2,373.54
Average CDS length (bp)	1,135.58	1,201.52
Average exon number per gene	3.76	5.28
Average exon length (bp)	711.40	1620.03
Average intron length (bp)	8,130.30	709.71

Supplementary Table 7. Genome structure comparisons between *Alsophila spinulosa* and *Arabidopsis thaliana* TAIR10.

Gene family	A. spinulosa	A. filiculoides	S. cucullata
PAL	22	9	6
4CL	50	26	26
CCR	42	25	20
CAD	51	20	21
CCoAOMT	9	3	2
COMT	33	7	5
CSE	37	26	16
НСТ	130	15	18
P450	331	100	77

Supplementary Table 8. Statistics of gene family numbers related to lignin biosynthesis among *Alsophila spinulosa*, *Azolla filiculoides*, and *Salvinia cucullata*.

Supplementary Table 9. 17 pairs of WGD genes in 8 gene families related to lignin biosynthetic pathway.

Gene_1 Gene_2		Gene	Median	Collinear
		family	block Ks	(+/-)
Aspi01Gene07514	Aspi01Gene05547	PAI	0.4526	+
(AspiPAL5a)	(AspiPAL5b)	I AL	0.4320	ľ
Aspi01Gene12760	Aspi01Gene46333	ACI	0.2885	–
(Aspi4CL1a)	(Aspi4CL1b)	4CL	0.5885	I
Aspi01Gene22852	Aspi01Gene25649	ACI	0.4216	4
(Aspi4CL2a)	(Aspi4CL2b)	402	0.4310	I
Aspi01Gene09501	Aspi01Gene43243	CAD	0 3508	+
(AspiCAD2a)	(AspiCAD2b)	CAD	0.3398	I
Aspi01Gene29611	Aspi01Gene66730	C4D	0 2681	4
(AspiCAD3a)	(AspiCAD3b)	CAD	0.2081	I
Aspi01Gene01252	Aspi01Gene28475	CCP	0 2024	
(AspiCCR1a)	(AspiCCR1b)	CCK	0.3924	I
Aspi01Gene54723	Aspi01Gene71938	CCP	0 3280	+
(AspiCCR2a)	(AspiCCR2b)	CCK	0.3289	I
Aspi01Gene01343	Aspi01Gene28411	CCR	0 3007	+
(AspiCCR3a)	(AspiCCR3b)	CCK	0.3777	I
Aspi01Gene01596	Aspi01Gene28121	CCR	0 3457	+
(AspiCCR4a)	(AspiCCR4b)	CCA	0.5157	
Aspi01Gene24006	Aspi01Gene20254	CCR	0 4534	+
(AspiCCR5a)	(AspiCCR5b)	CCA	0.1551	
Aspi01Gene29511	Aspi01Gene66601	CCR	0 3079	+
(AspiCCR6a)	(AspiCCR6b)	een	0.5079	
Aspi01Gene43044	Aspi01Gene45864	CCoAOMT	0 4328	+
(AspiCCoAOMT3a)	(AspiCCoAOMT3b)	ceonomi	0.1520	
Aspi01Gene53484	Aspi01Gene19235	CSE	0 4093	+
(AspiCSE2a)	(AspiCSE2b)	0.51	011090	
Aspi01Gene31960	Aspi01Gene30587	CSE	0.4054	+
(AspiCSE3a)	(AspiCSE3b)	0.02	011001	
Aspi01Gene50432	Aspi01Gene62633	HCT	0.3389	+
(AspiHCT1a)	(AspiHCT1b)			
Aspi01Gene09518	Aspi01Gene43257	HCT	0 3598	+
(AspiHCT2a)	(AspiHCT2b)		0.0070	
Aspi01Gene72914	Aspi01Gene37809	СЗН	0.4842	+
(AspiC3H1a)	(AspiC3H1b)	0.511	0.1012	

Supplementary Table 10. Numbers of 15 gene families expanded in *A. spinulosa* compared to *A. filiculoides* and *S. cucullata* by OrthoFinder analysis. Peroxidase (Hmm: peroxidase, PF00141); MYB (Hmm: MYB_DNA-binding, PF00249); NAC (Hmm: NAM, PF02365); MADS-box (Hmm: SRF-TF, PF00319); bHLH (Basic helix-loop-helix, Hmm: HLH, PF00010); Cupin_1 (Hmm: Cupin_1, PF00190); POT (Proton-dependent oligopeptide transporter, Hmm: PTR2, PF00854); SAUR (Small auxin-up RNA, Hmm: Auxin inducible, PF02519); HMA (Heavy metal associated, Hmm: HMA, PF00403); NPH3 (Non-phototropic hypocotyl 3, Hmm: NPH3, PF03000); PE (Pectinesterase, Hmm: Pectinesterase, PF01095); HSP20 (Heat shock protein, Hmm: HSP20, PF00011); LOB (Lateral organ boundaries, Hmm: LOB, PF03195); GATA (GATA zinc finger, Hmm: GATA, PF00320); GH3 (GH3 auxin-responsive promoter, Hmm: GH3, PF03321).

Gene	С.	А.	М.	Р	<i>S</i> .	А.	А.	G.	<i>G</i> .	А.	А.	<i>S</i> .
family	braunii	angustus	polymorpha	patens	cucullata	filiculoide	spinulosa	montanum	biloba	trichopoda	thaliana	tamariscina
Peroxidase	12	32	115	42	21	24	82	53	85	48	66	53
MYB	6	12	30	50	43	48	115	48	95	67	115	46
NAC	1	5	8	26	26	29	65	35	36	36	58	27
MADS-box	4	12	2	8	19	22	51	29	33	26	44	15
bHLH	4	7	11	29	23	23	65	18	21	20	30	10
Cupin_1	0	12	23	23	7	10	78	8	35	25	29	8
РОТ	0	23	24	20	9	13	26	26	53	33	27	29
SAUR	1	7	6	19	14	12	27	31	47	27	37	45
HMA	1	9	25	17	9	8	35	25	32	14	31	14
NPH3	6	5	6	31	27	20	31	20	22	22	30	24
PE	9	12	7	18	17	23	51	10	15	11	8	14
HSP20	4	13	13	15	8	8	23	21	26	12	7	1
LOB	1	4	8	15	8	5	24	15	34	8	13	7
GATA	2	2	2	9	14	12	21	15	15	14	26	4
GH3	0	11	2	2	5	10	40	16	16	7	19	7

Supplementary Table 11. The content detection of lignin and compositions in four tissues (xylem, phloem, sclerenchymatic belt, and spore).

Tissue	Acid-insoluble lignin (% CWR)	Acid soluble lignin (% CWR)	Η (μmol/g CWR)	G (μmol/g CWR)	S (μmol/g CWR)
Xylem	36.30±0.02	3.62±0.01	7.10±0.05	305.94±0.21	0.12±0.001
Phloem	10.22±1.17	4.50±0.02	N.D.	1.10±0.02	0.06±0.01
Sclerenchymatic belt	14.55±1.03	2.24±0.04	N.D.	0.32±0.03	0.35±0.02
Spore	54.38±0.35	2.97±0.01	9.69±0.24	104.05±1.56	0.39±0.16

Category	Nepal	SC/GX/	FJ/TW	YN	HN	XZ			
		GZ							
Sequence variants									
SNPs	5,822,085	17,554,121	16,725,788	38,967,231	11,294,576	10,584,708			
Indels (<10 bp)	821,522	1,280,228	1,195,712	4,346,215	911,058	910,829			
Variants with effects on genes									
SNPs that introduce stop codons	546	1,388	1,433	5,657	919	903			
SNPs that disrupt stop codons	63	211	101	481	111	115			
SNPs that induce alternative	1,158	4,279	3,470	17,089	2,361	2,269			
splicing									
Indels located in genic regions	721,495	1,325,424	1,239,420	4,503,329	942,022	942,948			
Frameshift indels	1,252	2,335	2,143	9,694	1,638	1,655			
Genes affected by large-effect	2,149	4,733	4,520	18,521	3,166	3,143			
variants									
Nonsynonymous variants	16,186	46,594	46,842	153,526	26,709	28,189			
Synonymous variants	9178	27,618	27,046	108,037	15,364	15,982			

Supplementary Table 12. Summary of genetic variation in 6 groups.

Туре	Subgroups	Number of re-sequenced accessions	Ratio of non-synonymous to synonymous SNPs
Nepal	Nepal	12	1.7019
SC/GZ/GX	SiChuan	12	1.6759
	GuiZhou	12	1.6995
	GuangXi	12	1.692
EI/TW	FuJian	12	1.7078
FJ/IW	TaiWan	12	1.711
YN	YunNan	12	1.4259
HN	HaiNan	12	1.7467
XZ	XiZang	11	1.7175

Supplementary Table 13. Summary of the variants in 6 groups.

Population	Nepal	SC/GZ/GX	FJ/TW	YN	HN	XZ
Nepal						
SC/GZ/GX	0.221					
FJ/TW	0.26888	0.18975				
YN	0.69679	0.73698	0.71212			
HN	0.33749	0.15285	0.19037	0.68319		
XZ	0.30071	0.17034	0.22975	0.67747	0.24102	

Supplementary Table 14. Fixation index (*Fst*) among 6 groups.

Supplementary Table 15. GO and KEGG enrichment analysis of the protein-coding genes that are under selection. BP: biological process; CC: cellular component; MF: molecular function. Q-value less than 0.05 represented significant enrichment. P values were calculated using two-sided Fisher's exact test and further corrected based on Benjamini-Hochberg false discovery rate correction method.

GO enrichment							
Category	GO ID	GO term	P-value	Q-value	Gene ratio (%)		
MF	GO:0008195	phosphatidate phosphatase activity	0.000	0.000	0.012		
MF	GO:0004345	glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase activity	0.000	0.001	0.012		
BP	GO:0009051	pentose-phosphate shunt, oxidative branch	0.000	0.001	0.012		
BP	GO:0034517	ribophagy	0.000	0.001	0.012		
BP	GO:0035017	cuticle pattern formation	0.000	0.001	0.012		
MF	GO:1905538	polysome binding	0.000	0.001	0.012		
CC	GO:1990861	Ubp3-Bre5 deubiquitination complex	0.000	0.001	0.012		
BP	GO:0006098	pentose-phosphate shunt	0.000	0.002	0.012		
BP	GO:0060628	regulation of ER to Golgi vesicle-mediated transport	0.000	0.002	0.012		
BP	GO:0006414	translational elongation	0.000	0.003	0.010		
BP	GO:0006739	NADP metabolic process	0.000	0.004	0.014		
MF	GO:0000981	DNA-binding transcription factor activity, RNA polymerase II-specific	0.000	0.004	0.036		
BP	GO:1901957	regulation of cutin biosynthetic process	0.000	0.004	0.012		
BP	GO:0071497	cellular response to freezing	0.000	0.006	0.014		
BP	GO:0061912	selective autophagy	0.000	0.008	0.012		
BP	GO:1990019	protein storage vacuole organization	0.000	0.009	0.008		
BP	GO:0032212	positive regulation of telomere maintenance via telomerase	0.000	0.012	0.008		
BP	GO:0070125	mitochondrial translational elongation	0.000	0.012	0.008		
BP	GO:1904358	positive regulation of telomere maintenance via telomere lengthening	0.000	0.012	0.008		
MF	GO:0047714	galactolipase activity	0.000	0.013	0.014		
BP	GO:0032543	mitochondrial translation	0.000	0.013	0.010		
MF	GO:0008135	translation factor activity, RNA binding	0.000	0.014	0.016		
BP	GO:0009751	response to salicylic acid	0.000	0.014	0.036		
CC	GO:0071020	post-spliceosomal complex	0.000	0.017	0.012		
CC	GO:0071021	U2-type post-spliceosomal complex	0.000	0.017	0.012		
BP	GO:0140053	mitochondrial gene expression	0.000	0.017	0.012		
BP	GO:0005996	monosaccharide metabolic process	0.000	0.017	0.024		

BP	GO:0019318	hexose metabolic p	rocess	0.000	0.017	0.020	
BP	GO:0000350	generation of cataly second transesterifi	0.000	0.017	0.012		
MF	GO:0003746	translation elongati	on factor activity	0.000	0.017	0.008	
BP	GO:0034605	cellular response to	heat	0.000	0.017	0.020	
BP	GO:1901371	regulation of leaf m	orphogenesis	0.000	0.017	0.008	
BP	GO:0019682	glyceraldehyde-3-p process	hosphate metabolic	0.000	0.020	0.012	
MF	GO:0008970	phospholipase A1 a	ectivity	0.001	0.021	0.014	
BP	GO:0032210	regulation of telom telomerase	ere maintenance via	0.001	0.022	0.010	
BP	GO:0048736	appendage develop	ment	0.001	0.022	0.010	
BP	GO:0090596	sensory organ morp	ohogenesis	0.001	0.022	0.010	
MF	GO:0004806	triglyceride lipase a	activity	0.001	0.022	0.014	
BP	GO:0045292	mRNA cis splicing	, via spliceosome	0.001	0.024	0.012	
BP	GO:1904356	regulation of telom telomere lengthenin	0.001	0.025	0.010		
BP	GO:0048235	pollen sperm cell d	ifferentiation	0.001	0.026	0.012	
BP	GO:0000018	regulation of DNA	regulation of DNA recombination			0.020	
BP	GO:0000002	mitochondrial geno	me maintenance	0.001	0.027	0.022	
BP	GO:0050826	response to freezing	р Э	0.001	0.027	0.014	
BP	GO:0045910	negative regulation recombination	of DNA	0.001	0.030	0.018	
BP	GO:0000393	spliceosomal confo to generate catalytic	rmational changes c conformation	0.001	0.039	0.012	
BP	GO:0006006	glucose metabolic j	process	0.001	0.039	0.014	
BP	GO:0006081	cellular aldehyde m	etabolic process	0.001	0.039	0.018	
BP	GO:0046677	response to antibiot	tic	0.001	0.041	0.048	
BP	GO:0007423	sensory organ deve	lopment	0.002	0.047	0.010	
BP	GO:0043171	peptide catabolic pr	rocess	0.002	0.047	0.010	
KEGG enrichment							
Pathway		Ko ID	P-value	Q-v	alue	Gene ratio (%)	
Regulation adipocytes	of lipolysis in	ko04923	0.000	0.0)33	0.014	
Glutathion	e metabolism	ko00480	0.000	0.0)33	0.031	
Glycerolipi	d metabolism	ko00561	0.000	0.0)42	0.035	

Gene name	Forward Sequence (5'→3')	Reverse Sequence (5'→3')
qRT-PCR		
AspiPAL3	ATGGTTCAGACCTACTTTGAGTCAACAG	CGAGGGTGACGATAGCTGCTTCTCC
AspiCCR2b	TGCCATTAATCATCCTCTCTTGCCA	TGATTAGAAAGCAAGGATGGAGGGAAA
AspiHCT40	CTGGTTCCCTGGCGTTACCA	AGGGCGTGCACAAGTAGGAG
AspiHCT101	TGCTAAGCCTACCAGGAGACAC	CCTCTGCAGGATCTTTCTCCGT
AspiC4H4	GCCCGGTCTTAATGTGTTCGC	TCCGCCGACTCTGTCAAACA
AspiCSE6	GCCTGCGAGGAGCAAGAGTA	GCAGATGCAAGCGGATGGTG
AspiCAD19	GTTCGTGTAAAGCACACTGCCA	AGGCCCAACTGCAGTAACCA
Aspi4CL28	CATCCTTGACAGAGGTCATGTGC	TGGAGACATTGGGAAATCGTGCT
Aspi4CL43	GGCATCCTTCTCCCTCTGGTC	CCCTCCCACATCCACTGTCA
AspiCCR10	GGGAACCTAGCACTTCCTTG	CCACAGATTTGGACGTCGCTT
AspiCCoAOMT2	ACCATGGCACCAACTCACCGCTAACC	GGAAGACCGCAACAACAACAGG
AspiCOMT2	CTCTCCACAGCTGCCGGTTT	GCAACACCTAGGCCTTATAAAGTTCC
AspiC3H3	GAATCATCGTCGGCAGCAGA	CTGTGGAACCGCATGTCACG
AspiCCoAOMT3a	GGTTCCCATTGGAGACGGGAT	TGTGTGCCATAAATAGCCCTTGC
AspiCOMT16	GTGTTGGAAGGGCGTGTTCG	TGCATTCCGGCAAGCGTAAC
AspiCAD32	TGCCATTCGGACCTTCACCA	AGCCCTTCACCTTGGAACCC
AspiHCT85	GTGCAAGGGCTGCCAATACC	TCAGGCTTTGGAGGTGGCTT
AspiHCT64	GCTAGCTTCTGCAGCTTGGTATG	ATGGCGGCTTGGAACAATGG
AspiCSE18	CCAAGGGTGTGGGCCTCTCAG	AGACTCTCCAAACAGAAAGCAAGGA
Aspi4CL5	AGAGAGCAAGCCTAATCGGAACT	AGAGCATCACGAATGTTAGCACAC
AspiHCT1a	ACAGATCCAACCTCCTGCACTC	CCTCACAGACTTTAGGTTATGAGG
AspiHCT1b	CACCAGCTGAGGAGACACCA	GAAGCCTCCCAGCCATTGGA
AspiPAL4	CACTGGCTGAGAATTCCTGCAC	GGACGAGATAAGGGAGCTGCTATC
Aspi4CL47	GCTGTAAGGAGGGATAGTTGTAAG	GTGGTAACTTCCCAACTCAAGC
AspiCCR5a	CTTCGTCTCTTGCTGCACGC	GAGAAGGTGTAGTCGCCATAGC
AspiCSE3a	GGTATTCCAAGACATCATTGCG	CACATGCTGCATGGATGGAG
AspiCCR5b	GGTGTTGCACTCAACGGCATCTATG	AGATGGAGATGCGGAGCTTG
Aspi4CL1b	GTTCCCACGGGGCCAATTCAA	CAGCTTGGTCAAGCTACTCCTAAC
AspiC4H1	CAAACCCCTCTAACCTGCCTCCTT	CAAGAGCACTTCAAGACCTACAAG
Aspi01Gene06595	CTTTTCAATCCCACACTTCCACAG	GCAACATTGCCAGGCAAATGCTC
(AspiActin)		
Gene Cloning		
Aspi01Gene02765	TGGTGGTGGTGGAATTCTAGACATGACT	CAGTCACGATGAATTAAGCTT TTA ACTG

Supplementary Table 16. Primers used in this study for qRT-PCR and gene cloning.

(AspiPKS1)	GTCTCTGAGAGTGCACG	AGAGGCACACTCCTGA
Aspi01Gene44865	TGGTGGTGGTGGAATTCTAGACATGCCG	CAGTCACGATGAATTAAGCTT TCA ATTA
(AspiPKS2)	ATTCCTTCCGGCTCCT	GTGAGAGGCACGCT
Aspi01Gene51163	TGGTGGTGGTGGAATTCTAGACATGACC	CAGTCACGATGAATTAAGCTT TTA ACTG
(AspiPKS3)	ATCGCTGAGTCTGGC	GCGAGCGGGACACTGCG
Aspi01Gene15356	TGGTGGTGGTGGAATTCTAGACATGTTT	CAGTCACGATGAATTAAGCTT TTA CTTG
(AspiPKS4)	CTGGAGGTGGAAGTTG	CACCGCCTGAGGAGG
Aspi01Gene15357	TGGTGGTGGTGGAATTCTAGACATGTTT	CAGTCACGATGAATTAAGCTT TCA TTTG
(AspiPKS5)	CTGGAGGTGGAAGTTG	CACCGCTTGAGAAG
Aspi01Gene19041	TGGTGGTGGTGGAATTCTAGACATGTTT	CAGTCACGATGAATTAAGCTT TTA ATCT
(AspiPKS6)	CTGGAGGTCGAGGTAG	GATGCAGGCTTGC
Aspi01Gene18241	TGGTGGTGGTGGAATTCTAGACATGTTT	CAGTCACGATGAATTAAGCTT TCA TTTG
(AspiPKS7)	CTGGAGATCGAAGTGG	CACCGCTTGAGGAG
Aspi01Gene01559	TGGTGGTGGTGGAATTCTAGACATGGA	CAGTCACGATGAATTAAGCTT TCA TTGA
(AspiPKS8)	GTGCAATAGTGTGCAC	TGTGTTACCTTTCGA

Pfam Category Gene family **Query species Blastp query** number PF00319 MADS-box --TF PF02365 NAC --PAL PF00221 -4CL PF00501 _ -Potri.019G130700.1 Populus trichocarpa C4H (PtrC4H2)Potri.006G033300.1 Populus trichocarpa PF00067 C3H (PtrC3H3) Potri.007G016400.1 Populus trichocarpa CAld5H Lignin (PtrCAld5H2) CCoAOMT PF01596 --PF08240 CAD -PF00107 PF01370 CCR -_ COMT PF00891 _ _ CSE PF12146 -_ HCT PF02458 --PF00195 Arabidopsis thaliana CHS AtCHS (AT5G13930) PF02797 CHI AtCHI (AT3G55120) Arabidopsis thaliana _ FLS AtFLS1 (AT5G08640) Arabidopsis thaliana -F3H *AtF3H* (AT3G51240) Arabidopsis thaliana _ Flavonoid F3′H Rhsim07G0001300.1 Rhododendron simsii A6XHG1 (UniprotKB)、 Vitis vinifera , F3′5′H PF00067 E9P1T5 (UniprotKB) Solanum tuberosum LjFNSII-1.1、LjFNSII-2.1 FNS Lonicera japonica GTPF00201 VvSTS (GenBank: Vitis vinifera CAA54221) PKS PKSIII -PmSPS1 (GenBank: *Piper methysticum* QCX36371) DRM DRM2 (AT5G14620) Arabidopsis thaliana _ DNA MET MET1 (AT5G49160) Arabidopsis thaliana methylation CMT CMT2 (AT4G19020) Arabidopsis thaliana _

Supplementary Table 17. The pfam numbers and blastp queries for gene family identification in this study.

miRNA	Туре	Leaf-1	Leaf-2	Leaf-3	Total
	Mapped mature	142	163	145	182
Known	Mapped hairpin	326	399	386	453
miRNAs	Mapped uniq sRNA*	479	565	465	1509
	Mapped total sRNA	1,063,675	996,680	801,399	2,861,754
	Mapped mature	181	181	181	181
Novel	Mapped hairpin	181	181	181	181
miRNAs	Mapped uniq sRNA*	1028	1054	1023	3105
	Mapped total sRNA	489,139	535,545	430,116	1,454,800

Supplementary Table 18. Statistics of known and novel miRNAs in A. spinulosa.

*indicated categories of mapped sRNA.

Туре	Leaf-1	Leaf-2	Leaf-3	Average	Percent (%)
rRNA	1,446,727	1,689,607	1,606,728	1,581,021	93.11
tRNA	93,019	124,467	102,944	106,810	6.29
snRNA	9,152	10,727	10,690	10,190	0.60
snoRNA	0	0	0	0	0

Supplementary Table 19. Read counts of four kinds of ncRNAs in A. spinulosa.

Supplementary Table 20. Energies of the conformers of compound (+)-alsophilin at B3LYP/6-311g (d,p) in MeOH.

Label	Conformer	Boltzmann weighting factor
1	to the second	69.46
2	- Andrewick	28.87
3		16.71
4	ACA A CARE	14.75
5	and a state	9.79
6		7.63
7		5.96
8		5.68
9		4.96
10		4.46
11		2.42
12	A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A	1.61
13		1.27

Supplementary Table 21. ¹H (500 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (125 MHz) spectral data of (\pm) -alsophilin in CD₃OD.

No.	$\delta_{ m H}$ (mult, J in Hz)	δ_{C}	No.	$\delta_{ m H}$ (mult, J in Hz)	$\delta_{ m C}$
H1		128.7	P1′		132.5
Н2	7.06 (d, 2.0)	114.9	P2′	6.76 (d, 2.0)	113.8
Н3		146.8 ^a	P3'		146.9 ^a
H4		148.9	P4′		147.3
Н5	6.78 (d, 8.5)	116.6	P5'	6.79 (d, 8.5)	116.4
Н6	6.97 (dd, 8.5, 2.0)	122.2	P6′	6.66 (d, 8.5, 2.0)	119.0
Η7	7.38 (d, 16.0)	138.1	P7′	5.43 (d, 6.5)	97.8
H8	6.70 (d, 16.0)	117.0	P8′	4.26 (d, 6.5)	55.0
Н9		164.9	Р9′		144.7
H10	6.43 (s)	96.3	P10'/14'	6.12 (d, 2.5)	106.7
H11		173.8	P11'/13'		160.1
H12		103.8	P12′	6.18 (t, 2.5)	102.6
H13		163.1			

^a Overlapping signals.

Compound	Inhibition rate (%) ^a	IC ₅₀ values (µM) ^b
(±)-alsophilin	92.87±0.74	3.42±1.22
(-)-alsophilin	94.56±2.25	2.21±0.14
(+)-alsophilin	92.02±1.98	3.53±0.30
Piceatannol	97.74±1.00	0.61±0.18
Cyperusphenol B	96.81±2.49	1.52±0.41
Curcumin ^c	98.58±0.61	1.92±0.57

Supplementary Table 22. Antioxidant activities on MDA production of the bioactive compounds.

^a Inhibition rate at 10^{-5} M. ^b IC₅₀ values represent: mean \pm SD (*n*=3 biologically independent experiments). ^c Positive control.