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**Abstract**

Madagascar is a prime evolutionary hotspot globally, but its unique biodiversity is under threat, essentially from anthropogenic disturbance. There is a race against time to describe and protect the Madagascan endangered biota. Here we present a first molecular characterization of the micromoth fauna of Madagascar. We collected 1572 micromoths mainly using light traps in both natural and anthropogenically disturbed habitats in 24 localities across eastern and northwest Madagascar. We also collected 1384 specimens using a Malaise trap in a primary rain forest at Andasibe. In total, we DNA barcoded 2956 specimens belonging to 1537 Barcode Index Numbers (BINs), 88.4% of which are new to BOLD. Only 1.7% of new BINs were assigned to species. Of 47 different families found, Dryadaulidae, Bucculatricidae, Bedelliidae, Batrachedridae and Blastobasidae are newly reported for Madagascar and the recently recognized Tonzidae is confirmed. For test faunas of Canada and Australia, 98.9-99.4% of Macroheterocera BINs exhibited the molecular synapomorphy of a Phenylalanine in the 177$^{th}$ complete DNA barcode codon. Non-macroheteroceran BINs could thus be sifted out efficiently in the Malaise sample. The Madagascar micromoth fauna shows highest affinity with the Afrotropics (146 BINs also occur in the African continent). We found 22 recognised pests or invasive species, mostly occurring in disturbed habitats. Malaise trap samples show high temporal turnover and alpha diversity with as many as 507 BINs collected; of these, astonishingly, 499 (98.4%) were novel to BOLD and 292 (57.6%) were singletons. Our results provide a baseline for future surveys across the island.

**Key words**

Africa, invasive alien species, Lepidoptera, Malaise trap, plant pests

## Introduction

Madagascar is one of the top priority global hotspots for biodiversity conservation with high endemicity and under large anthropogenic pressure (Vences et al. 2009). There is an urgent need to describe what remains of the unique biota of Madagascar so as to locate hotspots of biodiversity and endemism and protect them. Conservation efforts in Madagascar are mainly focused on vertebrates (Herrera 2017; Jenkins et al. 2014) and plants (Royal Botanic Gardens Kew 2016). Arthropods are rarely taken into account in conservation in Madagascar, despite the fact that many species are micro-endemics at greatest risk of extinction (Danielczak et al. 2017; Wesener & Rudolf 2017; Wesener et al. 2014).

With up to 4900 described species currently listed from Madagascar (Viette 1990; Krüger 2007; Lees & Minet 2003; Libert 2014; Lees 2016; De Prins & De Prins 2018), the order Lepidoptera (moths and butterflies) is a significant component of the arthropod biota. Since lepidopterans have been widely used as bioindicators of habitat disturbance (Kremen 1994; Enkhtur et al. 2017, Hawes et al. 2009), they could provide a strong signal for conservation efforts and priorities. Unfortunately, Madagascan Lepidoptera are relatively poorly known, particularly the 'micromoths', a polyphyletic group excluding Macroheterocera and butterflies (Lees et al. 2003) of about 1600 described species (Viette 1990; De Prins & De Prins 2018), with many species yet to be described (Lees & Minet 2003). Biodiversity assessment studies rarely take into account micromoths because of the difficulty in identifying them, for a general lack of taxonomic expertise, and the need for specialised technical skills for specimen mounting and dissecting. The use of DNA barcoding, however, has proved an efficient and affordable method to alleviate this taxonomic impediment. Operational taxonomic units derived from DNA barcodes can accurately and objectively represent species diversity and then be used to survey micromoth diversity in poorly known and hyperdiverse areas of the World (Lees et al. 2013; Miller et al. 2016).

The Barcode of Life Datasystem (BOLD; www.boldsystems.org; Ratnasingham and Hebert 2007) now contains over six million DNA barcodes and represents a huge resource to accelerate identification and quantify biodiversity. However, the coverage for the Madagascan lepidopteran fauna is very sparse. Nevertheless, the use of Barcode Index Numbers (BINs) (Ratnasingham and Hebert 2013) as proxies for species allows the assessment of hyperdiverse groups that are taxonomically poorly known, such as micromoths (Schmidt et al. 2017; Aagaard et al. 2016; Lees et al. 2013; Lopez-Vaamonde et al. 2012). As of 29th June 2018 (including the current study), there were 2852 DNA barcode BINs for Madagascar out of a total of 113,161 lepidopteran BINS, according to a search of the BIN Database in the public portal of BOLD. Nieukerken et al. (2011) estimated 157,424 described species of Lepidoptera, and the upper bounds for true richness may be as much as half a million species (Solis and Pogue 1999). Very few of all these BINs representing Madagascan Lepidoptera are yet publicly identified on BOLD to described species. As of 30th March 2018 there were only 287 publicly released species names according to the BIN portal of BOLD, of which only 277 had correctly composed names; 173 represented Macroheterocera, 77 represented butterflies and only 27 represented micromoths, 24 of which were Tortricoidea and Pyraloidea. – Furthermore, only 201 of these species had BIN numbers allocated. Progress in DNA barcoding the described fauna of Madagascan Lepidoptera lags thus far behind most countries. The first implementation of the Global Malaise Program in Madagascar (Bio-Inventory and Collections Unit, Biodiversity Institute of Ontario, 2015) provides a local instance where identification of Lepidoptera samples below Order level is problematic by external morphology (Lepidoptera wings being poorly preserved) or very time consuming by individual sequence queries. We asked if a previously observed simple molecular synapomorphy in the DNA barcode (Lees et al. 2011) was reliable enough to filter out the clade Macroheterocera from such samples.

From a biogeographic point of view, Madagascar has a very unbalanced or disharmonic fauna, with some taxa overrepresented and some underrepresented relative to the mainland source area (Briggs 1987). Indeed, the Madagascan fauna is characterised by a significant number of large endemic radiations such as lemurs and tenrecs now extinct on mainlands (Poux et al. 2005) and a large number of major continental lineages that appear not to have established at all on the island (the lack of poritiine lycaenids which are highly diverse in Africa is evident: Lees et al. 2003). The lepidopteran fauna of Madagascar is, in particular, quite dissimilar to that of southern Africa, much more so than the relatively more harmonic fauna of the neighbouring island fauna of La Réunion (Krüger 2007). Southern Africa has twice as many described lepidopteran species described as Madagascar, while Noctuoidea is overrepresented in Madagascar. By contrast, "primitive" Lepidoptera (defined as consisting of the non-ditrysian grade of micromoths that includes groups from Micropterigoidea to Tischerioidea; Krüger 2007), as well as Tineoidea and Gelechioidea are, in particular, underrepresented in Madagascar. However, these general faunistic patterns are based on current checklists, which are particularly incomplete for the Madagascan lepidopteran fauna and also biased towards the best-studied families (for example, Viette specialized on the noctuid fauna of both Madagascar and La Réunion: Viette, 1963, Viette 1965 and Viette 1967).

Finally, many microlepidopteran species are highly invasive and serious pests of agricultural and ornamental plants (Lopez-Vaamonde et al. 2010). Despite their potential economic and ecological impact, there is limited information available on invasive insects in Madagascar (Fisher et al. 1998; Kull et al. 2014; Irwin et al. 2010).

The main aims of our study were: 1) to carry out a survey of micromoth diversity using DNA barcodes across several sites in Madagascar from disturbed to primary rainforests using DNA barcodes; 2) to identify any molecular synapomorphy(ies) within the DNA barcode fragment that

would allow us to more accurately identify samples and to better evaluate sequence queries where external morphology was problematic; 3) to characterize as far as possible the biogeographic origins of the Madagascan microlepidopteran (based purely on proximity, a predominantly African mainland affinity would be expected); 4) to identify the presence of any cosmopolitan, invasive, agricultural and forestry pest species, which should be more prevalent in disturbed habitats than in well preserved ones.

## Material and Methods

### Specimen collection

Micromoths were collected in non-protected areas by one of us (CW) between October-November 2013 and March 2015. CW used two to three light towers with 15W ultraviolet fluorescence actinic tubes (www.bioform.de) operated with lithium batteries (Li-Ion Akku HELLPOWER 12V/10.5Ah 116.60Wh). Micromoths were sampled from nine collecting sites in disturbed habitats around the Nosy Be area (northwestern Madagascar) (Table 1). All these specimens are deposited at the Natural History Museum of Carinthia (Austria).

Specimens were also collected largely within protected areas across eastern Madagascar by another of us (DCL) with 160W blended tungsten/mercury-vapour lamps or 15W actinic lights (Bioquip) powered with a generator (Honda EX350) (lights suspended on a white sheet with a protective transparent tarpaulin), sampled in November-December 2011, January-February 2014, and November 2014. All specimens collected by DCL are deposited at the Natural History Museum in London.

One Townes-style Malaise trap (standard for the Global Malaise Trap Program, Geiger et al. 2016) was set up by another of us (AA) in two sites of PN Andasibe-Mantadia, specifically the forest originally designated as the Réserve Spéciale d'Analamazaotra (for short, we refer

hereafter to this reserve as its current popular name "Andasibe"; it was also popularly known as Perinet). This is a c. 810-hectare fragment of the once far larger Analamazaotra rainforest (Table 1). One site was sampled during 65 days at the end of the wet to beginning of dry season (from April 1st until 28th May 2014) (M1) at 1000 m elevation and a second site, 0.8 km away from the first site at 1050 m, was sampled during 67 days at the end of dry to beginning of wet season (from September 1st until 6th November 2014) (M2) (elevations adjusted for coordinates in Table 1 using Google Earth). Each sample was collected in a 500 ml plastic Nalgene bottle that was filled with 375 ml of 95% ethanol and then attached to the trap head. The catch was harvested weekly by AA and brought to the University of Antananarivo where the bulk ethanol was replaced with fresh 95% ethanol before storage at -4°C until samples where drained and sent to the Centre for Biodiversity Genomics in Canada (CBG; www.biodiversitygenomics.net).

**DNA barcoding**

We DNA barcoded in most cases only one specimen per morphospecies for light-trapped and day-netted specimens. Morphospecies were defined using external morphology, mainly wing pattern. DNA was extracted using hind legs of pinned specimens or entire body extracts in the case of smaller Malaise-trapped Lepidoptera. DNA barcodes (658 bp of the COI mitochondrial gene) were generated using traditional Sanger sequencing at the CBG using standard high-throughput protocols (Ivanova et al. 2006).

Malaise trap samples were also processed at CBG as part of the Global Malaise Program (http://biodiversitygenomics.net/projects/gmp/) following the protocol described in deWaard et al. (2017), which involves unidirectional sequencing, so those sequences are usually shorter than 658 bp. Larger moths were pinned, smaller ones kept in their original wells. A randomly selected

example of each BIN was imaged at Guelph; as usual for the order Lepidoptera captured via this method, these samples tend not to be in good condition for external morphological analysis.

DNA sequences, along with the voucher data, images, and trace files, are deposited in the Barcode of Life Data Systems (BOLD v4) (Ratnasingham and Hebert 2007, www.barcodinglife.org), and the sequences were deposited in GenBank. All data are available in BOLD through the public dataset: DS-MICROMA (dx.doi.org/10.5883/DS-MICROMA).

To aggregate barcodes of the polyphyletic group micromoths (which includes some larger moths such as thyridids) from the Malaise trap data set, we asked if a previously noticed molecular synapomorphy for the clade Macroheterocera (Lees et al. 2011) was reliable enough to partition out all non-macroheterocerans. To do this we used a test dataset of two well-identified lepidopteran faunas, namely that of Australia (n=14965 BINs analyzed) and Canada (4684 BINs analyzed).

In the case of the Malaise trap sample, which had been predetermined to Lepidoptera before sequencing, we first filtered out all Papilionoidea (butterflies), which could be verified by batch queries on BOLD because all genera and most species had already been DNA barcoded.

To determine the number of BINs novel for this study for BOLD, we derived the number of uniques and non-uniques from the dataset front page "Data Summary". However, we subtracted 36 BINs that were currently reported as private data to the CBG from the reported list of non-uniques. These data we inferred to be additional members from the Malaise trap not integral to our project as was derived from project container GMTAD (Global Malaise Programme Madagascar Malaise 2014).

**Data analyses**

Diversity analyses were carried out on both Malaise and light trap samples. Community analyses were performed only on Malaise samples from Andasibe since it is the only site for which we have abundance data.

Data analyses were done with R ver.3.4.3 (R Development Core Team 2004) using different packages for community and species richness analyses.

iNEXT (Chao et al., 2014, Hsieh et al. 2016) allowed us to calculate α-diversity and generate accumulation curves using 50 resampling replicates with replacement (Chao et al 2014). We used BINs as species proxy (Ratnasingham and Hebert 2013) and plotted them against both the sampling coverage (measure of sample completeness that estimates the proportion of the total number of individuals in a community that belong to the species represented in the sample) and the total number of caught individuals taken as a measure of sampling intensity. We ran the analyses for late wet to early dry (M1) and late dry to early wet (M2) seasons, both covered by the sampling at Andasibe.

Abundance Coverage Estimator (ACE) (Gotelli & Colwell 2010) and Chao1 (Chao et al. 2009) are two other diversity indices that were calculated with the package *Vegan* ver. 2.4-6 (Oksanen et al. 2016) in order to estimate the potential species richness in accordance with the sampling intensity.

We carried out a distributional data analysis by extracting from BOLD a list of all countries for which each BIN has been barcoded. Each appearance of a BIN per country was assigned to a biogeographical region (Afrotropical, Australasian, Nearctic, Neotropical, Oriental and Palearctic) by looking at the corresponding countries associated to the records in BOLD. Each BIN was counted only once per region but might be spread over multiple ones.

**Specimen identification**

Specimens were identified by both external morphology (without dissection) and by using DNA barcode queries using all data present in BOLD. For each sequence we queried, we used the "Current Database" and the "Search Database" query option "All Barcode Records" on the Identification Engine of BOLD and then we built a NJ tree in BOLD (="Tree-based Identification") to find the nearest neighbour. Then we searched for the minimum corresponding p-distance(s) in the list of 99 top hits. We looked in particular for interspecific query tails among the hit list that seemed informative, i.e. with the hit(s) showing potential signal standing proud of the noise of background hits (often evident as the sequence Similarity value directly preceding the sharpest inflexion in the Similarity Score graph before it starts to asymptote), or otherwise stated 'Non-informative' under Taxonomy Notes. We took particular note when nearest hits derived from apparent local radiations. We also considered amino acid information, in particular ignoring Similarity values for irrelevant hits inside or outside of the Macroheterocera (see below), and also looking qualitatively at unusual codon changes shared between taxa as shown in Conservation plot mode against a reference sequence in Bioedit v7. In most cases, the sequence divergence(s), to the nearest identified BINs on BOLD, expressed as 100-Similarity, are noted under "Taxonomy notes", particularly for records from the BOLD projects MADAM and MIMAD. In that field, we were often able to specify closely related BIN numbers by building a corresponding Image database for the Tree Based Identification query. Where relevant hits existed, we assigned species-level identifications for low pairwise divergences expressed as 100-Similarity (<approx. 2%) but if not, increasing taxonomic ranks where further hits showed taxonomic consistency in the NJ tree. Since application of strict thresholds may generally be misleading particularly for supraspecific ranks, and since no support levels are specified on BOLD NJ trees, we also used independent ML analyses in PHYML 3.0 (Guindon et al. 2010) to identify barcoded specimens by examining their phylogenetic position within a clade containing

identified individuals, some of which were downloaded from BOLD, at the best justifiable taxonomic rank. In Phyml 3.0, we used default options except: GTR (or automatic model selection), all parameters estimated, and SPR. In general, we looked for ABayes support levels >0.94 to assume nestedness within a clade. Identifications from the light-trapped and day-netted samples run alongside the malaise samples in an ML analysis helped the identifications of Malaise samples. We specified the identification method(s) or combination thereof (e.g. External morphology, COI-5P (NJ), COI-5P (ML), COI-5P (codons) i.e. amino-acid based identification) under the field Identification Method.

We compared the 1572 light-trapped moths and day-netted moths with specimens, including where possible, accessible types, deposited in the two most important reference collections of Madagascan Lepidoptera, namely the Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle (MNHN, Paris) and the Natural History Museum (NHMUK, London), and to illustrations in reference works. We have not attempted an exhaustive type comparison with our specimens and anticipate that more matches will come to light as the collections are digitised and/or as DNA sequencing of the types is attempted.

## Results

*DNA barcodes and identification rates*

We successfully barcoded 2956 micromoth specimens (1572 light-trapped and day-netted moths and 1384 micromoths collected with the one Malaise trap) belonging to 1537 BINs (six of 2956 samples do not qualify as full barcodes and so lack BIN numbers). Those 1537 BINs belonged to 44 families as currently classified in BOLD (see Table 2, where 47 family-level groupings are specified; these include families currently lumped on BOLD). 32.7% of BINs (503 out of 1537 BINs) were identified to genus level and 6.2% of BINs (95 out of 1537 BINs) were identified to

263 species level. Many of those identified BINs correspond to well-known cosmopolitan species
264 more likely to have been DNA barcoded elsewhere (Table 3).
265 88.4% of BINs (1358 out of 1537 BINs) obtained are new to BOLD and only 179 BINs (13.2%)
266 were already in the BOLD database.
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268 By analysing two barcoded lepidoptera faunas from Canada and Australia we found that almost
269 all Macroheterocera indeed show a Phenylalanine rather than Leucine or other character state in
270 the 177$^{th}$ complete codon (5'->3') of the (up to) 658 bp nucleotide sequence.
271 For the Australian fauna 4093 BINs (99.4%) exhibiting a Phenylalanine in the 177th position
272 pertain to sequences identified as macroheteroceran families, while 11 exceptions belong to the
273 genus *Aristeis* (Oecophoridae) and one to another Oecophoridae genus. Five others belong to
274 Crambidae: Acentropinae, one to Crambinae, two to Lecithoceridae, two to Gelechiidae, two to
275 Tineidae: Harmacloninae and one to Heliozelidae. Exceptions to the reliability of this
276 synapomorphy (total n=26, discounting an apparently contaminated Lycaenidae) are not only rare
277 in general, but phylogenetically also very narrowly represented. Also, true conversely for this
278 dataset, 99.5% of 9070 BINs exhibiting another state than a Phenylalanine in that position
279 (usually Leucine) are identified as belonging to non-macroheteroceran families, including those
280 of butterflies. Of the exceptions (n=48), 21 belong to Oenosandridae and three to Nolidae, while
281 three of seven Geometridae, three of eight Erebidae and three of seven to Noctuidae seem
282 correctly identified (the rest are micromoths from images), while one imaged "Saturniidae" also
283 represents a micromoth. For the Canadian Lepidoptera fauna (4684 BINs analysed), the presence
284 of a Phenylalanine in this position is 98.9% reliable as a surrogate for Macroheterocera (99.75%
285 reliable when excluding Crambidae: Acentropinae and Tineidae: Meessiinae), while presence of
286 other character states is 99.8% reliable for non-macroheteroceran Lepidoptera (exceptions one

geometrid, one nolid and two noctuids).We did not detect any cases of such parallelisms in our Madagascan dataset, suggesting that the synapomorphy was fully reliable for this fauna, but in the case of filtering of the malaise sample, Macroheterocera were only represented by 170 BINs (whereas Papilionoidea by 20 BINs).

Within the 507 BINs collected with the Malaise trap, 50 BINs (9.9%) have been identified to genus and only three BINs (0.59%) have been identified to species level (*Angustalius malacellus*, *Bradina admixtalis* and *Lobesia aeolopa*). The only other five BINs already on BOLD were a cosmopterigid *Stilbosis* sp. (BOLD:ABY7721, Kenya), a spilomeline (BOLD:ACT8113, South Africa), two tortricids and another spilomeline from Ranomafana (*Pandemis* sp. BOLD:ACO0519; *Olethreutes* sp. BOLD:ACS0054 and *Herpetogramma* sp. BOLD:ACT6691). All remaining 499 BINs, 270 of which singletons and 109 doubletons, are at present only known as endemic to Andasibe. Two BINs (BOLD:ACS0229, an *Elachista* and BOLD:ACS1392, Tineidae: Hieroxestinae) have more than 70 individuals (n= 75 and 91, respectively) but even these abundant taxa have as yet no species name (Fig. 3).

A total of 113 BINs were not identified to family level. According to NJ building on BOLD and/or external morphology of pinned specimens, these 113 BINs were overwhelmingly dominated by possible or probable Gelechioidea (>77%) which could not be reliably assigned at present to family. Around 16% may represent tineoids while superfamily was unassigned even tentatively for 6%. Maximum divergences among all of those unidentified BINs to any other BIN was no smaller than 14.3%. Over 40% of those unknown BINs were more closely related to one or more unidentified Madagascan BINs than to BINs outside Madagascar.

Only 23 BINs were shared between the samples collected with Malaise (507 BINs) and those collected with light trapping + netting by day (1053 BINs) (Table 2). Of the non Malaise-trapped material, approximately 92% were light-trapped and the remainder netted by day, so there was a

311 strong bias towards nocturnal activity. The low number of shared BINs is particularly striking for
312 tineids, considering the high diversity of this family (95 BINs collected with Malaise and 65
313 BINs collected by other methods), with only one BIN shared (Table 2).
314 Some groups were much more strongly represented in Malaise samples such as Nepticulidae,
315 Tineidae, Immidae, Lecithoceridae and Elachistidae. Other families were much better represented
316 in the mainly light-trapped samples than in the Malaise, notably Gracillariidae, Tortricidae,
317 Cosmopterigidae, Gelechiidae, Pyralidae, and Crambidae (Table 2).
318
319 *Taxonomic composition and biogeographical distribution*
320 Fig. 1 shows the difference in distribution of BINs per family between light trap and Malaise trap
321 samples. The three families with highest number of BINs within the 507 BINs collected with
322 Malaise traps are: Tineidae (95 BINs, 18.7%), Depressariidae s.l. ('Peleopodidae': Oditinae) (54
323 BINs, 10.7%), and Lecithoceridae (51 BINs, 10.1%). Within the 1053 BINs collected with light-
324 traps and netted by day the three most representative families are: Gelechiidae (145 BINs,
325 13.8%), Crambidae (139 BINs, 13.2%) and Tortricidae (132 BINs, 12.5%).
326 Of the up to 47 different micromoth families found, Dryadaulidae, Bucculatricidae, Bedelliidae,
327 Batrachedridae and Blastobasidae are newly reported for the island (Table 2). Other families,
328 namely Micropterigidae, Opostegidae, Tonzidae and Eriocottidae, have been previously reported
329 from Madagascar, but have no described species there (Krüger 1997; Lees & Minet 2003; Davis
330 & Stonis 2007; Gibbs 2016; Kobayashi et al. 2018).
331 The analysis revealed that 55 BINs show a widespread distribution over more than one
332 biogeographical region (Table 3). Out of the 162 BINs shared between Madagascar and other
333 biogeographical regions, 146 BINs (90.1%) occur in Africa and 105 are found only in the
334 Afrotropical region. More surprisingly, 49 BINs (30.3%) detected in Madagascar also occur in

335 Australasia, 29 BINs (17.9%) in the Oriental region, 27 BINs (16.7%) in the Palearctic, 18 BINs
336 (11.1%) in the Neotropics, and 17 BINs (10.5%) in the Nearctic (Fig. 2).
337
338 *Invasive and pest species*
339 Of the above 55 BINs that show a widespread distribution occurring outside the Afrotropical
340 region, at least 40% (22 out of 55) are known to be pests and/or invasive somewhere in their
341 distribution range, while at least an additional five species occasionally feed on crops or may be
342 minor pests. At least 50.9% (28 out of 55) are recorded for the first time in Madagascar (Table 3).
343 All widespread BINs are identified to species level except nine. These included a tineid
344 (BOLD:ACS7592); a glyphipterigid (BOLD:AAY2216) previously barcoded from Australia but
345 1.7% divergent; a tortricid unidentified to genus (BOLD:ACS7628), one cosmopterigid of the
346 genus *Gisilia* (BOLD:ACS6187), one *Ascalenia* (BOLD:AAG0134), two crambids of the genus
347 *Herpetogramma* (BOLD:ACD5135 and BOLD:AAB6841), a gracillariid of the genus
348 *Stomphastis* (BOLD:AAM6667) with barcodes from Australia (also currently without associated
349 species name) and a pterophorid of the genus *Stenoptilia* (BOLD:AAD0716) with barcodes from
350 Africa, Asia and Australia (Table 3).
351 38.2% (21 out of 55 BINs) of widespread BINs belong to the family Crambidae, a family known
352 for many highly dispersive species (Lopez -Vaamonde et al. 2010).
353
354 *Species richness and turnover*
355 The analysis of 1384 microlepidopterans (three of which are without BIN allocations) collected
356 over 16 weeks of Malaise trapping revealed a total of 507 BINs. Astonishingly, nearly all (499
357 BINs or 98.4%) were novel to BOLD given an also surprisingly small overlap (4.5% of the
358 Malaise sample, 2.2% of others and 1.5% of the total sample) with the principally light-trapped

359 samples in this study. Moreover, 57.6% (292 out of the 507 Malaise BINs) are represented by
360 singletons (i.e. by single individual) in our data set (Fig. 3). The high number of singletons
361 demonstrates that even 16 weeks and two seasons are entirely inadequate to sample with Malaise
362 traps most of the species that must be present in the studied area.
363 The Malaise trap automatically collected a total of 335 micromoths (representing 165 BINs) at
364 the end of wet to beginning of dry season (M1), whereas 1046 individuals (representing 404
365 BINs) were collected at the end of dry to beginning of wet season (M2).
366 The BINs shared between Malaise trap samples collected at M1 and M2 are only 12.2% (62 BINs
367 out of 507 BINs) but with many individuals (528 specimens out of 1384 individuals collected,
368 38.1%). Therefore many of the species collected during the two periods belong to relatively
369 common species.
370 Fig. 4 shows a clear temporal turnover with a strong relationship between temporal distance of
371 samples and amount of species overlap. For each site (M1 and M2) taken separately and
372 compared, a clear decline in sample overlap with temporal distance is evident. The intercept for
373 M2 is higher than M1, but slopes, p-values, and R-squared values are very similar.
374 Rarefaction curves show that both species diversity and sampling coverage indices were perhaps
375 surprisingly higher at end of wet towards early dry season (M1) than at the end of the dry towards
376 early wet season (M2) (Figs. 5a and 5b). They also show that 16 weeks of Malaise sampling is
377 not nearly enough to capture all the Lepidoptera diversity in the studied area (Fig. 5c). We
378 collected with one Malaise trap 507 BINs at Andasibe, whereas both non parametric indices,
379 Chao 1 index and ACE suggest that at least twice as many species could occur in the studied area
380 (Fig 6).
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382 **Discussion**

383 *Massive 'Linnean shortfall' of micromoths in Madagascar*

384 The majority of BINs (1358 of 1537) found in our study are new to BOLD and most of them
385 remain unidentified to species level, as we only recovered 1.7% (23 out of 1358 BINs) of
386 corresponding taxonomic assignation (and several of these were assigned using external
387 morphology only since new to BOLD). Remarkably, despite the impressive lepidopteran
388 coverage on BOLD, we do not know the names of some of the most abundant species in
389 Madagascan ecosystems, and without comprehensive barcoding of museum collections, it is
390 difficult to be sure what names may already be available for them.

391 115/507 BINs (22.7%) in the Malaise trap were identified to five families within Tineoidea, one
392 of which is newly reported for Madagascar (Fig. 1). Among the non-tineoid Ditrysia, exceptional
393 diversity was found among Gelechioidea identified to families, which with 181 BINs (208
394 including Gelechioidea *incertae sedis*) form 35.7% (41%) of the entire Malaise sample. Of these,
395 Lecithoceridae (with 51 BINs by Malaise) was the richest family, while elsewhere in the
396 Depressariidae assemblage (Depressariinae s.l. on BOLD), the Malaise trap sampled a large
397 diversity of the local radiation of "Oditinae" (54 BINs) and Oecophoridae only had nine BINs,
398 most of these in *Metachanda*. This depressariid assemblage (Sohn et al. 2015), not yet adequately
399 sorted at family level but probably including numerous Peleopodidae, comprise a high proportion
400 of leaf litter detritivores (this provisional classification, including Gelechioidea *incertae sedis*, as
401 well as 'Stenomatidae' and Lecithoceridae, is included in Table 2). In the Malaise trap, we also
402 found eight BINs of Elachistinae (Elachistidae), a leaf mining group reported by Lees & Minet
403 (2003) but with only one reported (Parenti, 2006) and one undescribed (Lees and Minet 2003:
404 751) Madagascan species (De Prins and De Prins 2018 duplicate *Pauroptila* in Parametrioninae,
405 but it is here placed in Cosmopterigidae; see also Koster and van Nieukerken, 2018). In the
406 Malaise trapped Gelechiidae, Dichomeridinae with 27 BINs clearly form another significant local

radiation. The Malaise trap evidently captures diurnal as well as nocturnal species, and the use of such a passive and stationary sampling method allowed us to recover three families not detected by light trapping and a much better diversity of some local radiations. The Malaise sampling, however, was clearly limited in finding 27 rather than 45 families (using the expanded Depressariidae classification in Table 2), but the light trapping and day netting encompassed a greater geographic range and number of sampling sites.

The large differences in taxonomic composition between the two main collecting methods could be explained by differing geography, sampling times and human vs malaise collecting bias. Indeed, each method, of course, has its own inherent strong taxonomic biases, but the Malaise trap was largely free of human bias and its proportions reflect its passively sampled abundances. Indeed, Malaise trapping is likely to be the most unbiased method, since we did not control for all the possible biases (location, time of day, weather conditions, local flora, wind, etc.) that may have affected our acquired sample composition, in particular for light trapping.

The low number of "primitive" Lepidoptera in Madagascar reported by Krüger (2007) is probably an artefact of insufficient sampling. The only primitive non-ditrysians found in the Malaise trap samples were Nepticulidae (21 BINs with an additional seven BINs, all at light), a family with only one described species (*Fomoria scobleella* (Minet, 1990)) in Madagascar. Other non-ditrysians found by other methods (such as adelids) were hand netted by day (apart from one *Nemophora* sampled at light). The micropterigids (two BINs), a group also known to enter Malaise traps, were also hand netted by day by one of us (DCL), but it is likely that the Malaise trap did not intersect with their particularly narrow flight phenology. It may be that such lineages as adeloids actually need special sampling techniques and habitat surveys for their detection. Interestingly, we also noticed the absence of heliozelids, which does not fit field observations of their leaf-mines in Madagascar, and the fact that one species, *Antispila merinaella* Viette, [1956],

has been already described. The diverse primitive moth group Exoporia, that includes the Hepialidae, has not yet been detected in Madagascar, but are exceptionally depauperate in tropical Africa (in fact unknown there in tropical rainforests) and so might be really absent in Madagascar or present in poorly sampled habitats. Targeted samplings, such as plant internal feeder rearings, leaf mine and gall collections, soil and periphyton layer analysis, as well as vigorous netting for moths by daytime during peak emergence months synchronized to rains may increase the probability of discovering such primitive groups on the island.

These observations, reinforced by the apparent high seasonal turnover found in our study, demonstrate the paucity of knowledge regarding Madagascan lepidopteran diversity, notably for micromoths, and its true taxonomic makeup. They also highlight the lack of progress in sequencing identified and unidentified museum collections, as well as the extreme shortfall in documentation of true diversity of the fauna resulting from what remains to be found in the wild and then described. The actual number of public BINs on BOLD for Madagascan Lepidoptera (2852 BINs) relative to all described Madagascan species (~4900 species) is about 58.2%. This may seem like substantial progress, but a high percentage of those BINs are unlikely to correspond to checklists of Madagascan Lepidoptera. Most micromoths in Madagascar must be undescribed: the ratio of micromoths to Macroheterocera in the French checklist, for example, is about 2.1 and if such a ratio were to hold for Madagascar too, where ~ 3000 described Macroheteroceran species are currently known, one would expect to find at least 6300 micromoths. The paucity of well identified moth DNA barcode clusters highlights the gap in reference barcode libraries for Madagascar and the urgency of this task in regard to conservation of this biodiversity hotspot. Indeed, a comprehensive DNA barcoding library of Madagascan moths is needed, and that could be achieved by rapid digitization and sequencing of specimens deposited at the two main collections in the Natural History Museums of Paris and London. A

455 good example of how that could be achieved is the DNA barcoding of the Australian National
456 Insect Collection (Hebert et al. 2013).
457 For micromoths, the numbers of BINs from our study (1537 BINs) equals approximately the
458 number of non-macroheterocerans in the current list as updated in Table 2 (based on a resolution
459 of Viette 1990 and De Prins and De Prins 2018). There are around 1510 described species for the
460 micromoth families detected here [1539 including Gelechioidea *incertae sedis*] out of a tally
461 today for all micromoth families of 1598 species (Table 2). Ultimately, we would anticipate a
462 very low overlap between the current checklist of described species and the list of BINs in our
463 samples, in the hypothetical case that the types in museums were successfully DNA barcoded.
464 We were able to identify relatively few (162) specimens down to species level (94 species
465 representing 95 BINs), either using DNA barcode searches on BOLD (for the Malaise trap, just
466 three species) or for pinned material, by two weeks working in the Paris Museum (MNHN).
467 Comparative analysis of the external morphology of our pinned material with museum reference
468 collections suggests that a large percentage of our barcoded material are likely to represent
469 undescribed species. Moreover, some higher taxa have so few described species that we can be
470 almost certain (given a likely very high species endemism rate in these groups) that the
471 undescribed rate is also very high in those groups (for example, only one nepticulid and eight
472 hieroxestine tineids are described). For the 27 families that show more BINs than described
473 species (notable among which are Gelechiidae and Tineidae), the number of BINs (889) exceeds
474 the number of described species (270) by 619; only 15 of these BINs are identified to species. For
475 the remaining 34 families (with 1298 described species), a minor proportion of their 482 BINs
476 are likely to intersect greatly with their described species, considering only 79 of those BINs
477 could be identified, 70 of which represent just four families (Crambidae, Pyralidae, Tortricidae
478 and Limacodidae). These figures alone allow a range of 45-93% undescribed species, with a

tendency towards the upper figure, among the 1371 BINs identified to family (or family-level grouping). An additional 166 BINs were not even identified to family. It is of paramount importance to DNA barcode the reference collections deposited in both Paris and London in particular, using new barcoding technologies (Zuccon et al. 2012) and with a particular focus on types (Hausmann et al. 2016) in order to more precisely estimate the Linnean shortfall (Cardoso et al 2011) in Madagascan moths. Micromoths will be more challenging in this respect due to the need to minimise tissue removal on holotypes, but as an alternative, morphologically linkable non-primary type material is frequently available. This need for reference libraries from collection types also echoes the call for the barcoding effort to be extended to local metabarcoding studies, that all need to be linked into the BOLD system in order to improve database comprehensiveness (Porter and Hajibabaei 2017).

*Molecular synapomorphy to identify Macroheterocera*

We found that the presence of a Phenylalanine in the 177$^{th}$ position of the barcode fragment is shared by almost all Macroheterocera analysed from the two test data sets. We have determined that the Phenylalanine state is a shared character state of the clade Macroheterocera which is very seldom reversed or paralleled within the Lepidoptera. Its precise reliability is hard to gauge due to the possibility of false positive and false negative identifications, but appears to be of the order of 99.5%. This molecular synapomorphy allowed us to filter out reliably non-macroheteroceran barcodes from data sets where external morphology of voucher specimens is poorly preserved (e.g. Malaise trap samples), although butterflies, which share a Leucine with most micromoths in the homologous position, need to be independently removed. Use of this character should be very useful to barcoders of Lepidoptera and also provides a means when

using the identification engine to evaluate nearest neighbours (e.g. from irrelevant families) that are spuriously close to the sequence being queried.

*Higher taxonomic diversity of micromoths in Madagascar*

Our survey detected 38 micromoth families previously recognized for Madagascar (including confirmation of the newly recognized Tonzidae) and added five new ones (Dryadaulidae, Bucculatricidae, Bedellidae, Batrachedridae, Blastobasidae). It also added four higher taxa which may be valid at family level but are currently included on BOLD as subfamilies, respectively, of Lyonetiidae (s.l.) (Cemiostomidae) and Depressariidae (s.l.) (Ethmiidae, Peleopodidae, Stenomatidae; *Orygocera* is *incertae sedis* and needs to be excluded from the latter). Seventeen micromoth families previously listed for Madagascar (Viette, 1990; Lees and Minet, 2003; Sohn, 2015; De Prins and de Prins, 2018) that we did not detect in this survey were Heliozelidae, Tischeriidae, Lyonetiidae (s. str.), Ypsolophidae, Plutellidae, Dudgeoneidae, Metarbelidae, Sesiidae, Zygaenidae, Somabrachyidae, Xyloryctidae, Autostichidae, Momphidae, Coleophoridae, Hyblaeidae, Callidulidae, and Whalleyanidae. Whalleyanidae is included in Thyrididae and *Boisduvalodes tamatavana* in Limacodinae in De Prins and de Prins, 2018 but here we follow Lees and Minet 2003 (see p. 758, note 22) in treating the former as a valid family and the latter as a representative of Somabrachyidae. That brings the Madagascan micromoth fauna to as much as 64 families. It is not at all surprising that we did not find the other undetected families since they are essentially diurnal (Heliozelidae, Ethmiidae, Sesiidae, Zygaenidae, Hyblaeidae, Callidulidae), or are also rare and represented by only one or two described species (Tischeriidae, Lyonetiidae s.s., Ypsolophidae, Dudgeoneidae, Metarbelidae, Somabrachyidae, Autostichidae, Momphidae) or occur outside the sampled region (Whalleyanidae). The main

surprise is the absence of Sesiidae and Zygaenidae, known to occur in Malaise traps, and Heliozelidae, mentioned earlier.

It is always an exciting possibility that one or more new families could be represented in our dataset, considering that the 113 unknowns to family level include a number of local still unidentified radiations and exhibit sometimes striking divergences to any other BIN from Madagascar or outside it.

*Invasive and pest species*

We found 55 species with a widespread distribution range mostly outside the Afrotropical region. Of those, 28 species appear to be new to Madagascar as they have not been recorded previously by three works: Viette (1990) checklist, Martiré and Rochat, (2008), and the T@RTS database (Gilligan et al. 2014). Therefore, it is unknown whether these newly recorded species are established in the island or represent interceptions of new arrivals.

Most of the widespread and the 22 pest species recorded in Table 3 were detected in disturbed habitats of the Nosy Be area. However, we found some pest species even in primary habitats. For example, in primary forest in Andringitra we found both *Prays citri* and *Diasemiopsis ramburialis* for the first time although the former is not clearly distinguishable from the sympatric *P. oleaeoides* Gibeaux, 1985 (B. Heckford, pers. comm.), raising the possibility *P. citri* has been present there for decades.

These results show the impoverishment and homogenization of the micromoth fauna in disturbed areas and the importance of preserving intact primary forests (Watson et al. 2018). In addition, they highlight the importance of DNA barcoding as a bio-surveillance tool to facilitate the identification and detection of plant pests (Frewin et al. 2013).

549 *Biodiversity assessments*

550 DNA barcoding has facilitated the use of hyperdiverse groups such as micromoths in biodiversity
551 studies (Miller et al. 2016). Traditionally, especially in the tropics, micromoths have been largely
552 ignored in biodiversity assessment. This study adds much motivation to this type of effort,
553 considering also that they are so straightforward to distinguish with DNA barcodes (e.g., to
554 separate from very small erebids, or within types of sampling like Malaise trapping, where wing
555 pattern identification is rendered for the most part impractical). Identifying micromoths to family
556 level or below, however, still requires a large effort and integrated morphological and molecular
557 analysis. Here, building a comprehensive DNA barcode reference library on BOLD with as
558 complete taxonomic information as possible alongside lists of BINs will prove indispensable for
559 assisting future identification, surveys and comparisons of poorly known faunas such as that of
560 Madagascar. Hopefully such efforts will stimulate a new wave of species description while time
561 is left to highlight disappearing forest regions, with slash and burn for hill rice cultivation now
562 exacerbated by downwards spiralling poverty and the rosewood logging crisis. They will also
563 assist agriculturalists and horticulturalists to identify threats to plants via documentation of plant
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924 **Figure Legends**

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926 **Figure 1.** Distribution of BINs over 47 different families collected with light traps or day-netted
927 at 24 sites across Madagascar (light grey) and Malaise trap at Andasibe (dark grey). Unknown
928 refers to individuals that could not be identified at family level. See text regarding Depressariidae
929 s.l. (Gelechioidea i.s. are only those currently under Depressariidae in BOLD that do not fit in the
930 expanded categories).

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932 **Figure 2.** Distribution of BINs over biogeographic regions. Notice one BIN can appear in several
933 biogeographic regions.
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935 **Figure 3.** Abundance data for the 507 BINs detected in the Malaise trap samples. Notice that
936 57.6% (292 out of 507) BINs are singletons. Two BINs (BOLD:ACS0229, *Elachista* and
937 BOLD:ACS1392, Tineidae: Hieroxestinae, exemplars illustrated left to right) have more than 70
938 individuals but no species name.
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940 **Figure 4.** Shared species decay plot for Malaise trap samples collected at two sites in Andasibe:
941 Malaise trap 1 (sampled from April 1st until 28th May 2014) in black; Malaise trap 2 (sampled
942 from September 1st until 6th November 2014) in red.

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944 **Figure 5.** Accumulation curves for Malaise trap samples over the two periods corresponding to
945 end of the wet to beginning of dry season (M1) and end of dry to beginning of wet season (M2),

946 with: **A.** Species diversity (BINs) per number of individuals. **B.** Sample coverage per number of
947 individuals. **C.** Species diversity (BINs) per sample coverage.
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949 **Figure 6.** Species richness observed and estimated, based both on Chao1 and ACE analyses for
950 the sites sampled with a Malaise trap at Andasibe.
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953 Table 1. Study Sites.

| **Locality** | **Region** | **Habitat** | **Latitude & Longitude (decimal degrees)** | **Elevation (m)** |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ambilobe | Mainland | Scrubland | -13.108 to -13.163, 49.097 | 25-40 |
| Mont Passot | Nosy Be | Degraded forest | -13.282, 48.259 | 25 |
| Ambaro | Nosy Be | Degraded forest | -13.31, 48.187 | 20 |
| Dzamandzar | Nosy Be | open fields | -13.333, 48.196 | 25 |
| Fascene | Nosy Be | Open field surrounded by degraded forest | -13.344, 48.299 | 75 |
| Hell-Ville | Nosy Be | Degraded forest | -13.367, 48.283 | 15 |
| Lac Ampobilava | Nosy Be | Degraded forest | -13.395, 48.241 | 40 |
| Lac Djabala | Nosy Be | Degraded forest | -13.386, 48.244 | 40 |
| Ambanoro | Nosy Be | Degraded forest | -13.389, 48.3 | 75 |
| Ambondro | Nosy Be | Gardens | -13.382, 48.197 | 10 |
| Ambanja | Mainland | Scrubland | -13.701, 48.464 | 40 |

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| Manongarivo Réserve Spéciale, Antsatrotro Mt | Mainland | Protected forest | -14.082, 48.366 | 1235 |
| Marojejy National Park | Mainland | Protected forest | -14.433, 49.761<br>-14.44, 49.74 | 700<br>1540 |
| Anjanaharibe Sud Réserve Spéciale, below Anjividibe summit | Mainland | Protected forest above dry stream bed | -14.739, 49.462 | 1540 |
| Anjanaharibe Sud Réserve Spéciale, Indri Camp | Mainland | protected forest | -14.741, 49.497 | 960 |
| Anjanaharibe Sud Réserve Spéciale | Mainland | Protected forest | -14.743, 49.464 | 1450 |
| Anjozorobe Mananara Lodge | Mainland | Degraded forest | 18.436, 47.942 | 1300 |
| Feo-ny-ala, Andasibe | Mainland | Hotel near protected forest | -18.947, 48.419 | 945 |
| Mantadia National Park, Belakato trail | Mainland | Protected forest | -18.82, 48.436 | 1000 |
| Andasibe, Malaise trap M1 | Mainland | Protected forest | -18.9484, 48.4256 | 1000 |
| Andasibe, Malaise trap M2 | Mainland | Protected forest | -18.9438, 48.4316 | 1050 |
| Ankazomivady | Mainland | Degraded high | -20.778, 47.178 | 1710 |

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| | | plateau forest | -20.7948, 47.1773 | 1830 |
| Andringitra National Park, camp | Mainland | Protected forest | -22.147, 46.946 | 1570 |
| Andringitra National Park | Mainland | Protected forest | -22.1504, 46.9487 | 1625 |
| Sahavondronina, 7 km W Vohiparara, Community forest at Ranomafana National Park | Mainland | Open field surrounded by protected forest | -21.278, 47.331 | 1230 |

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Table 2. Number of BINs per family and method of collection (Malaise, light trapping and netting by day). Families are ordered systematically and those recorded for the first time for Madagascar are highlighted in bold. All micromoth families are shown for completeness of the total microlepidopteran count (species included in Viette 1990 that are not synonyms of other species, although not listed for Madagascar in Afromoths, have been included in the count). Some other amendments have been made such as there is only one Elachistidae described from Madagascar (Parenti, 2006; Koster & van Nieukerken, 2017). See text regarding Depressariidae s.l. Families largely ordered following Nieukerken et al. 2011, Regier et al. (2014) for Tineoidea and Sohn et al. (2013, 2015) for Yponomeutoidea and Gelechioidea. *Placement in this family based entirely on COI data, specimens in poor condition. ** An additional six barcodes are too short to be allocated BINs so a total of 2950 barcodes have BINS and are subject to analysis. *** *"Iridostoma" catatella* Viette, 1956 is misplaced in *Iridostoma* Meyrick, 1909; this species is here transferred from Plutellidae to the Glyphipterigidae: Acrolepiinae (provisionally as *Acrolepia catatella* comb. nov.).

****Currently included in Lecithoceridae is an *Epichostis*-like species, *Lecithocera ojejyella* Viette, 1958. In Gelechioidea i.s. we include 18 sequences representing 9 BINs of *Epichostis*-like moths as indicated in the field Extra info. There are currently no *Epichostis* barcodes on BOLD and we are currently uncertain if *L. ojejyella* together with these BINs might represent true Xyloryctidae.

| Family | Records | BINs | BINS Malaise | BINS Light trap + day-netted | shared BINs | BINs identified to Species | #Described species |
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Micropterigidae | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Opostegidae | 6 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nepticulidae | 50 | 28 | 21 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Heliozelidae | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Adelidae | 7 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Tischeriidae | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Psychidae | 41 | 23 | 15 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 19 |
| Eriocottidae | 45 | 12 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Dryadaulidae*** | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tineidae | 450 | 159 | 95 | 65 | 1 | 1 | 40 |
| Lyonetiidae s.auct. ('Cemiostomidae') | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| **Bucculatricidae** | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gracillariidae | 73 | 55 | 17 | 40 | 2 | 2 | 22 |
| **Bedelliidae** | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Praydidae | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Lyonetiidae s.str. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Argyresthiidae | 29 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| Yponomeutidae | 5 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Ypsolophidae | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Plutellidae*** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Tonzidae | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Glyphipterigidae*** | 29 | 20 | 11 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 7 |
| Alucitidae | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Pterophoridae | 31 | 19 | 1 | 19 | 1 | 4 | 65 |
| Copromorphidae | 9 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Carposinidae | 8 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Epermeniidae | 30 | 12 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Immidae | 34 | 21 | 17 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Choreutidae | 4 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Galacticidae | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Tortricidae | 260 | 150 | 19 | 132 | 1 | 19 | 342 |
| Brachodidae | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 8 |
| Cossidae | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 26 |
| Dudgeonidae | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Metarbelidae | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Sesiidae | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 |
| Epipyropidae | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Lacturidae | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| Limacodidae incl. Chrysopolominae | 11 | 10 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 7 | 70 |
| Somabrachyidae | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Zygaenidae | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |

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| Gelechioidea i.s., includes (*Orygocera*, *Prothamnodes*, "*Trichocirca*" *decaryanum*) | 87 | 53 | 27 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 27 |
| Depressariidae s.l. ('Stenomatidae': *Herbulotiana*, *Amontes*) | 6 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 18 |
| Depressariidae s.l. ('Peleopodidae': Oditinae) | 230 | 131 | 54 | 81 | 4 | 0 | 61 |
| Depressariidae s.l. ('Ethmiidae') | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 19 |
| Depressariidae s.s. (Depressariidae: Depressariinae, Cryptolechiinae) | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Oecophoridae | 62 | 28 | 9 | 20 | 1 | 1 | 23 |
| Lecithoceridae | 219 | 79 | 51 | 31 | 3 | 0 | 28 |
| Xyloryctidae**** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Autostichidae | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Elachistidae s.s. | 85 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Momphidae | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| **Batrachedridae** | 4 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Coleophoridae | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| **Blastobasidae** | 13 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Scythrididae | 21 | 14 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| Stathmopodidae | 27 | 17 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Cosmopterigidae | 105 | 59 | 13 | 47 | 1 | 2 | 14 |
| Gelechiidae | 313 | 178 | 36 | 145 | 3 | 6 | 32 |
| Whalleyanidae | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Thyrididae | 4 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 32 |
| Hyblaeidae | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Callidulidae | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Pyralidae | 171 | 107 | 14 | 93 | 0 | 10 | 271 |
| Crambidae | 253 | 162 | 25 | 139 | 2 | 34 | 346 |
| Unknown/i.s. Lepidoptera | 190 | 113 | 52 | 62 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 2950** | 1537 | 507 | 1053 | 23 | 94 | 1598 |

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978 Table 3. Species detected during this study in Madagascar that are known to occur outside the
979 Afrotropical region. We also indicate those species that are known to be pests and/or invasive.
980 Those known to feed on crops but not widely acknowledged pests are indicated with an asterisk.

| **Family/subfamily** | **Species name** | **BIN** | **Distribution** | **New record for Mada-gascar** | **Pest** | **Ref.** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tineidae: Erechthiinae | *Erechthias minutalis* | BOLD:ABW6327 | Cosmopolitan | Yes | No | |
| Tineidae: Hieroxestinae | *Opogona* sp. | BOLD:ACS7592 | Madagascar & Oriental | Yes | No | |
| Gracillariidae: Acrocercopinae | *Dialectica scalariella* | BOLD:AAL3278 | Palearctic, Afrotropics and Australia | Yes | No | |
| Gracillariidae: Ornixolinae | *Stomphastis* sp. | BOLD:AAM6667 | Madagascar & Australia | Yes | No | |
| Praydidae | *Prays nephelomima* | BOLD:AAM9790 | Madagascar & Australia | Yes | Yes | Jamieson et al. 2008 |
| Praydidae | *Prays citri* | BOLD:AAW5122 | Palearctic, Afrotropics and Australia | ?see text | Yes | Lopez-Vaamonde et al. 2010 |
| Glyphipterigidae | *Glyphipterix* sp. | BOLD:AAY2216 | Australia & Madagascar | Yes | No | |
| Pterophoridae: Platyptiliinae | *Hepalastis pumilio* | BOLD:AAD4253 | Cosmopolitan | No | No | |
| Pterophoridae: Platyptiliinae | *Stenoptilia* sp. | BOLD:AAD0716 | Cosmopolitan | Yes | No | |
| Pterophoridae: Platyptiliinae | *Sphenarches anisodactylus* | BOLD:AAD0725 | Cosmopolitan | No | No | |
| Tortricidae: Olethreutinae | Genus sp. | BOLD:ACS7628 | Palearctic, Afrotropics, Oriental | Yes | No | |
| Tortricidae: Olethreutinae | *Bactra venosana* | BOLD:ABZ1079 | Afrotropics, Oriental, Australia | Yes | No | |
| Tortricidae: Olethreutinae | *Crocidosema lantana* | BOLD:AAH5763 | Nearctic, Neotropics, Afrotropics and Australia. | Yes | No | |
| Tortricidae: Olethreutinae | *Cydia choleropa* | BOLD:ABW2540 | Afrotropics and Oriental | Yes | No | |
| Tortricidae: Olethreutinae | *Dudua aprobola* | BOLD:AAT9574 | Cosmopolitan | Yes | No* | |
| Tortricidae: Olethreutinae | *Lobesia aeolopa* | BOLD:AAJ2244 | Afrotropics and Oriental | No | Yes | Evans 1970 |
| Tortricidae: Olethreutinae | *Lobesia vanillana* | BOLD:ABV8007 | Réunion, Madagascar | No | Yes | Brown et al. 2014 |
| Tortricidae: Olethreutinae | *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* | BOLD:AAE7729 | Afrotropics, intercepted in Palearctic and Nearctic | No | Yes | Baker et al. 2013 |
| Cosmopterigidae: Cosmopteriginae | *Anatrachyntis simplex* | BOLD:ABX3349 | Cosmopolitan | Yes | Yes | Heckford, 2004 |
| Cosmopterigidae: Cosmopteriginae | *Cosmopterix athesiae* | BOLD:AAE4001 | Palearctic and Afrotropics | Yes | No | |
| Cosmopterigidae: Cosmopteriginae | *Cosmopterix* sp. cf. *attenuatella* | BOLD:AAC1744 | Cosmopolitan | Yes | No | |

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| Cosmopterigidae: Chrysopeliinae | *Ascalenia* sp. | BOLD:AAG0134 | Cosmopolitan | Yes | No | |
| Cosmopterigidae: Chrysopeliinae | *Gisilia* sp. | BOLD:ACS6187 | Bangladesh & Madagascar | Yes | No | |
| Gelechiidae: Anacampsinae | *Aproaerema simplexella* | BOLD:ACK6985 | Cosmopolitan, invasive in Afrotropics | Yes | Yes | Zharare, 2013. |
| Gelechiidae: Dichomeridinae | *Dichomeris acuminatus* | BOLD:AAB6409 | Cosmopolitan | Yes | No | |
| Choreutidae | *Tebenna micalis* | BOLD:AAH9855 | Cosmopolitan | Yes | No | |
| Pyralidae: Galleriinae | *Achroia grisella* | BOLD:ACO9701 | Cosmopolitan | No | No | |
| Pyralidae: Galleriinae | *Galleria mellonella* | BOLD:AAA0965 | Cosmopolitan | No | Yes | Kwadha et al. 2017 |
| Pyralidae: Pyralinae | *Hypsopygia nostralis* | BOLD:AAI3521 | Nearctic, Neotropics and Afrotropics | Yes | No | |
| Pyralidae: Phycitinae | *Cadra cautella* | BOLD:AAB9605 | Cosmopolitan | Yes | Yes | Paulian & Viette 1955 |
| Pyralidae: Phycitinae | *Cryptoblabes gnidiella* | BOLD:AAW5129 | Cosmopolitan | Yes | Yes | da Silva & Mexia 1999. |
| Pyralidae: Phycitinae | *Ectomyelois ceratoniae* | BOLD:AAU4812 | Cosmopolitan | No | Yes | Morland, 2015 |
| Pyralidae: Phycitinae | *Etiella zinckenella* | BOLD:AAB7420 | Cosmopolitan | No | Yes | Van Den Berg et al. 2010 |
| Pyralidae: Phycitinae | *Thylacoptila paurosema* | BOLD:AAV8326 | Afrotropical, Oriental and Australia | No | No* | |
| Crambidae: Acentropinae | *Parapoynx fluctuosalis* | BOLD:AAA0473 | Cosmopolitan | No | Yes | Yen, 2014 |
| Crambidae: Crambinae | *Angustalius malacellus* | BOLD:AAV9127 | Palearctic & Afrotropics | No | No* | |
| Crambidae: Pyraustinae | *Isocentris filalis* (=*Hyalobathra retinalis*) | BOLD:AAL8896 | Afrotropical, Oriental | No | No | |
| Crambidae: Spilomelinae | *Bocchoris inspersalis* | BOLD:AAC5466 | Cosmopolitan | No | No | |
| Crambidae: Spilomelinae | *Cnaphalocrocis trapezalis* | BOLD:AAC0297 | Cosmopolitan | No | Yes | Shankara Murthy & Nagaraj 2014 |
| Crambidae: Spilomelinae | *Cnaphalocrocis exigua* | BOLD:AAO9362 | Afrotropics and Oriental and Oceania | Yes | Yes | Barrion et al. 1991 |
| Crambidae: Spilomelinae | *Diasemiopsis ramburialis* | BOLD:AAD0296 | Old World (Africa, Oriental Australia) | No | No* | |
| Crambidae: Spilomelinae | *Diaphania indica* | BOLD:AAB1719 | Cosmopolitan | No | Yes | Paulian & Viette 1955 ; Shimizu 2000 |
| Crambidae: Spilomelinae | *Eurrhyparodes bracteolalis* | BOLD:AAD1173 | Cosmopolitan | No | No* | |
| Crambidae: Spilomelinae | *Herpetogramma licarsisalis* | BOLD:AAA3965 | Palaeotropics, Australasia, Hawaii, Canaries | No | Yes | Lopez-Vaamonde et al. 2010 |
| Crambidae: Spilomelinae | *Herpetogramma* sp. | BOLD:AAB6841 | Afrotropics and Oriental | No | No | |
| Crambidae: Spilomelinae | *Herpetogramma* sp. | BOLD:ACD5135 | Oriental | Yes | No | |
| Crambidae: Spilomelinae | *Hymenoptychis sordida* | BOLD:AAF8520 | Old World (Africa, Oriental Australia) | No | No | |

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| Crambidae: Spilomelinae | *Hyalobathra olesialis* | BOLD:ACN7820 | Afrotropical, India and Australia | Yes | No | |
| Crambidae: Spilomelinae | *Maruca fuscalis* | BOLD:AAD9057 | Australia | Yes | No | |
| Crambidae: Spilomelinae | *Maruca vitrata* | BOLD:AAB2756 | Pantropical | No | Yes | Sharma et al. 1999 |
| Crambidae: Spilomelinae | *Omiodes indicata* | BOLD:AAB5389 | Cosmopolitan | No | Yes | Favetti et al., 2018 |
| Crambidae: Spilomelinae | *Palpita vitrealis* | BOLD:AAC1043 | Cosmopolitan | No | Yes | Hayden & Buss, 2013 |
| Crambidae: Spilomelinae | *Pyrausta phoenicealis* | BOLD:AAF5760 | Cosmopolitan | No | Yes | Yamada 1979 |
| Crambidae: Spilomelinae | *Salbia haemorrhoidalis* | BOLD:AAD3428 | Cosmopolitan | Yes | No | |
| Crambidae: Spilomelinae | *Spoladea recurvalis* | BOLD:AAA3666 | Cosmopolitan | No | Yes | Paulian & Viette 1955 |

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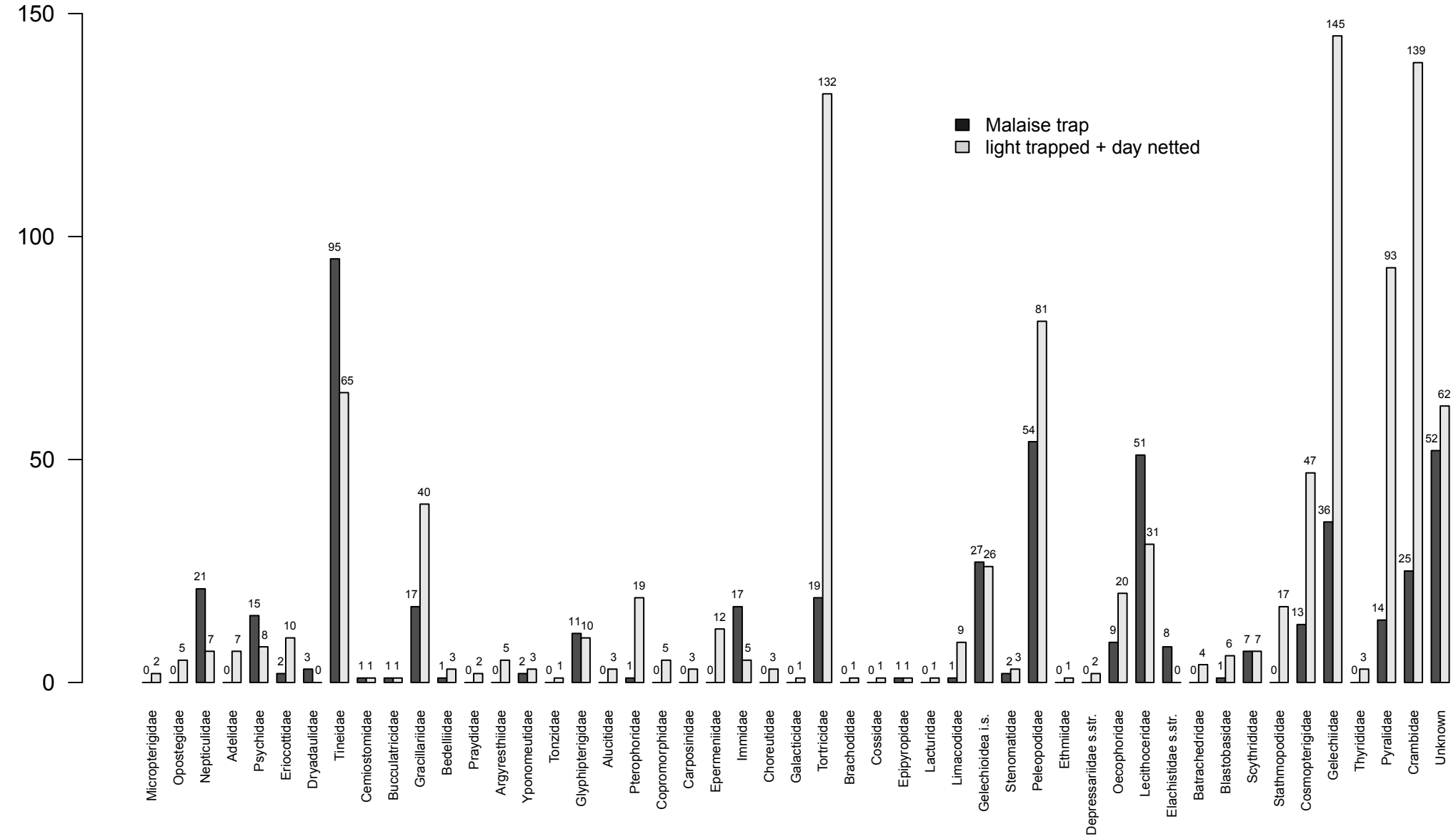
# Number of BINs recovered per Family with Malaise and light traps + nets





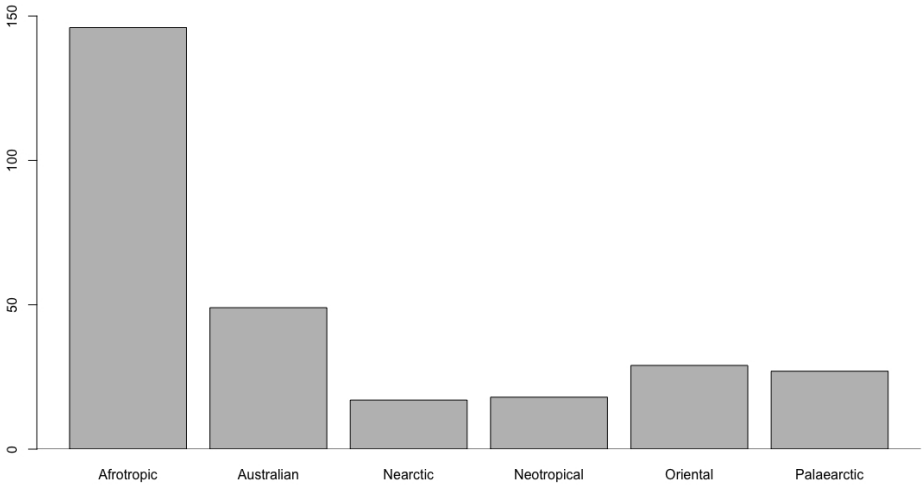



Figure 2. Distribution of BINs over biogeographic regions. Notice one BIN can appear in several biogeographic regions.

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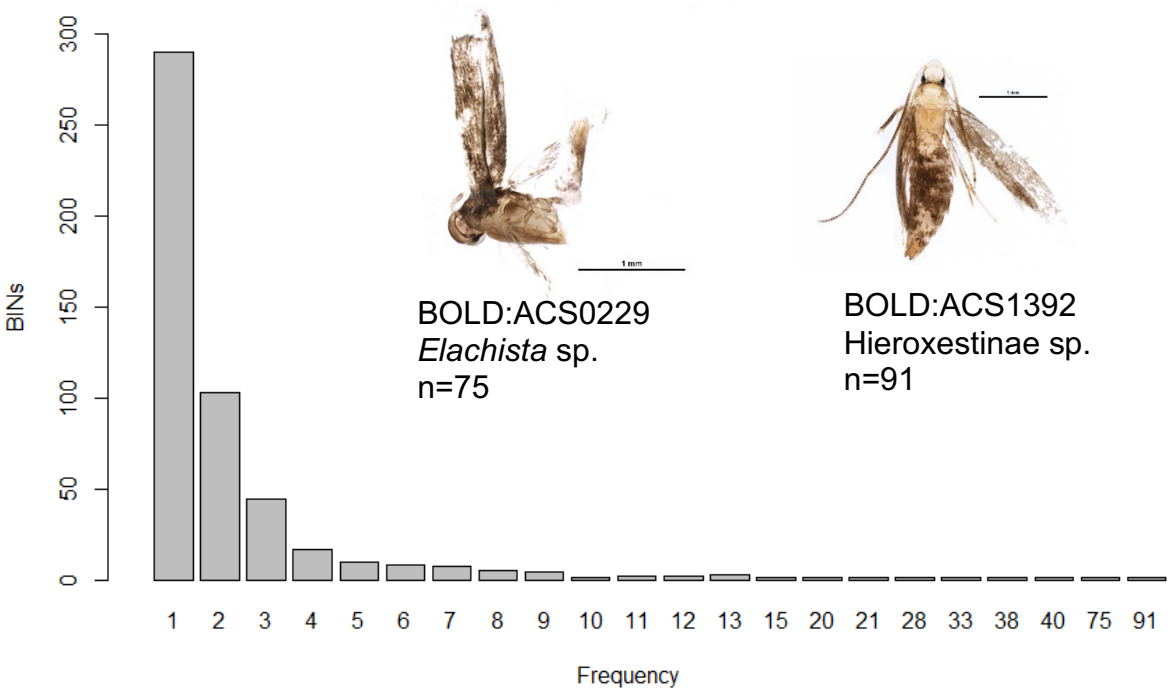
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1
2
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7
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15
20
21
28
33
38
40
75
91
Frequency
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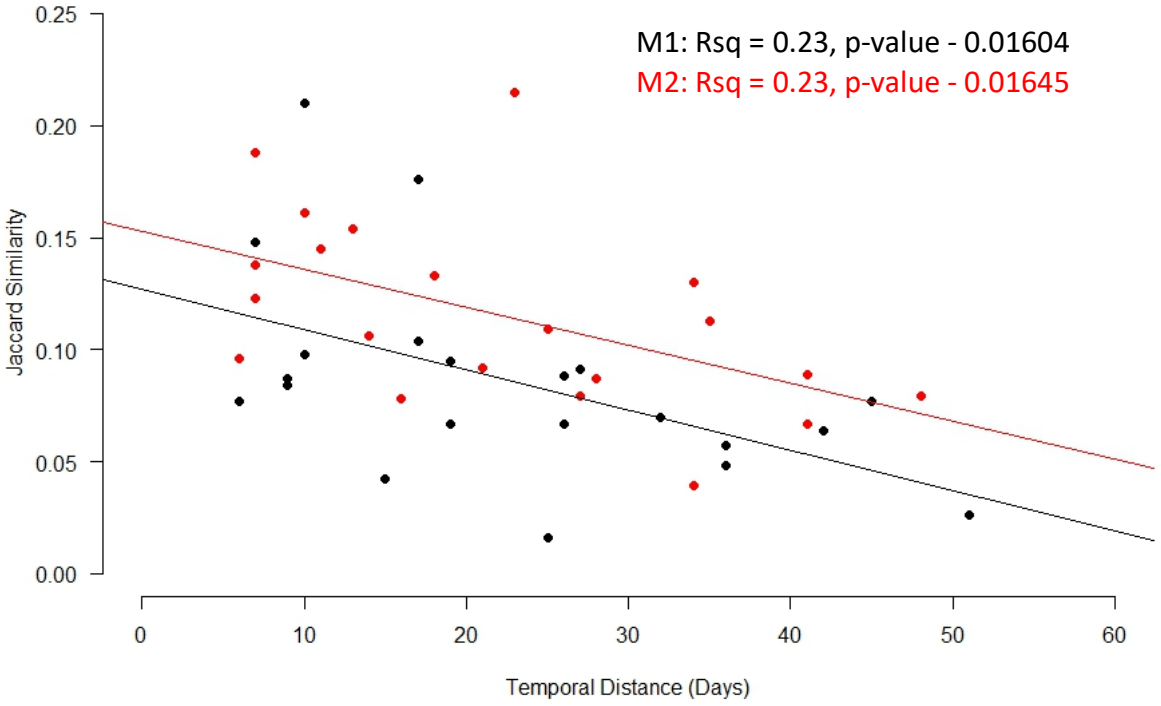
n=75
BOLD:ACS1392
Hieroxestinae sp.
n=91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M2: Rsq = 0.23, p-value - 0.01645
Jaccard Similarity
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30
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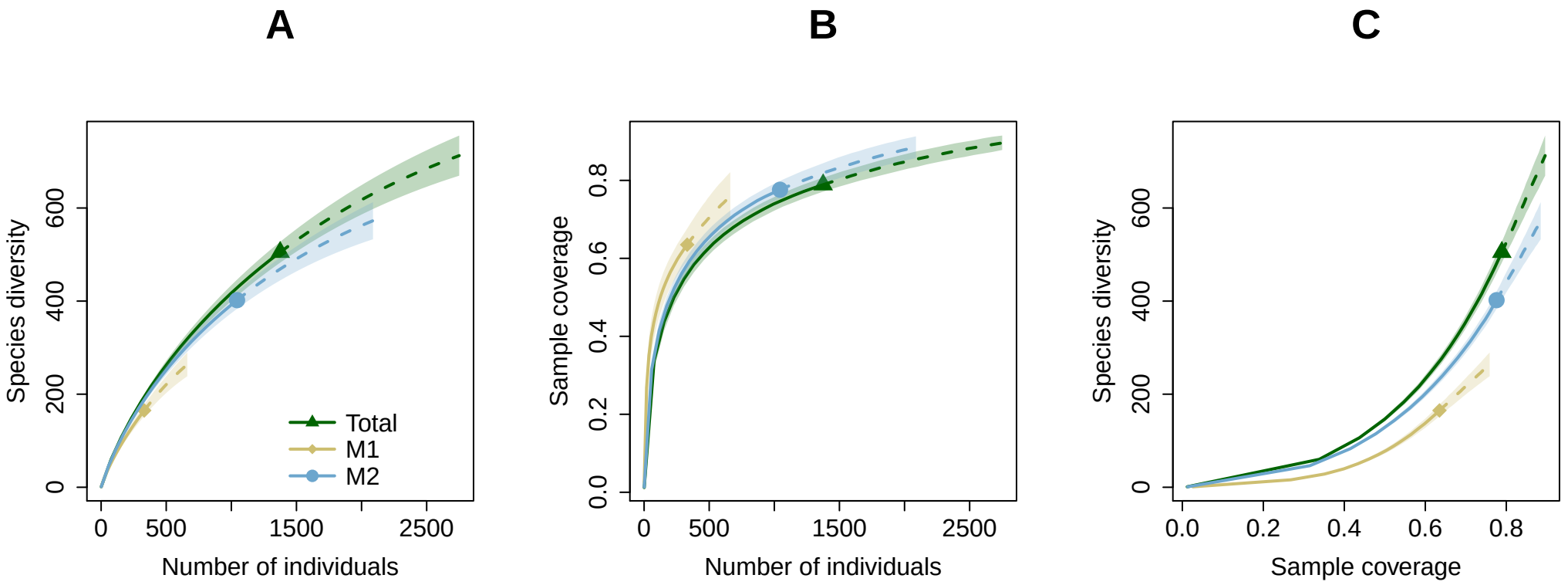
50
60
Temporal Distance (Days)


A
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Species diversity
0
200
400
600
Total
M1
M2
0
500
1500
2500
Number of individuals
Sample coverage
0.0
0.2
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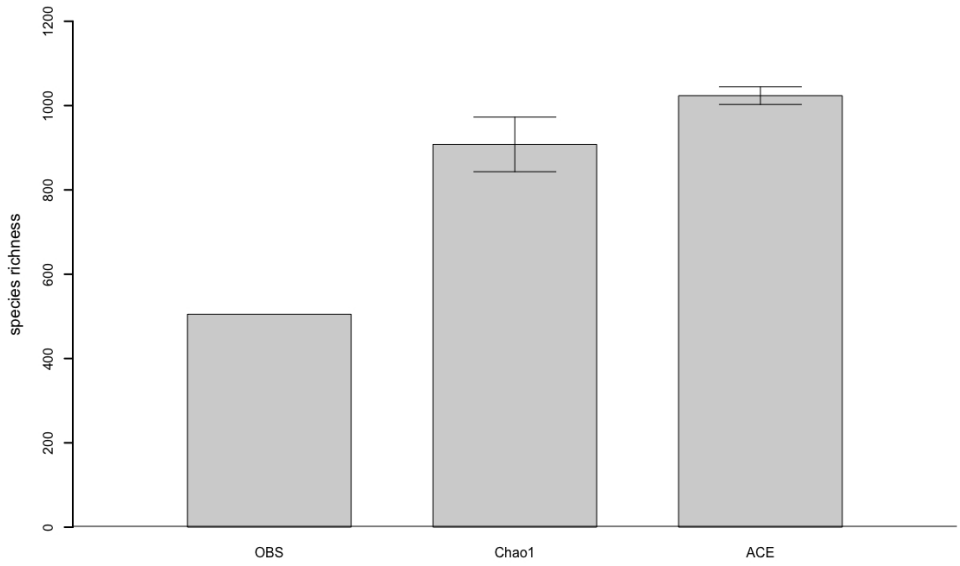


Figure 6. Species richness observed and estimates based both on Chao1 and ACE analyses for the site sampled with Malaise trap at Andasibe

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