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Supporting Information for

Impact of biomass burning on soil microorganisms and plant metabolites: a view from molecular distributions of atmospheric hydroxy fatty acids over Mt. Tai

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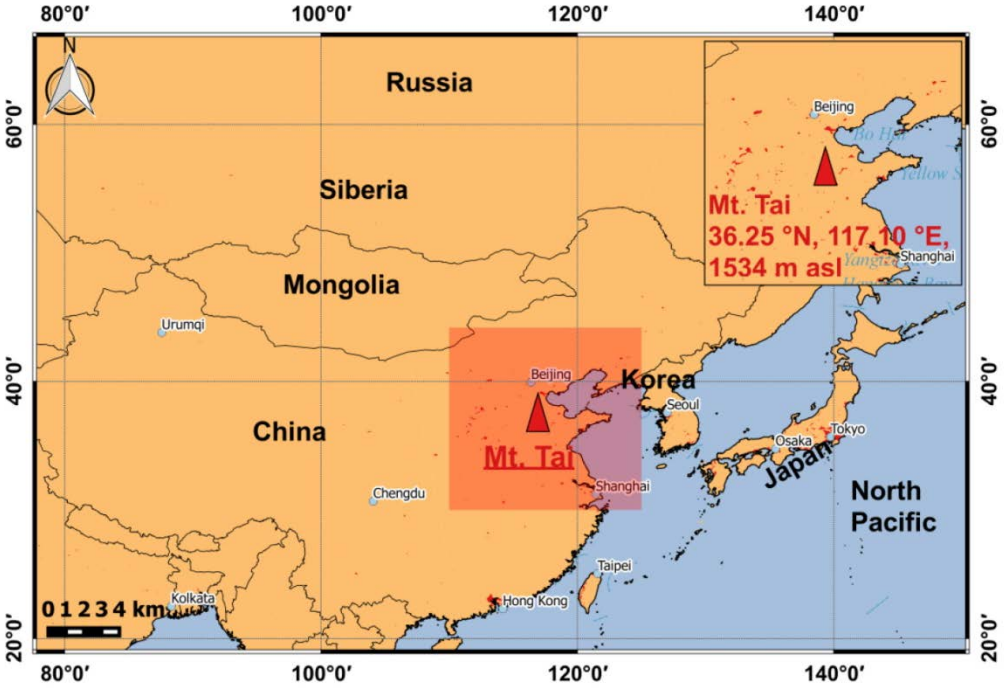
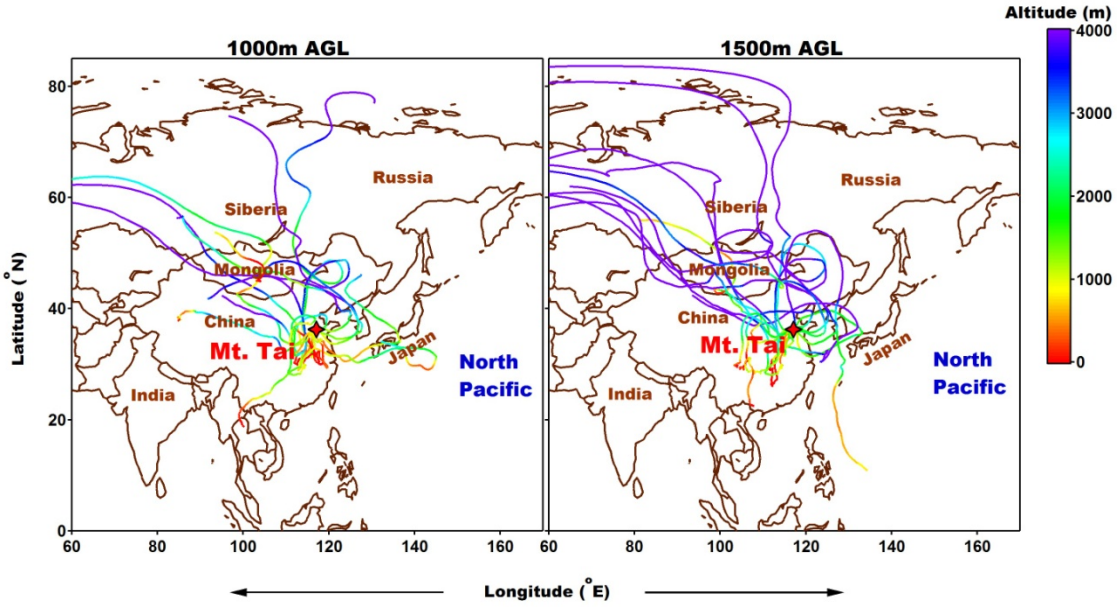


Figure S1. Map showing the geographical location of Mt. Tai.



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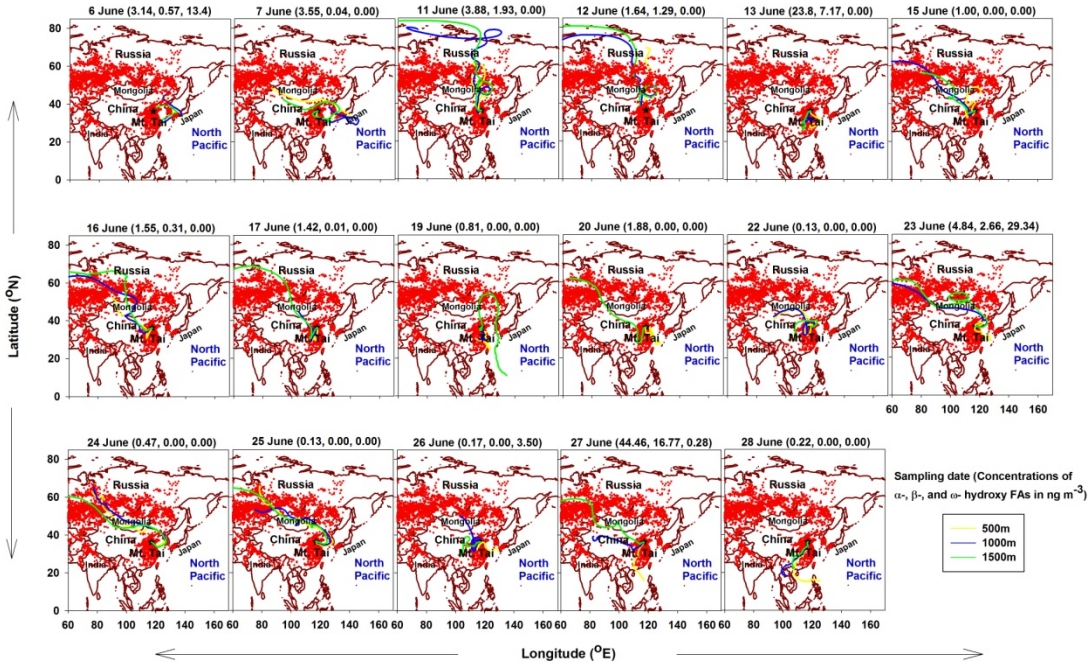

Figure S3. Daily variations in air masses starting (HYSPLIT Model) from 6 to 28 June 2006 at arrival heights of 500, 1000 and 1500 m above ground level combined with daily fire spots (NASA EOSDIS website) and temporal concentrations of each hydroxy fatty acids (FAs). Sampling dates along with concentrations of α-, β- and ω-hydroxy FAs (in ng m^{-3}) in parenthesis are shown above the each panel and different colors indicate the different arrival heights of the air mass back-trajectories.

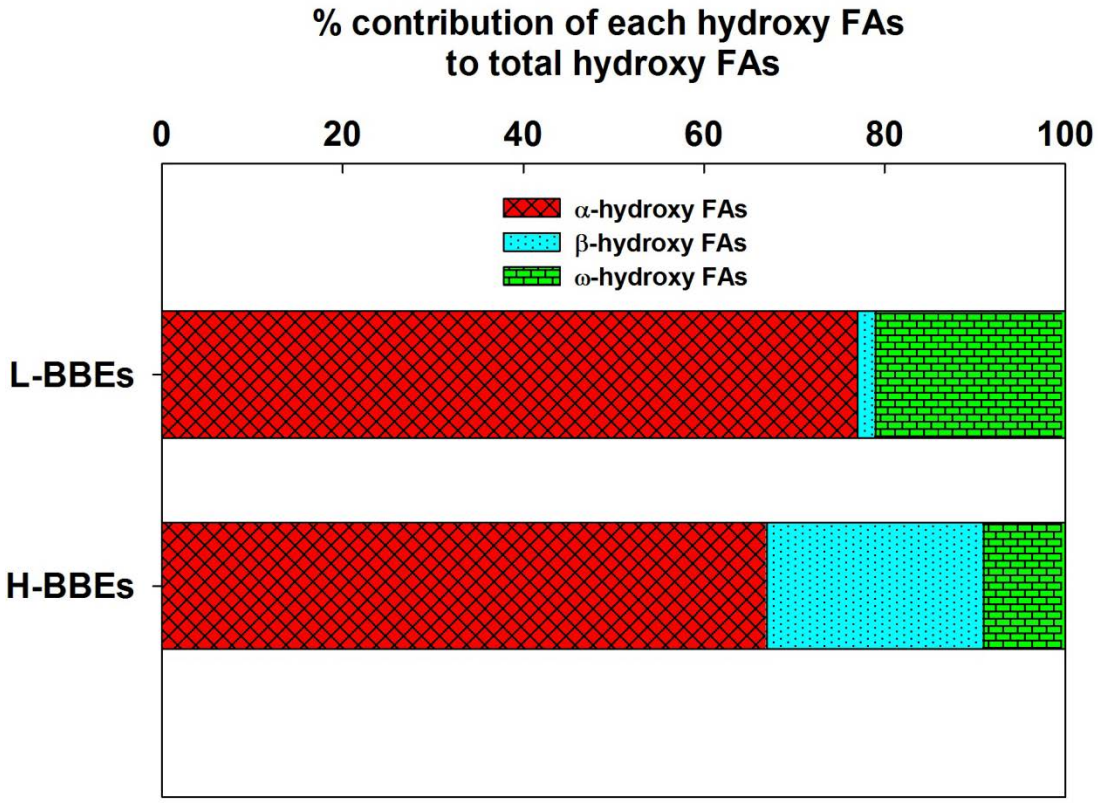

Figure S4. Relative contributions (in %) of α-, β- and ω-hydroxy FAs in total hydroxy FAs measured in ambient aerosols collected over Mt. Tai during high (H-BBEs: 6-14 June and 27 June) and low (L-BBEs: 15-26 June and 28 June) biomass burning events in the summer of 2006.

Parameter	H-BBEs (ng m^{-3}) Min.-Max. (Mean±SE)	L-BBEs (ng m^{-3}) Min.-Max. (Mean±SE)	*t* score, df, P-value
Σα-hydroxy FAs	2-44 (11±6.1)	0.1-4.8 (1.3±0.4)	2.4, 18, < 0.05
Σβ-hydroxy FAs	0.04-16.7 (4.0±2.3)	0.01-2.7 (1.0±0.8)	0.8, 8, > 0.05
Σω-hydroxy FAs	13.3	0.3-29.3 (15.9±9.2)	not applicable
HMW/LMW- α-hydroxy FAs	0.2-2.5 (0.98±0.28)	0.24-1.14 (0.64±0.08)	1.5, 17, > 0.05
HMW/LMW- β-hydroxy FAs	0.25-0.76 (0.46±0.11)	1.15	not applicable
HMW/LMW- ω-hydroxy FAs	1.59	0.79-1.53	not applicable
*Levoglucosan	918-3432 (1580±332)	0.4-111 (55±11)	6.4, 18, < 0.05
*Trehalose	0.6-93.1 (37.9±13.3)	0.4-38.6 (12.6±3.9)	2.3, 18, < 0.05
*Mannitol	45-179 (112±22)	3-95 (30±8)	4.3, 18, < 0.05

Table S1. Unpaired two-tailed *t* test results for the measured hydroxy fatty acids along with other biomass burning tracer compounds [*Fu et al.*, 2008] in TSP samples collected over Mt. Tai during high (H-BBEs; 6-14 June and 27 June, 2006) and low biomass burning events (L-BBEs; 15-26 June and 28 June, 2006) occurred in the NCP.

*Data obtained from [*Fu et al.*, 2008].