

1 **How provenance and cultivation method shape morphological and physiological traits in the nickel**
2 **hyperaccumulator *Odontarrhena chalcidica***

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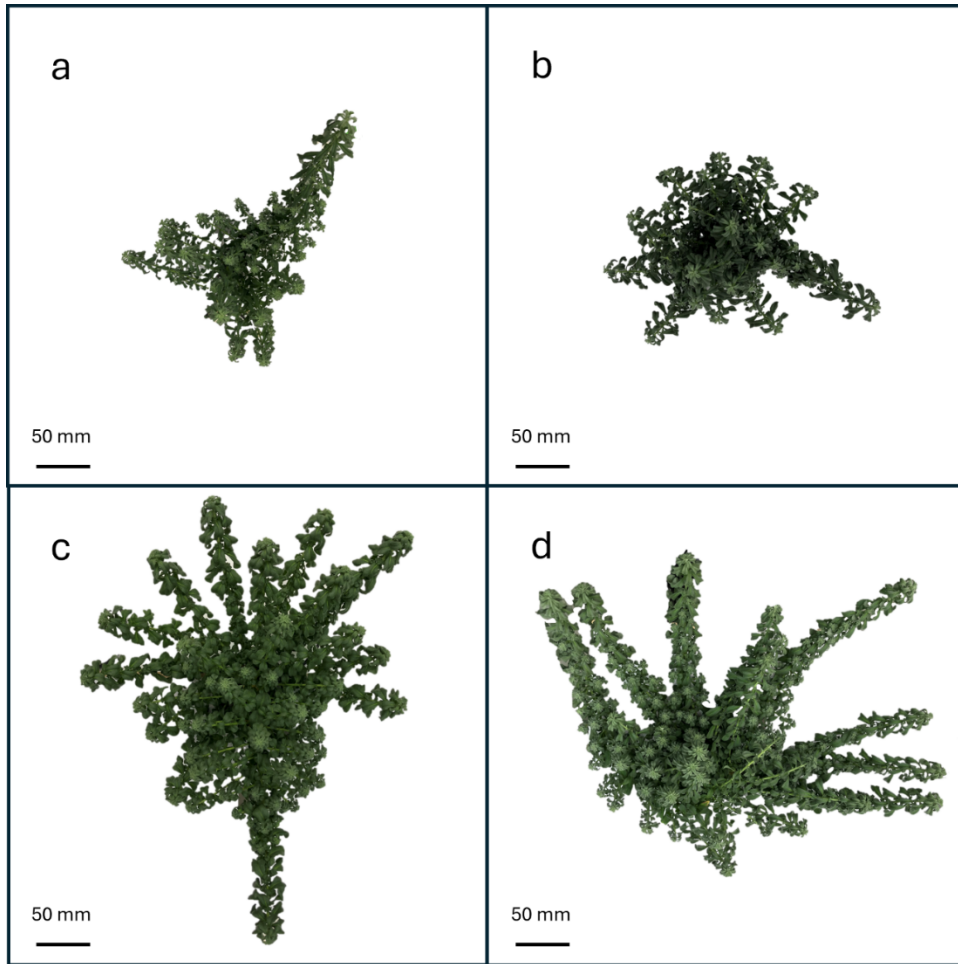
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24 **Supplementary Fig. S1.** Plant architecture of the four genotypes of *Odontarrhena chalcidica*. EX (a); AO (b); KT (c);
25 GR (d). The plant photos are representative for each genotype and were taken from a top-down perspective by B.
26 Montanarini during hydroponic cultivation.

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30 **TABLES**

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32 **Table S1.** Nickel content in aeroponic and hydroponic nutrient solution and bioavailable nickel (DTPA-extractable) in
 33 pot soil along the cultivation period.

| System (Timepoint) | Total nickel content (mg L ⁻¹) |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Nutrient solution (day 10) | 1.52 ± 0.49 |
| Nutrient solution (day 24) | 1.95 ± 0.02 |
| Nutrient solution (day 38) | 1.09 ± 0.14 |
| Nutrient solution (day 52) | 1.12 ± 0.05 |
| Soil – DTPA-extractable Ni (day 0) | 5.90 ± 0.96 |

34 Hydroponic and aeroponic systems shared a common nutrient solution tank and recirculation system. Data represent the
 35 average of the number of replicates ± SD. The number of replicates was for the nutrient solution (aeroponic and
 36 hydroponic) equal to three, while it was five for the soil. DTPA, diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid.

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39 **Table S2.** Specific Leaf Area (mm² mg DW⁻¹) of plants of the four genotypes of *Odontarrhena chalcidica* in aeroponic,
 40 hydroponic and pot cultivation regimes at the end of the cultivation period (day 52).

| Genotype | Aeroponic | Hydroponic | Pot |
|----------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| EX | 12.14 ± 0.32 ^{Ax} | 11.39 ± 0.92 ^{Ax} | 10.73 ± 2.31 ^{Ax} |
| AO | 12.02 ± 2.01 ^{Ax} | 11.35 ± 0.52 ^{Ax} | 8.68 ± 0.50 ^{Bx} |
| KT | 11.52 ± 2.96 ^{Ax} | 14.44 ± 0.81 ^{Axy} | 11.57 ± 3.15 ^{Ax} |
| GR | 11.37 ± 2.38 ^{Ax} | 12.92 ± 2.61 ^{Ax} | 13.37 ± 5.36 ^{Ax} |

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 42 same genotype and among different genotypes in the same cultivation system and were evaluated by the
 43 ANOVA/Kruskal-Wallis tests followed by Tukey HSD/Dunn's tests ($p < 0.05$). Data are given as mean (n=4) ± SD.

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45 **Table S3.** Stomata density on leaves of the four genotypes of *Odontarrhena chalcidica* in aeroponic, hydroponic and pot cultivation regimes measured by Environmental Scanning
 46 Electron Microscopy (ESEM) at the end of the cultivation period (day 52).

| Genotype | Abaxial leaf surface (number mm ⁻²) | | | Adaxial leaf surface (number mm ⁻²) | | |
|----------|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | Aeroponic | Hydroponic | Pot | Aeroponic | Hydroponic | Pot |
| EX | 288.51 ± 64.36 ^{Ax} | 301.14 ± 42.31 ^{Ax} | 299.87 ± 145.86 ^{Ax} | 91.54 ± 31.24 ^{Ax} | 95.01 ± 22.81 ^{Ax} | 116.48 ± 52.16 ^{Ax} |
| AO | 339.65 ± 41.51 ^{Ax} | 257.58 ± 29.47 ^{Ax} | 186.87 ± 83.52 ^{ABx} | 67.87 ± 21.44 ^{Ax} | 100.06 ± 17.93 ^{Ax} | 84.60 ± 30.62 ^{Ax} |
| KT | 382.42 ± 65.51 ^{Ax} | 406.57 ± 33.71 ^{Axy} | 472.22 ± 76.02 ^{Axy} | 146.94 ± 26.37 ^{Axy} | 166.35 ± 20.16 ^{Ay} | 167.30 ± 20.89 ^{Ax} |
| GR | 381.31 ± 46.92 ^{Ax} | 428.98 ± 49.46 ^{Axy} | 350.38 ± 93.89 ^{Ax} | 129.42 ± 52.17 ^{Ax} | 165.40 ± 42.07 ^{Ay} | 150.25 ± 15.97 ^{Ax} |

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 48 cultivation system and were evaluated by the ANOVA/Kruskal-Wallis tests followed by Tukey HSD/Dunn's tests ($p < 0.05$). Data are given as mean (n=4) ± SD.

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53 **Table S4.** Trichomes density on leaves of the four genotypes of *Odontarrhena chalcidica* in aeroponic, hydroponic and pot cultivation regimes measured by Environmental
 54 Scanning Electron Microscopy (ESEM) at the end of the cultivation period (day 52).

| Genotype | Abaxial leaf surface (number mm ⁻²) | | | Adaxial leaf surface (number mm ⁻²) | | |
|----------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Aeroponic | Hydroponic | Pot | Aeroponic | Hydroponic | Pot |
| EX | 52.00 ± 13.45 ^{Ax} | 48.22 ± 5.79 ^{Ax} | 48.13 ± 5.16 ^{Ax} | 16.75 ± 10.48 ^{Ax} | 9.45 ± 0.93 ^{Ax} | 10.24 ± 4.44 ^{Ax} |
| AO | 68.39 ± 3.32 ^{Ax} | 61.93 ± 1.37 ^{Ay} | 55.20 ± 8.79 ^{ABx} | 17.01 ± 2.46 ^{Ax} | 19.52 ± 1.55 ^{Ay} | 21.91 ± 6.98 ^{Ay} |
| KT | 57.75 ± 12.39 ^{Ax} | 46.81 ± 5.16 ^{Ax} | 62.41 ± 11.55 ^{Ax} | 6.15 ± 0.92 ^{Axy} | 4.53 ± 0.33 ^{Az} | 7.52 ± 1.97 ^{ABx} |
| GR | 51.95 ± 4.37 ^{Ax} | 53.80 ± 3.76 ^{Axy} | 55.03 ± 7.59 ^{Ax} | 12.57 ± 2.23 ^{Ax} | 10.46 ± 2.10 ^{Ax} | 13.01 ± 2.60 ^{Axy} |

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 56 cultivation system and were evaluated by the ANOVA/Kruskal-Wallis tests followed by Tukey HSD/Dunn's tests ($p < 0.05$). Data are given as mean (n=4) ± SD.

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58 **Table S5.** Photosynthetic parameters of the four genotypes of *Odontarrhena chalcidica* in aeroponic, hydroponic and pot cultivation regimes measured by LI-COR infrared gas
59 analyzer on three mature leaves per individual at day 52.

| Genotype | GasEx E (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹) | | | GasEx A (μmol CO ₂ m ⁻² s ⁻¹) | | | GasEx gsw (mol H ₂ O m ⁻² s ⁻¹) | | |
|----------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Aeroponic | Hydroponic | Pot | Aeroponic | Hydroponic | Pot | Aeroponic | Hydroponic | Pot |
| EX | 0.014 ± 0.001 ^{Ax} | 0.011 ± 0.002 ^{Bx} | 0.009 ± 0.002 ^{Bx} | 23.059 ± 0.967 ^{Ax} | 24.434 ± 3.330 ^{Bx} | 17.711 ± 7.325 ^{Ax} | 0.915 ± 0.078 ^{Ax} | 0.676 ± 0.119 ^{Ax} | 0.563 ± 0.063 ^{Ax} |
| AO | 0.011 ± 0.001 ^{Ay} | 0.011 ± 0.001 ^{Ax} | 0.013 ± 0.003 ^{Ax} | 19.974 ± 3.100 ^{Ax} | 20.520 ± 3.907 ^{Ax} | 26.994 ± 3.713 ^{Ax} | 0.582 ± 0.085 ^{Ax} | 0.700 ± 0.095 ^{Ax} | 0.850 ± 0.179 ^{Ax} |
| KT | 0.010 ± 0.001 ^{Ay} | 0.010 ± 0.001 ^{Ax} | 0.011 ± 0.002 ^{Ax} | 21.399 ± 1.423 ^{Ax} | 19.597 ± 1.591 ^{Ax} | 22.345 ± 3.636 ^{Ax} | 0.670 ± 0.025 ^{Ax} | 0.685 ± 0.079 ^{Ax} | 0.736 ± 0.158 ^{Ax} |
| GR | 0.013 ± 0.003 ^{Ay} | 0.011 ± 0.001 ^{Ax} | 0.008 ± 0.003 ^{Ax} | 22.949 ± 0.700 ^{Ax} | 22.873 ± 0.774 ^{Ax} | 18.404 ± 3.010 ^{Ax} | 0.903 ± 0.220 ^{Ax} | 0.637 ± 0.112 ^{Ax} | 0.480 ± 0.160 ^{Ax} |

60 GasEx E, transpiration rate; GasEx A, assimilation rate; GasEx gsw, stomatal conductance. Upper case letters and lowercase letters indicate statistically significant differences
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62 followed by Tukey HSD/Dunn's tests ($p < 0.05$). Data are given as mean (n=4) ± SD.

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67 **Table S6.** Content of photosynthetic pigments in leaves of the four genotypes of *Odontarrhena chalcidica* in aeroponic, hydroponic and pot cultivation regimes measured with a
68 spectrophotometer (day 52).

| Genotype | Chlorophyll a (mg g FW ⁻¹) | | | Chlorophyll b (mg g FW ⁻¹) | | | Carotenoids (mg g FW ⁻¹) | | |
|----------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Aeroponic | Hydroponic | Pot | Aeroponic | Hydroponic | Pot | Aeroponic | Hydroponic | Pot |
| EX | 37.13 ± 1.37 ^{Ay} | 15.43 ± 3.08 ^{By} | 24.85 ± 0.62 ^{Cx} | 11.99 ± 0.66 ^{Ay} | 7.60 ± 0.84 ^{By} | 8.54 ± 0.41 ^{ABx} | 9.36 ± 0.42 ^{Ax} | 3.29 ± 0.80 ^{Bx} | 6.47 ± 0.10 ^{ABx} |
| AO | 29.80 ± 2.41 ^{Ax} | 37.44 ± 5.43 ^{Ax} | 25.49 ± 6.09 ^{ABx} | 9.88 ± 1.01 ^{Ax} | 12.54 ± 1.97 ^{Ax} | 7.85 ± 1.81 ^{ABx} | 8.16 ± 0.82 ^{Ax} | 10.86 ± 1.62 ^{Ay} | 6.95 ± 1.77 ^{ABx} |
| KT | 27.83 ± 2.83 ^{Ax} | 31.85 ± 2.18 ^{Axy} | 26.62 ± 1.30 ^{ABx} | 8.28 ± 0.66 ^{Ax} | 8.65 ± 0.29 ^{Axy} | 7.97 ± 0.38 ^{Ax} | 7.95 ± 1.14 ^{Ax} | 10.44 ± 1.07 ^{By} | 7.83 ± 0.26 ^{Ax} |
| GR | 34.17 ± 3.53 ^{Axy} | 30.92 ± 2.42 ^{Axy} | 28.39 ± 4.07 ^{Ax} | 11.37 ± 1.30 ^{Axy} | 10.44 ± 0.81 ^{Axy} | 9.67 ± 1.20 ^{Ax} | 10.13 ± 1.05 ^{Ax} | 9.60 ± 0.67 ^{Ay} | 8.69 ± 1.30 ^{Ax} |

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70 cultivation system and were evaluated by the ANOVA/Kruskal-Wallis tests followed by Tukey HSD/Dunn's tests ($p < 0.05$). Data are given as mean (n=4) ± SD.

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72 **Table S7.** Nickel Translocation Factor (TF, shoot metal concentration/root metal concentration) of plants of the four genotypes of *Odontarrhena chalcidica* in
 73 aeroponic, hydroponic and pot cultivation regimes (day 52).

| Genotype | Aeroponic | Hydroponic | Pot |
|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| EX | 5.71 ± 2.20 ^{Ax} | 6.51 ± 0.94 ^{Ax} | 6.31 ± 2.44 ^{Ax} |
| AO | 6.93 ± 1.14 ^{Ax} | 7.52 ± 2.01 ^{Ax} | 11.38 ± 5.76 ^{Ax} |
| KT | 3.15 ± 0.99 ^{Ax} | 3.96 ± 0.56 ^{Ax} | 6.88 ± 2.07 ^{Bx} |
| GR | 6.71 ± 2.52 ^{Ax} | 7.53 ± 0.82 ^{Ay} | 16.69 ± 2.01 ^{Bxy} |

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 75 genotypes in the same cultivation system and were evaluated by the ANOVA/Kruskal-Wallis tests followed by Tukey HSD/Dunn's tests ($p < 0.05$). Data are
 76 given as mean (n=4) ± SD.