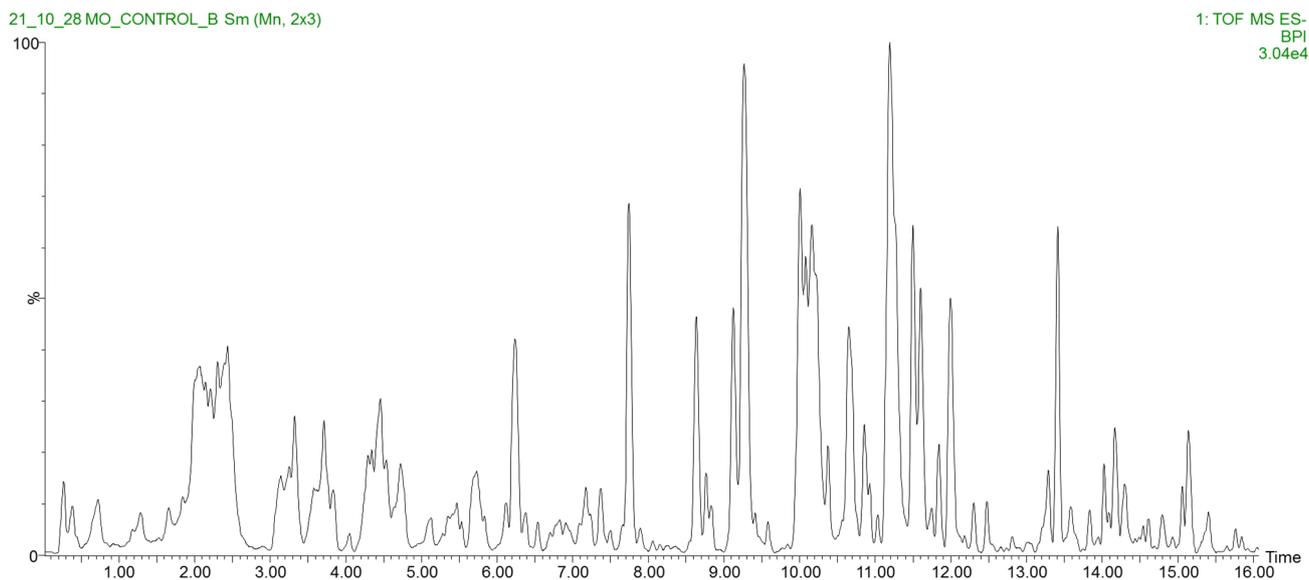


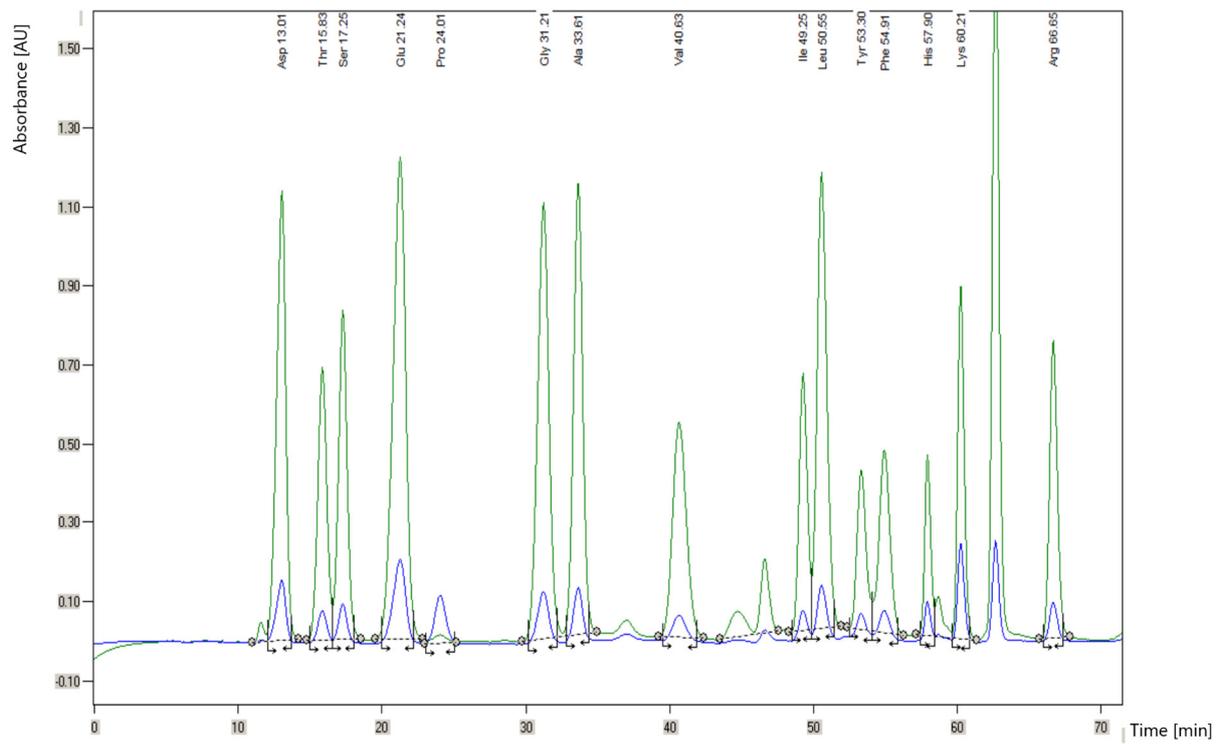
**Table S1.** The antioxidant potential of fermented moringa leaves as influenced by fungal strain and fermentation time.

	FCRS (mg/g DM)	SA-ABTS <sup>+</sup> ( $\mu$ mol trolox/g DM)	SA- <sup>•</sup> OH (IC <sub>50</sub> )
Factor: strain			
<i>Rhizopus oryzae</i> CBS 372.63	31.25 $\pm$ 7.14 d	345.77 $\pm$ 70.27 c	0.90 $\pm$ 0.08 a
<i>Rhizopus oligosporus</i> ATCC 64063	27.63 $\pm$ 8.24 c	336.37 $\pm$ 127.26 b	1.09 $\pm$ 0.15 b
<i>Aspergillus oryzae</i> CBS 673.92	26.14 $\pm$ 7.19 b	337.09 $\pm$ 128.64 b	1.20 $\pm$ 0.09 c
<i>Neurospora intermedia</i> CBS 131.92	25.67 $\pm$ 8.80 a	283.93 $\pm$ 69.11 a	1.11 $\pm$ 0.17 b
Factor: time (days)			
1	40.10 $\pm$ 1.98 d	486.07 $\pm$ 64.60 d	1.17 $\pm$ 0.15 b
3	26.26 $\pm$ 4.01 c	296.69 $\pm$ 36.40 c	1.02 $\pm$ 0.18 a
8	23.08 $\pm$ 2.42 b	268.40 $\pm$ 26.73 b	1.05 $\pm$ 0.13 a
16	21.24 $\pm$ 3.03 a	251.99 $\pm$ 34.12 a	1.07 $\pm$ 0.18 a

Two-factor analysis of variance and Fisher post-hoc test were applied. Data is shown as the mean  $\pm$  SE. Mean values within a column followed by different letters differ significantly ( $p \leq 0.05$ ) within a factor. FCRS - Folin-Ciocalteu reacting substances; SA-ABTS<sup>+</sup> - ABTS<sup>+</sup>-scavenging activity; SA-<sup>•</sup>OH - <sup>•</sup>OH-scavenging activity; IC<sub>50</sub>: Half maximal inhibitory concentration.



**Figure S1.** Base peak chromatogram of phenolic compounds analysed by HPLC-ESI-TOF-MS.



**Figure S2.** Representative chromatogram of amino acid analysis - moringa leaves fermented for 3 days with *Neurospora intermedia*. Green line - detection wavelength 570 nm, blue line - detection wavelength 440 nm.