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Highlights

- Modern plant (14) *n*-alkanes from high latitude ombrotrophic bog analyzed.
- δ D values of n-C₂₅ to n-C₃₃ ranged from -197% to -116%.
- Fractionation factors ranged from -66% to -134%.
- Species differences in n-alkane composition and δD values documented.
- Implications for interpreting sedimentary *n*-alkane records discussed.

ABSTRACT

The composition and hydrogen isotope values of leaf wax components can be powerful tools in reconstructing past climate and environments. However, interpretation of past environmental conditions from such components in sediments is complicated by species-specific influences and there is a need to better understand how vegetation type affects leaf wax composition and isotope

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