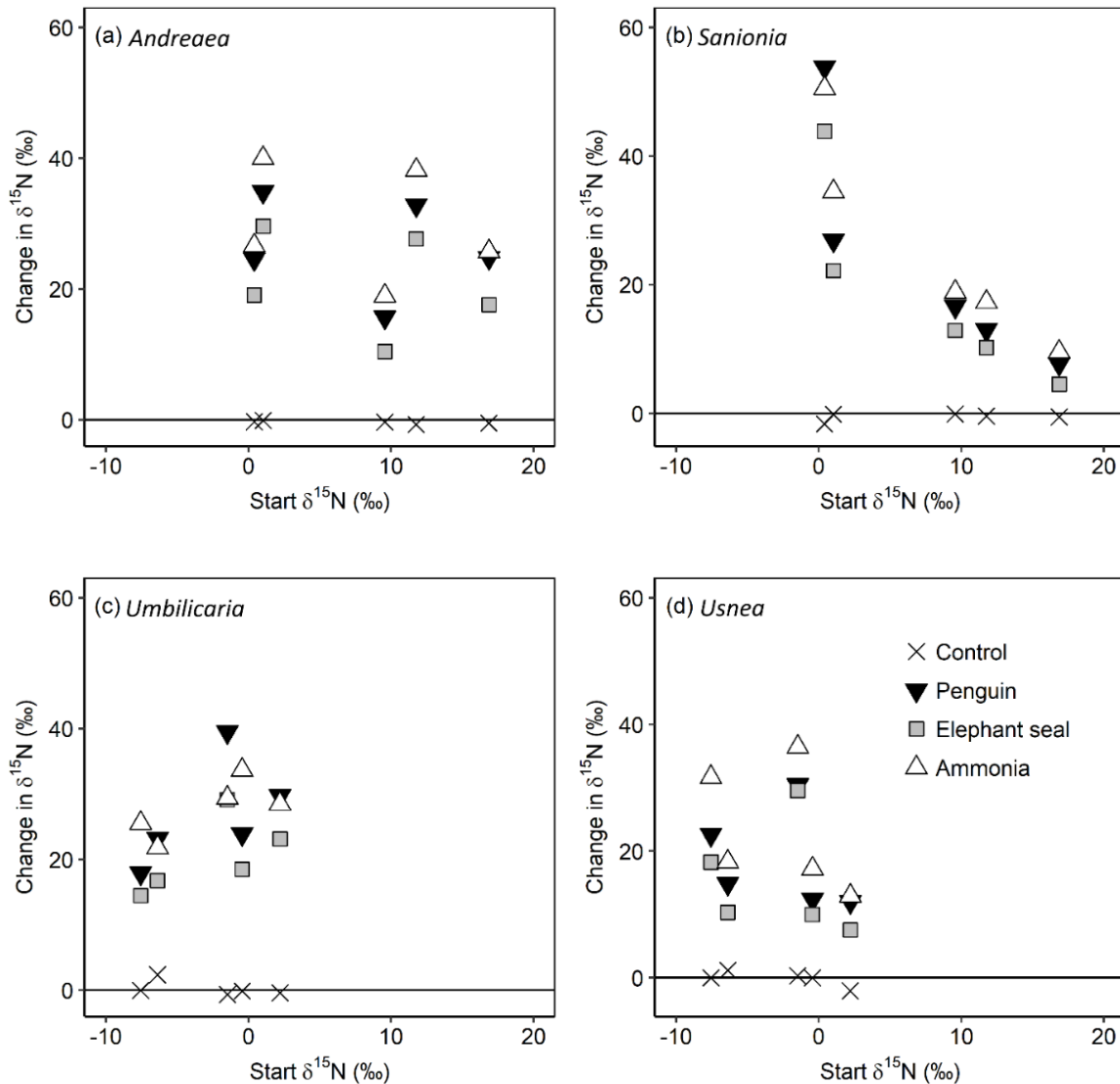


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Supplementary Fig. S1. Species-specific changes in $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ signature after exposure to penguin guano, elephant seal dung, ammonia or water (control). Change in $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ is plotted against the cryptogam $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ signature at the start of the experiment. *Andreaea* and *Sanionia* are mosses while *Umbilicaria* and *Usnea* are lichens. Each symbol represents an individual cryptogam sample.

Supplementary Table S1. Initial nitrogen concentrations, $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ and pH of cryptogam species used in the isotopic labelling study and the locations these were collected from. Each species sample was used once for each treatment ($n = 4$ treatments \times 5 replicates).

Species	Sample location	% N	$\delta^{15}\text{N}$	pH
<i>Andreaea regularis</i>	Byers Peninsula	0.56	4.21	4.47
	Signy Island	0.83	-3.07	4.59
	Byers Peninsula	1.35	6.64	4.38
	Signy Island	1.41	8.29	4.53
	Signy Island	2.14	12.20	4.76
<i>Sanionia uncinata</i>	Byers Peninsula	0.19	0.40	5.04
	Signy Island	0.96	1.02	5.08
	Rothera	1.79	11.76	5.52
	Signy Island	2.37	9.56	5.67
	Rothera	3.63	16.86	6.42
<i>Usnea antarctica</i>	Byers Peninsula	0.40	-6.51	5.03
	Signy Island	1.09	-3.12	5.10
	Rothera	1.43	12.22	4.74
	Rothera	1.87	5.35	5.08
	Signy Island	2.35	-1.55	5.10
<i>Umbilicaria antarctica</i>	Byers Peninsula	0.74	-1.48	4.89
	Rothera	0.81	2.21	4.97
	Rothera	1.05	-0.45	4.88
	Rothera	1.63	-6.38	5.00
	Signy Island	1.95	-7.56	5.49