

1 STRONG INDUCTION OF MINOR TERPENES IN ITALIAN  
2 CYPRESS, *Cupressus sempervirens*, IN RESPONSE TO  
3 INFECTION BY THE FUNGUS *Seiridium cardinale*

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35 **Abstract** - *Seiridium cardinale*, the main fungal pathogen responsible for cypress bark  
36 canker, is the largest threat to cypresses worldwide. The terpene response of canker-  
37 resistant clones of Italian cypress, *Cupressus sempervirens*, to two differently  
38 aggressive isolates of *S. cardinale* was studied. Phloem terpene concentrations, foliar  
39 terpene concentrations, as well as foliar terpene emission rates were analyzed 1, 10,  
40 30, and 90 days after artificial inoculation with fungal isolates. The phloem surrounding  
41 the inoculation point exhibited *de novo* production of four oxygenated monoterpenes  
42 and two unidentified terpenes. The concentrations of several constitutive mono- and  
43 diterpenes increased strongly (especially  $\alpha$ -thujene, sabinene, terpinolene, terpinen-4-  
44 ol, oxygenated monoterpenes, manool, and two unidentified diterpenes) as the  
45 infection progressed. The proportion of minor terpenes in the infected cypresses  
46 increased markedly from the first day after inoculation (from 10% in the control to 30-  
47 50% in the infected treatments). Foliar concentrations showed no clear trend, but  
48 emission rates peaked at day 10 in infected trees, with higher  $\delta$ -3-carene (15-fold) and  
49 total monoterpene (10-fold) emissions than the control. No substantial differences were  
50 found among cypresses infected by the two fungal isolates. These results suggest that  
51 cypresses activate several direct and indirect chemical defense mechanisms after  
52 infection by *S. cardinale*.

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54 **Key Words** – VOCs, cypress bark canker, sabinene, manool, oxygenated  
55 monoterpenes, *de novo*.

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58 INTRODUCTION

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60 Fungal pathogens infect trees by using enzymes, toxins, growth regulators, and by  
61 obtaining nourishment from the substances produced by the host. Conifers make use

62 of chemical defenses, mainly terpenes and phenols (Franceschi et al. 2005; Phillips  
63 and Croteau 1999), to face pathogenic fungi and other threats. Terpenes are used in  
64 conifers as constitutive defenses (a first line of defense against any enemy) but also as  
65 induced defenses against pathogens; increases in absolute amounts, proportional  
66 changes, phytoalexin production and general or specific responses to an antagonist  
67 can appear at different time points following infection (Michelozzi 1999). Oleoresin is  
68 secreted from injured or infected tissues, thus deterring fungal pathogens or insects  
69 and sealing the wound at the same time (Trapp and Croteau 2001). Hundreds of  
70 studies have demonstrated that terpenes can strongly inhibit fungal spore germination  
71 and mycelial growth (see reviews by Bakkali et al. 2008, Boulogne et al. 2012 and  
72 references therein) by disrupting internal structures and permeabilizing fungal cells  
73 (Bakkali et al. 2008).

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75 Plants can respond generally to pathogenic infections but may also react specifically to  
76 specific pathogens. Conifers can have distinct terpene reactions to different fungal  
77 pathogens (Raffa and Smalley 1995; Schiller and Madar 1991; Zamponi et al. 2007),  
78 but usually exhibit similar reactions to different fungal isolates or strains of the same  
79 fungus (Bonello et al. 2008; Faldt et al. 2006; Schiller and Madar 1991). In addition to  
80 the local terpene reactions to fungal infection, systemic responses have been found in  
81 non-infected tissues. Systemic changes in phloem terpene concentrations (Viiri et al.  
82 2001), foliar terpene concentrations (Schiller and Madar 1991), and foliar terpene  
83 emission rates (Faldt et al. 2006) have been observed in conifers infected by fungi.  
84 These phenomena could enhance the defense of undamaged plant tissues, prepare  
85 the plant for new attacks related to the infection, or activate indirect defense strategies  
86 (Bonello et al. 2008).

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88 Cypress bark canker caused by the mitosporic fungus *Seiridium cardinale*  
89 (Wagener) Sutton & Gibson is the most severe and widespread disease affecting

90 Italian cypress (*Cupressus sempervirens* L.) worldwide (Battisti et al. 1999; Della  
91 Rocca et al. 2011; Graniti 1998). This disease affects the cortical tissues (phloem and  
92 cambium but not xylem) of several members of the Cupressaceae family, causing  
93 severe diebacks and often death of the cankered trees over a time span of months to  
94 years (Graniti 1998). After the first outbreak reported in California in 1929 (Wagener  
95 1939), cypress bark canker has spread rapidly to other regions of the world, having a  
96 relevant impact in the Mediterranean Basin (Graniti 1998; Panconesi 1991; Xenopoulos  
97 1990). The disease spreads by dissemination, mainly by rainwater, of asexual spores  
98 of the fungus (conidia) produced in fruiting bodies on the surface of affected trees or by  
99 windborne raindrops and vectors (Battisti et al. 1999; Covassi et al. 1975; Zocca et al.  
100 2008). Results from a 40-yr genetic improvement program have revealed a moderate  
101 variability in the response of some Mediterranean native and naturalized *C.*  
102 *sempervirens* populations to *S. cardinale* infections, with 1-2% of trees being resistant.  
103 Several resistant genotypes have been selected, and some varieties have been  
104 patented and successfully commercialized (Danti et al. 2006, 2013; Panconesi and  
105 Raddi 1991).

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107 Italian cypress has an oleoresin rich in terpenoids and reacts to wounds or  
108 fungal infection by producing traumatic resin ducts in the phloem (Hudgins et al. 2004;  
109 Krokene et al. 2008). The composition of basic terpenes in several tissues and the  
110 reaction to some environmental changes have been studied for this tree (Gallis et al.  
111 2007; Mazari et al. 2010; Piovetti et al. 1981; Piovetti et al. 1980; Yani et al. 1993;  
112 Yatagai et al. 1995). Two terpene phytoalexins, cupressotropolone A and B, were  
113 detected in Italian cypresses inoculated with *Diplodia pinea* f. sp. *cupressi*, another  
114 canker-causing fungal pathogen (Madar et al. 1995a; Madar et al. 1995b). These  
115 phytoalexins showed substantial activity against several fungal pathogens of cypress,  
116 including *S. cardinale* (Madar et al. 1995a). Moderate antifungal activity of the essential  
117 oil of *C. sempervirens* leaves was observed against fungal pathogens of other hosts

118 (Mazari et al. 2010). The proportions of terpene contents of leaves of healthy and  
119 naturally infected *C. sempervirens* trees (by *D. pinea* f. sp. *cupressi* and *S. cardinale*)  
120 were studied by Schiller and Madar (1991), and although proportions differed among  
121 treatments, no specific compound was associated with fungal infection or resistance,  
122 and no clear differences in tree response among the two fungal pathogens were found.

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124 In summary, little is known about conifer phytoalexin production, systemic  
125 reactions, or foliar emissions under fungal infection, especially for families other than  
126 Pinaceae. As for the *C. sempervirens* – *S. cardinale* pathosystem, little is known about  
127 changes in the terpene composition of Italian cypress as a response to infection by the  
128 main cypress bark canker agent.

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130 The goals of this study were thus: (i) to monitor the locally induced terpene  
131 response of the phloem of canker-resistant cypress clones to wounds and infection by  
132 two *S. cardinale* isolates during the first 90 days after artificial inoculation; (ii) to  
133 investigate the systemic response of cypress leaves to fungal infection, analyzing foliar  
134 concentration and emission rates and; (iii) to study the differential responses in cypress  
135 tissues induced by the two isolates of *S. cardinale* characterized by different  
136 pathogenicity.

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## 139 METHODS AND MATERIALS

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141 *Study Site.* The study was performed in an experimental field of the Institute of  
142 Sustainable Protection of Plants – National Research Council (IPSP-CNR, in italian) in  
143 Cannara, Perugia, central Italy (42°58'29" N, 12°36'38" E). The field was at an  
144 elevation of 192 m a.s.l. and provided equal light, nutrient, and water availability for all  
145 trees. We used 64 four-yr-old grafted plants of *C. sempervirens*, planted with a 3 × 3 m

146 spacing and belonging to four genotypes patented by IPSP-CNR for their resistance to  
147 cypress bark canker: Italico, Bolgheri, Agrimed and Mediterraneo (16 trees of each  
148 genotype) (Danti et al. 2006; Panconesi and Raddi 1991). Cypresses were watered  
149 twice a week during the first month after planting. Soil was a clayey reclaimed alluvial.  
150 The climate is moderately continental, with hot summers and cold winters with sporadic  
151 snowfall. The average rainfall is 815 mm yr<sup>-1</sup> distributed on 80 rainy days with a peak in  
152 autumn. The yearly average annual temperature is 13.8 °C. The coldest month is  
153 January with an average minimum of 0 °C, and the warmest month is July with an  
154 average maximum temperature of 30 °C.

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156 *Experimental Design.* To monitor tree reactions against fungal infection, we applied  
157 four treatments to the cypresses: 1) control (no damage); 2) mildly virulent (Mv, wound  
158 + inoculation with a moderately aggressive *S. cardinale* isolate (ref. submitted)); 3)  
159 highly virulent (Hv, wound + infection with a more aggressive *S. cardinale* isolate); and  
160 4) Wounded (wound only, without inoculation). Trees were inoculated following a  
161 standard procedure (Danti et al. 2006, Danti et al. 2013), which consists of removing a  
162 disc of bark from the stem with a sterile cork borer of 4 mm diam and filling the wound  
163 with a plug of the same size of malt extract agar (MEA). This plug was taken from the  
164 margin of a colony of the fungus grown on MEA 2% in the dark for 15 days at 25 °C.  
165 The inoculation site was covered with wet cotton wool and wrapped with Parafilm®.

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167 Tissue samples were collected from 26 April to 25 July 2012, 1, 10, 30, and 90  
168 d after applying the above treatments. The sampling method was destructive, so trees  
169 were used only once to avoid any effects from the wounds. Each treatment, for each  
170 sampling date, had four replicates (four treatments × four time points × four replicates =  
171 64). Within the treatments, each of the four replicates contained each of the four tree  
172 genotypes.

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174 *Field sampling. Tissue Sampling.* Three types of samples were collected from each  
175 tree: *i*) phloem removed from a segment of the inoculated stem containing the infected  
176 tissues (samples were taken from a height of ca. 80 cm); *ii*) foliar tissue from the  
177 closest branch to the inoculation point and; *iii*) foliar volatile organic compound (VOC)  
178 emission, from the same branch where foliar tissue was taken. Emissions were  
179 sampled first to avoid tree reactions to wounding. All sampled tissues were stored in  
180 liquid nitrogen in the field and then at -20 °C in the laboratory.

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182 *VOC Sampling.* Twigs immediately above the inoculation point (3.5-21 cm) were  
183 sampled to analyze VOC emissions. The selected twigs were wrapped first with Teflon  
184 ribbon a few days before the sampling to minimize effects of mechanical manipulation  
185 and alteration of the emissions.

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187 The VOC emissions were sampled from 09:00 to 15:00 h (solar time) using the  
188 conifer chamber (a 230 cm<sup>3</sup> cuvette) of the LiCor 6400 Portable Photosynthesis  
189 System (Li-Cor Inc, Lincoln, NE, USA). The twig was carefully inserted into the  
190 chamber, placing its closure on the Teflon ribbon. Air flow rate inside the conifer  
191 chamber was set to 600  $\mu\text{mol s}^{-1}$ . The chamber was allowed to stabilize for 15 min, as  
192 monitored by environmental and physiological parameters such as temperature,  
193 photosynthetic active radiance (PAR), photosynthesis, and stomatal conductance.  
194 When the twig had physiologically stabilized, we placed one end of a metallic VOC trap  
195 (Markes International Inc. Wilmington, DE, USA), filled with 115 mg of Tenax and 230  
196 mg of Unicarb, in the chamber to collect the VOCs exhausted from the twig chamber. A  
197 QMAX pump (Supelco, Bellefonte, PA, USA) attached to the other end of the metallic  
198 trap pulled the air from the conifer chamber. A Defender 510 fluxometer (Bios  
199 International Corporation, Butler, NJ, USA) was placed between the QMAX and the  
200 VOC trap to control the air flux. Sampling time was 5 min, with an absorption flux of ca.  
201 7 ml s<sup>-1</sup>. The sampled VOC traps were stored in the field in a 4 °C portable refrigerator

202 until transferred to a -20 °C freezer in the laboratory. Blank samples were collected  
203 after every two twig samples, as described above, but without a twig inside the conifer  
204 chamber. The VOC-sampled leaves also were stored, and once in the laboratory dried  
205 until constant weight, in order to refer the emission rates to g of dry weight ( $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$  of  
206 foliar dry weight  $\text{h}^{-1}$ ).

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208 *Sample Analyses and Terpene Identification.* Phloem and leaves were ground  
209 separately inside 50-ml Teflon tubes filled with liquid nitrogen to avoid the evaporation  
210 of VOCs and to facilitate their crushing. After samples had been pulverized, 1 ml of  
211 pentane containing 0.5  $\mu\text{l}$  of dodecane (used as an internal standard) was added, and  
212 the Teflon tubes were stored for at least 12 h at -20 °C. After extract stabilization to  
213 laboratory temperature, 300  $\mu\text{l}$  of the supernatant were stored in vials, for subsequent  
214 analysis in a gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer (GC/MS). The tubes, now  
215 containing only the unused extract, were dried to a constant weight and then weighed  
216 in a precision balance. Tubes were later exhaustively cleaned, dried and reweighed to  
217 tare them. One blank was analyzed after every five samples.

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219 Two  $\mu\text{l}$  of the biomass extract were injected into a capillary column (HP 5MS, 30  
220  $\text{m} \times 0.25 \mu\text{m} \times 0.25 \text{mm}$ ) in a GC (7890A, Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA, USA)  
221 with a MS detector (5975C inert MSD with Triple-Axis Detector, Agilent Technologies).  
222 The temperature was maintained first at 35 °C for 2 min, increased at 15 °C  $\text{min}^{-1}$  to  
223 150 °C and maintained for 5 min, increased at 30 °C  $\text{min}^{-1}$  to 250 °C and maintained for  
224 5 min, and finally increased at 30 °C  $\text{min}^{-1}$  to 280 °C and maintained for 5 min. Total run  
225 time was 29 min, and the helium flow was set to 1  $\text{ml min}^{-1}$ .

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227 Terpenes were identified by comparing the mass spectra with published spectra  
228 (libraries NIST 05 and Wiley 7n) and the spectra of known standards. Calibration  
229 curves for the quantification of each terpene were prepared with commercial standards



230 of the most abundant compounds found in the samples. Four monoterpenes ( $\alpha$ -pinene,  
231 sabinene, limonene, and  $\gamma$ -terpinene), three sesquiterpenes (caryophyllene,  
232 caryophyllene oxide, and cedrol), two diterpenes (phytol and totarol), and one non-  
233 terpene internal standard (dodecane) were used (Fluka Chemie AG, Buchs,  
234 Switzerland). All terpene calibration curves were highly significant ( $r^2 \geq 0.99$ ) for the  
235 relationship between signal strength and terpene concentration. The most abundant  
236 terpenes exhibited similar sensitivities (differences  $<5\%$ ). Terpenes identified only by  
237 published spectra that were considered important for the experiment were later verified  
238 with standards:  $\alpha$ -thujene (Chemos GmbH, Regenstauf, Germany) terpinolene,  
239 terpinen-4-ol, sabinene hydrate, camphor,  $\alpha$ -terpineol (Fluka Chemie AG, Buchs,  
240 Switzerland), and manool (Sequoia Research Products Limited, Pangbourne, United  
241 Kingdom).

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243 *Terpene Emission Rates.* The terpene emissions collected by the VOC traps were  
244 released with an automatic sample processor (TD Autosampler, Series 2 Ultra, Markes  
245 International Inc. Wilmington, DE, USA) and desorbed using an injector (Unity, Series 2,  
246 Markes International Inc. Wilmington, DE, USA) in the GC/MS described above. A full-  
247 scan method was used for the chromatographic analyses. The desorbed sample was  
248 retained in a cryotrap at  $-20\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The split was 1:10. The sample was redesorbed at  
249  $250\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  for 10 min, injected into the column with a transfer line at  $250\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , and submitted to  
250 the same chromatographic process described above for the analysis of terpene  
251 concentrations.

252 No diterpenes were used as standards for the analyses of emission rates  
253 because they are not volatile at ambient temperature. The terpene emission rates were  
254 expressed in  $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$  (dry weight (dw))  $\text{h}^{-1}$ . Even though the days of sampling were  
255 similar (sunny and warm), the terpene emission rates were standardized at  $30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  using  
256 an algorithm for terpene-storing species (Guenther et al. 1993):

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258  $E = E_s \{\exp[\beta(T-T_s)]\}$

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260 where  $E$  represents the emission rates in  $\mu\text{g g}^{-1} (\text{dw}) \text{h}^{-1}$  of monoterpenes at  
261 temperature  $T$  (in degrees Kelvin, K),  $E_s$  is the emission factor in  $\mu\text{g g}^{-1} (\text{dw}) \text{h}^{-1}$   
262 at standard temperature  $T_s$  (303 K), and  $\beta$  represents an empirically determined  
263 coefficient, 0.09 K.

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265 *Statistical Analyses.* Data were analyzed using restricted maximum likelihood (REML),  
266 with the treatment (control, Wounded, Mv and Hv) as the fixed factor and the genotype  
267 (Agrimed, Bolgheri, Italice and Mediterraneo) as the random factor. Pairwise  
268 comparisons between treatments were performed using a Tukey's *post-hoc* test. Data  
269 that did not fit normality requirements were log transformed. Statistical analyses were  
270 conducted using R software version 2.15.2 (R Foundation for Statistical Computing,  
271 2012) and Statistica version 8.0 (Statsoft Inc. Tulsa, OK, USA) and the graphics were  
272 generated using SigmaPlot version 11.0 (Systat Software, Chicago, IL, USA).

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## 275 RESULTS

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277 *Local Phloem.* Phloem samples of cypresses had similar concentrations of  
278 monoterpenes and diterpenes, and sesquiterpenes represented only ca. 10% of the  
279 total terpene concentration. Sixty-eight terpenes represented more than 0.1% of the  
280 total peak area of the chromatograms, and those detected in more than 40% of all  
281 samples (27 terpenes) were selected for statistical analyses. The most abundant  
282 monoterpenes were  $\alpha$ -pinene and  $\delta$ -3-carene (ca. 90% of total monoterpenes in the  
283 control).  $\alpha$ -Cubebene and longifolene were the principal sesquiterpenes, and totarol  
284 was the most abundant diterpene (ca. 60% of total diterpenes in the control).

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286 *Qualitative Differences among Treatments.* Six terpenes appeared exclusively in the  
287 infected treatments (Mv and Hv) 30 and 90 days after inoculation. These six *de novo*  
288 terpenes were found in all four cypress genotypes. Four of these were oxygenated  
289 monoterpenes: oxygenated monoterpene *de novo* 1 (detected in 15 of 16 samples of  
290 Mv and Hv at days 30 and 90,  $0.093 \pm 0.02 \text{ mg g}^{-1}$ , mean  $\pm$  SE), sabinene hydrate (16/16;  
291  $0.17 \pm 0.03 \text{ mg g}^{-1}$ ), camphor (10/16;  $0.16 \pm 0.04 \text{ mg g}^{-1}$ ), and  $\alpha$ -terpineol (13/16;  $0.36 \pm 0.1$   
292  $\text{mg g}^{-1}$ ). The monoterpene *de novo* 2 (14/16;  $0.11 \pm 0.04 \text{ mg g}^{-1}$ ) and the diterpene *de*  
293 *novo* 3 (6/16;  $5.4 \pm 1.7 \text{ mg g}^{-1}$ ) could not be identified. No differences in concentration  
294 were detected between treatment or time for the *de novo* compounds (REML,  
295 fixed=treatment, random=genotype, paired Tukey's *post-hoc* test,  $P < 0.05$ ). Thymyl  
296 methyl ether (another oxygenated monoterpene) did not appear in the control but was  
297 detected in some of the Wounded samples and in all infected treatments from day 10  
298 to day 90, reaching a mean concentration of  $2.9 \pm 1.2 \text{ mg g}^{-1}$  in Hv at day 30 (Table 1).  
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300 *Quantitative Differences among Treatments.* Total concentrations were lower in the  
301 infected treatments than in the control at days 1 and 10 but increased substantially  
302 after day 30 (Table 1). Total terpenes were nearly 4-fold higher in the infected  
303 treatments compared to control at day 30, and reached a maximum of  $140 \text{ mg g}^{-1}$  at  
304 day 90 (Table 1). This increase in total terpenes was due partly to increased  
305 concentrations of some of the most abundant compounds ( $\alpha$ -pinene, diterpene 1) but  
306 also to the strong increases in concentrations of several minor compounds. These  
307 changes led to a decrease in the proportions of the main compounds.  $\alpha$ -Thujene was  
308 among the most induced compounds in the infected treatments (up to a 57-fold  
309 increase relative to the control), and presented differences from day 10, with  
310 concentrations and proportions rising steadily until day 90. Next in order of retention  
311 time was sabinene, whose concentrations (60-fold increase) had begun to differentiate  
312 by day 10 and whose proportions peaked between days 10-30, and then dropped  
313 slightly by day 90 (Fig. 1). Terpinolene concentrations (18-fold increase) had higher

314 proportions in the infected treatments throughout the experiment, reaching maximum  
315 proportion at day 1. Terpinen-4-ol (622-fold increase) retained a high concentration and  
316 proportional difference between treatments from days 10 to 90. Diterpene 2 was the  
317 most induced diterpene (164-fold increase) and increased its concentration steadily  
318 from day 1 to day 90 (Fig. 2). Diterpene 5 (43-fold), diterpene 6 (42-fold), and manool  
319 (11-fold) increased in concentration and proportions from day 10 to 90. Limonene (12-  
320 fold) and  $\alpha$ -terpinene (15-fold) also notably increased, but the concentrations were  
321 significantly higher than the control only at day 90. Oxygenated monoterpenes (the  
322 sum of terpinen-4-ol, thymyl methyl ether, and bornyl acetate) were the most induced  
323 terpene class, with up to 1063-fold higher concentrations in the infected treatments  
324 than in the control (Fig. 1).

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326 At day 1 post inoculation, total terpenes tended to decrease relative to control,  
327 as did all terpene classes (mono-, sesqui-, and diterpenes), despite the lack of  
328 statistical differences among treatments. Only cedrol exhibited differences, with Mv  
329 higher than Wounded and Hv (REML, fixed=treatment, random=genotype, paired  
330 Tukey's *post-hoc* test,  $P < 0.05$ ) (Table 1).  $\delta$ -3-Carene had a higher proportion in  
331 Wounded than in all other treatments, and terpinolene, the minor monoterpenes (sum  
332 of all monoterpenes except  $\alpha$ -pinene and  $\delta$ -3-carene), and diterpene 2 had higher  
333 proportions in the infected treatments than in the control or Wounded (Table 1, Figs. 2-  
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336 Terpene concentrations decreased significantly at day 10 in both infected  
337 treatments relative to control for total terpenes and all terpene classes, except the  
338 oxygenated monoterpenes, that increased 75-fold.  $\alpha$ -Pinene,  $\alpha$ -fenchene,  $\beta$ -pinene,  $\beta$ -  
339 myrcene,  $\delta$ -3-carene, total monoterpenes, all sesquiterpenes (including total  
340 sesquiterpenes), the majority of diterpenes (including total diterpenes), and total  
341 terpenes had the highest concentrations in the control. Terpinolene, terpinen-4-ol,

342 minor monoterpenes, and oxygenated monoterpenes, however, increased significantly  
343 in infected treatments compared to the control and Wounded (Table 1).  
344  $\alpha$ -Fenchene,  $\delta$ -3-carene, total sesquiterpenes, and diterpenes 3, 4, and 7 also  
345 decreased in proportion in the infected treatments relative to the control. In contrast,  $\alpha$ -  
346 thujene, sabinene, terpinolene, terpinen-4-ol, oxygenated monoterpenes, minor  
347 monoterpenes,  $\alpha$ -cubebene, manool, diterpenes 2 and 5, and totarolone had higher  
348 proportions in infected treatments than in the control or Wounded (Table 1).

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350 By day 30, concentrations tended to change relative to those at day 10, with  
351 total terpene, total mono-, total sesqui-, and total diterpene concentrations increasing  
352 non-significantly in the infected treatments. Concentrations of  $\alpha$ -thujene, sabinene,  
353 terpinolene, terpinen-4-ol, minor and oxygenated monoterpenes,  $\beta$ -cedrene, manool,  
354 diterpenes 2 and 5, and totarolone were higher in infected treatments than control or  
355 Wounded (Table 1). Proportions showed similar trends, with the monoterpenes listed  
356 above increasing in proportion in the infected treatments.  $\alpha$ -Cubebene, manool, and  
357 diterpenes 2, 5, and 6 also increased in proportion. In contrast,  $\alpha$ -pinene,  $\beta$ -pinene,  
358 longifolene, totarol, diterpenes 3 and 7, and total diterpenes decreased in proportion  
359 (Table 1).

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361 Finally, the largest contrasts appeared by day 90, with concentrations in the  
362 infected treatments being the highest reported in the study. Concentrations of  $\alpha$ -  
363 thujene,  $\alpha$ -pinene, sabinene,  $\beta$ -pinene,  $\beta$ -myrcene, limonene, terpinolene, terpinen-4-ol,  
364  $\alpha$ -terpinene, oxygenated, minor and total monoterpenes,  $\beta$ -cedrene, cedrol, manool,  
365 diterpenes 1, 2, 5, and 6, totarolone, hinokione, total diterpenes, and total terpenes  
366 were all higher in infected treatments than in Wounded and/or the control. The  
367 proportions also were higher in the infected trees for  $\alpha$ -thujene, sabinene,  $\beta$ -myrcene,  
368 limonene, terpinolene, terpinen-4-ol, oxygenated, minor and total monoterpenes,  $\beta$ -  
369 cedrene, manool, and diterpenes 2 and 6. In contrast, longifolene, total sesquiterpenes,

370 totarol, diterpenes 3 and 7, totarolone, hinokione, and total diterpenes showed the  
371 opposite trend, having higher proportions in the control or Wounded than in the infected  
372 treatments (Table 1). No differences were found among the control trees from days 1 to  
373 90, except for total diterpene concentrations at day 90, which were higher than on other  
374 sampling days.

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376 Two PCAs (Fig. 4) were conducted with phloem monoterpene concentrations  
377 and monoterpene proportions on days 30 and 90 as variables, to provide a general  
378 overview of the differences among treatments and infection times. In the concentration  
379 PCA, the first two PCs accounted for 69.1% and 11.0% of the total variance,  
380 respectively. PC1 distributed the cases by terpene concentration, separating Hv and  
381 Mv from Wounded and control treatments (two-way ANOVA of the PC scores,  $P < 0.05$ )  
382 and PC2 significantly separated the cases of day 30 from those of day 90 ( $P < 0.05$ ). In  
383 the proportion PCA, the first two PCs accounted for the 36.3% and 20.4% of the total  
384 variance, respectively. PC1 significantly ( $P < 0.05$ ) separated the cases with decreased  
385 proportion of main terpenes and increased proportion of minor terpenes, and PC2 also  
386 separated the cases of day 30 and day 90 ( $P < 0.05$ ).

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388 *Fungal Isolates.* Mv and Hv did not elicit clearly different reactions. Statistically  
389 significant differences between terpene concentrations in the infected treatments were  
390 observed only for two sesquiterpenes. Cedrol was significantly higher in Mv than in Hv  
391 at day 1, and cedrol and  $\beta$ -cedrene were higher in Hv than in Mv at day 90 (Table 1).

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393 *Foliar Terpene Concentration.* Leaves also presented abundant terpenes, with high  
394 concentrations of monoterpenes, moderate abundances of sesquiterpenes, and traces  
395 of diterpenes. No qualitative differences were found among treatments, and few  
396 quantitative differences in concentrations were observed (Table 2).

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398 No differences in concentration were detected at day 1 (Table 2). At day 10, the  
399 control had higher concentrations of the sesquiterpenes  $\alpha$ -cubebene, caryophyllene,  
400 germacrene D,  $\alpha$ -muurolene, and total sesquiterpenes than did Hv. At day 30, no  
401 differences among treatments were found (Table 2). At day 90, the control had higher  
402 concentrations of  $\beta$ -myrcene, limonene, terpinolene, bornylene, and  $\alpha$ -cubebene than  
403 did Wounded.

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405 No correlation was found between the concentrations (Table 2) and proportions  
406 (data not shown) of the terpene species analyzed. No direct differences were found  
407 between the fungal isolates. Hv had lower concentrations than the control in several  
408 occasions on day 10 (Table 2), while Mv concentrations were not different from the  
409 control or Wounded.

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411 *Foliar Emission Rates.* The foliar emissions contained eight monoterpenes and two  
412 sesquiterpenes (Table 3, Fig. 5). No qualitative differences were found, but some  
413 quantitative differences appeared. The largest differences were in total monoterpene  
414 emissions and  $\delta$ -3-carene (REML, fixed=treatment, random=genotype, paired Tukey's  
415 *post-hoc* test,  $P < 0.05$ ), which were higher for the infected trees at day 10 than the  
416 control and Wounded. The proportions did not show any clear trend (data not shown).

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418 At day 1, the emission rates of  $\beta$ -myrcene and limonene were higher in  
419 Wounded than in the control (Table 3). At day 10,  $\delta$ -3-carene had a higher emission  
420 rate in Hv than the control and a marginally higher emission rate than in Wounded.  $\alpha$ -  
421 Cedrene also had a marginally higher emission rate in Hv than in the control. Total  
422 monoterpenes showed higher emission rates in infected treatments than in the control.  
423 In contrast, the emission rate of  $\beta$ -pinene was marginally higher in the control than in  
424 Wounded. All compounds, except  $\beta$ -myrcene and  $\delta$ -3-carene, had the highest emission  
425 rates in the Hv treatment at day 10. At day 30, differences were observed only in

426 emission rates of sesquiterpenes; Hv had a higher foliar emission rate of longifolene  
427 than did Mv, and Wounded had a marginally significant higher emission rate of  $\alpha$ -  
428 cedrene than did Mv. Finally, at day 90,  $\alpha$ -cedrene had a higher emission rate in the  
429 control than in Wounded, and Mv, and  $\beta$ -pinene had a higher emission rate in Mv than  
430 in Hv (Table 3). Hv tended to elicit higher emissions and larger differences (sometimes  
431 statistically significant) relative to the control and Wounded than did Mv (Table 3, Fig.  
432 5).

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434 Foliar concentrations and emissions appeared to be negatively correlated, but  
435 the correlations were not statistically significant. Only the correlation between total  
436 monoterpene concentration and total monoterpene emission was significant for day 10  
437 (simple regression;  $R^2 = 0.435$ ,  $P < 0.05$ ).

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## 440 DISCUSSION

441

442 *Qualitative and Quantitative Changes in Local Phloem.* Despite genotypic differences  
443 among trees and the different levels of pathogenicity of the fungal isolates, the same  
444 six terpenes appeared *de novo* only in the inoculated treatments at days 30 and 90, for  
445 all genotypes studied. Notably, four of these six compounds were oxygenated  
446 monoterpenes (oxygenated monoterpene 1, sabinene hydrate, camphor, and  $\alpha$ -  
447 terpineol), a class of terpenoids noted for strong antifungal activity, usually more  
448 fungistatic than non-oxygenated monoterpenes. (Bakkali et al. 2008; Hussain et al.  
449 2011; Jiao et al. 2012; Zouari et al. 2011). Most of the *de novo* compounds were  
450 detected in relatively low concentrations (0.09-0.36 mg g<sup>-1</sup> dw) except for *de novo* 3, a  
451 diterpene that had a mean concentration of 5.4 mg g<sup>-1</sup> but was rarely detected. We  
452 were not able to detect cupressotropolone A and B, two sesquiterpene phytoalexins of



453 fungal-infected cypresses discovered by Madar et al. (1995a) using thin layer  
454 chromatography (TLC).

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456 The scarce information that is available for the role of sabinene hydrate in tree  
457 defense and fungal inhibition (Ramos et al. 2011; Tomlin et al. 2000) suggests that this  
458 compound might have moderate defensive and antifungal activity. The role of camphor  
459 (Kotan et al. 2007; Marei et al. 2012; Pragadheesh et al. 2013; Ramsewak et al. 2003)  
460 is ambiguous, being inhibitory for some fungi but not for others, suggesting slight fungal  
461 toxicity.  $\alpha$ -Terpineol, however, is a powerful fungal inhibitor (Cakir et al. 2004; Hammer  
462 et al. 2003; Kossuth and Barnard 1983; Kotan et al. 2007; Kusumoto et al. 2014; Zhou  
463 et al. 2014) Thymyl methyl ether is among the least inhibitive chemical structures of  
464 thymol to several fungi (Kumbhar and Dewang 2001).

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466 The only *de novo* terpenes known to be produced by Italian cypress in response  
467 to a fungal pathogen are the oxygenated sesquiterpenes cupressutropolone A and B,  
468 produced under infection by *Diplodia pinea*, another canker-causing fungus (Madar et  
469 al. 1995a). These two sesquiterpenes are considered *C. sempervirens* phytoalexins,  
470 because they cause strong or total inhibition of mycelial growth and spore germination  
471 for *S. cardinale* and other cypress pathogens (Madar et al. 1995a).

472 The *de novo* compounds we found could, thus, likely be antifungal phytoalexins  
473 because *i*) sabinene hydrate, camphor, and  $\alpha$ -terpineol appeared exclusively in the  
474 infected treatments, *ii*) they are oxygenated monoterpenes, *iii*) their antifungal activity  
475 has been reported in literature (especially  $\alpha$ -terpineol), and *iv*) the report by Madar et al.  
476 (1995a). The possibility that these *de novo* compounds (especially  $\alpha$ -terpineol and  
477 camphor) are a product or a biotransformation of the infecting fungal pathogen,  
478 however, cannot be discarded (Kusumoto et al. 2014; Leufvén et al. 1988; Siddhardha  
479 et al. 2011; Tan and Day 1998). Furthermore, any terpene concentration found in the  
480 infected treatments could have been altered by fungal biotransformation or production.

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482           The increased terpene concentrations in the local phloem tissues of the infected  
483 treatments were expected because resinosis from the cracks of infected tissues is a  
484 common symptom of cankered cypresses (Graniti 1998). This phenomenon has been  
485 observed in numerous studies that address the reaction of conifer phloem and xylem to  
486 infection by fungal pathogens (Blodgett and Stanosz 1998; Bonello et al. 2008; Faldt et  
487 al. 2006; Raffa and Smalley 1995; Viiri et al. 2001). In our study, the monoterpenes,  
488 well-known inhibitors of fungi mycelial growth and spore germination (Bakkali et al.  
489 2008; Kalemba and Kunicka 2003), and diterpenes, which also have strong antifungal  
490 activity (Eberhardt et al. 1994; Kopper et al. 2005; Kusumoto et al. 2014), were the  
491 most reactive terpenoid groups in the phloem. The oxygenated monoterpenes were the  
492 most induced terpenoid category (Table 1, Fig. 1), increasing their concentrations up to  
493 1000-fold in infected trees relative to control and up to 333-fold relative to Wounded.  
494 The concentration decreases observed at day 10 for some of the major monoterpenes,  
495 all sesquiterpenes, and several abundant diterpenes (Table 1, Fig. 1) were unexpected.  
496 Concentration decreases for several compounds also have been observed, however, in  
497 other pathosystems (Boone et al. 2011; Davis and Hofstetter 2011), and at least one  
498 general decrease in terpene concentration also has been reported (Bonello et al. 2008).  
499 At day 10, the few compounds that increased in concentration showed an abrupt  
500 increase in proportion, and they were the same compounds that were most induced  
501 throughout this study, such as  $\alpha$ -thujene, sabinene, terpinolene, manool, diterpene 2,  
502 and diterpene 5. By decreasing concentrations of the main compounds and by slightly  
503 increasing the concentrations of some induced terpenes, proportions of the induced  
504 compounds can increase drastically (see terpinolene and diterpene 2 in Table 1). This  
505 strategy might be a fast and cheap way of producing the desired terpene proportions  
506 rapidly, rather than by strongly increasing the concentrations of these induced  
507 compounds.

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509  $\alpha$ -Thujene, sabinene, terpinolene, terpinen-4-ol, manool, and diterpenes 2 and 5  
510 responded most to *S. cardinale* infection. The information available for  $\alpha$ -thujene (Raffa  
511 and Berryman 1982b; Zhao et al. 2010) suggests that conifers do not use it as a  
512 defensive compound, but it may have some antifungal activity (Bajpai et al. 2007).  
513 Sabinene (De Alwis et al. 2009; Espinosa-garcia and Langenheim 1991; Kohzaki et al.  
514 2009) and terpinolene (Davis et al. 2011; Viiri et al. 2001) are among the most induced  
515 compounds in some conifers under fungal attack, and possess antifungal properties  
516 against several phytopathogens and fungal endophytes (Bridges 1987; De Alwis et al.  
517 2009; Espinosa-garcia and Langenheim 1991; Kohzaki et al. 2009; Paine and Hanlon  
518 1994). Herbicide application also can increase the concentration of terpinen-4-ol in *P.*  
519 *ponderosa* (Kidd and Reid 1979), a compound with remarkable biological activity on  
520 fungi (Kusumoto et al. 2014; Morcia et al. 2013; Nenoff et al. 1996) and bacteria (Kotan  
521 et al. 2007). Manool concentrations can increase in conifers under biotic attack (Hanari  
522 et al. 2002; Tomlin et al. 2000), and can inhibit growth of several canker agents  
523 (Yamamoto et al. 1997) and pathogenic bacteria (Ulubelen et al. 1994). In our study,  
524 the concentrations and proportions of two unidentified compounds, diterpenes 2 and 5,  
525 increased substantially in infected trees (Table 1, Fig. 2) and may play a role in cypress  
526 defense, thus warranting further efforts to identify them.

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528 The concentrations and proportions of the minor monoterpenes increased in the  
529 infected treatments at the expense of the two main monoterpenes,  $\alpha$ -pinene and  $\delta$ -3-  
530 carene (their sum represented more than 90% of the monoterpene fraction in the  
531 control), which significantly decreased in proportion to 50-70% (Table 1, Fig. 3). The  
532 proportions PCA (Fig. 4) corroborates these observations, showing the main  
533 monoterpenes going in opposite direction to minor terpenes. Proportional changes also  
534 were observed in the diterpenes, where that of totarol, the main compound of the  
535 diterpene fraction, decreased from 50-60% in the control to 30% in infected treatments  
536 (Table 1, Fig. 2) primarily in favor of diterpene 2 and manool. These results, thus,

537 suggest that infected cypresses invest more in minor compounds than in major ones.  
538 This strategy had been observed in *Picea abies*, *Abies grandis*, and *Pinus resinosa*,  
539 where their main monoterpenes (pinenes), lowered proportions in infected trees in  
540 favor of minor monoterpenes such as sabinene and terpinolene (Klepzig et al. 1995;  
541 Raffa and Berryman 1982b; Zhao et al. 2010). Some tree terpenes (usually the main  
542 compounds) have low inhibiting effects (Kusumoto et al. 2014) or can even enhance  
543 the growth of some fungal pathogens (Bridges 1987; Cakir et al. 2004; Davis and  
544 Hofstetter 2011), because some pathogenic fungi have developed the ability to survive  
545 in the presence of the major compounds of their common hosts, detoxifying them or  
546 even exploiting them as carbon sources (Kusumoto et al. 2014; Wang et al. 2013). One  
547 plausible hypothesis accounting for our results is that a strong concentration and  
548 proportion increase of minor terpenes in infected cypresses would help to lower the  
549 success of *S. cardinale* infection or slow its growth considerably, thereby allowing the  
550 tree to react effectively, at least in resistant varieties.

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552 The absence of differences between Mv and Hv suggests that *C. sempervirens*  
553 cannot distinguish between these two *S. cardinale* isolates. The short time period that  
554 this conifer and fungus have coexisted suggests that co-evolution or a capacity to elicit  
555 specific responses in their interactions is unlikely. Hv tended to elicit slightly (non-  
556 significantly) higher reactions compared to Mv, but probably due to the aggressiveness  
557 of the isolate and not to a specific reaction of the tree against it. Further study should  
558 compare the terpene reaction of *C. sempervirens* to different canker species or similar  
559 fungal pathogens to determine if the tree reaction elicited by *S. cardinale* is species-  
560 specific or just a general pathogen defense.

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562 The main mechanism of reaction to *S. cardinale* infections in cypresses is  
563 based on formation of a necrophylactic periderm, a quantitative (polygenic) trait that in  
564 resistant trees is able to compartmentalize and prevent fungal growth in bark tissues.

565 Resistant and susceptible trees differ in the speed of reaction (how quickly they can  
566 build the barrier) and in the thickness (number of cell rows) of the barrier and its rate of  
567 suberization (Ponchet and Andreoli 1990). This mechanism is not specific against a  
568 particular fungus but is the same that is activated by cypresses as a consequence of a  
569 simple wound (without infection). This mechanism is disturbed by an invading fungus in  
570 infected trees. The production of inhibiting terpenes induced by infection in more  
571 resistant trees might affect the 'struggle' between host and pathogen, shifting this  
572 equilibrium by slowing fungal development and favoring the host to build an effective  
573 pathogen barrier.

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575 The terpene compounds found in the phloem of *C. sempervirens* were  
576 consistent with those found in previous studies (Gallis et al. 2007; Piovetti et al. 1981;  
577 Piovetti et al. 1980). Concentrations also were within the ranges of those in similar  
578 studies of other conifers infected by fungal pathogens (Blodgett and Stanosz 1998;  
579 Raffa and Berryman 1982a; Viiri et al. 2001).

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581 *Foliar Terpene Concentration.* Terpene species and the foliar proportions in our study  
582 coincided with those in Schiller and Madar (1991), who reported that  $\alpha$ -pinene and  $\delta$ -3-  
583 carene were the most abundant terpenes. Mazari et al. (2010) also observed  $\alpha$ -pinene  
584 as the main compound, but limonene was the second most abundant, and  $\delta$ -3-carene  
585 was among the minor monoterpenes.

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587 None of the compounds or tendencies for the infected treatments in our study,  
588 however, behaved similarly to those reported in Schiller and Madar (1991). The only  
589 trend in our study was a lower foliar concentration in Hv and Wounded than in the  
590 control cypresses (Table 2). No compound showed a consistent trend throughout the  
591 90-day experiment. The inconsistencies between our study and that by Schiller and  
592 Madar (1991) suggest that leaves may not show a clear pattern of changes in terpene

593 concentrations when infected by *S. cardinale*. The lack of differences among our  
594 treatments may have several explanations. The constitutive foliar chemotype of  
595 Agrimed is very different from those of the other resistant genotypes, and reaction  
596 patterns seemed to differ among the genotypes. The distance of the twig from the  
597 fungal infection, which varied from 3 to 21 cm, also was not correlated with foliar  
598 terpene concentration. The lower terpene concentrations in leaves may have been due  
599 to increased foliar emission. However, only a statistically significant relationship,  
600 between total monoterpene emission and total monoterpene concentration of day 10,  
601 was found, so our results do not provide enough support for this hypothesis. In addition,  
602 the inhibition of photosynthesis caused by *S. cardinale* may have affected terpene  
603 concentrations (Muthuchelian et al. 2005; Penuelas and Llusia 1999).

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605 *Foliar Emission Rates.* Foliar terpene emission rates of the control ranged between 2  
606 and 4  $\mu\text{g g}^{-1} \text{dw h}^{-1}$ , similar to rates reported by Yatagai et al. (1995) and Yani et al.  
607 (1993) for the same species. The compounds detected also were similar to those in the  
608 previous two studies, but the monoterpene proportions were similar only to those in  
609 Yani et al. (1995). Yatagai et al. (1993) reported that limonene was responsible for 83%  
610 of the emission blend, however, limonene represented only ca. 4% of the emissions in  
611 the control in this current study (Table 3, Fig. 4).

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613 The sampled leaves could represent only systemic responses to infection (twigs  
614 were up to 21 cm from the inoculated zone), but the infected plants usually displayed  
615 higher emissions than the control and sometimes the Wounded plants. These higher  
616 emissions were statistically significant, however, only at day 10 after inoculation (for  $\delta$ -  
617 3-carene and total monoterpenes). Many other compounds showed a non-significant  
618 highest emission at day 10, possibly indicating that their maximum emission in  
619 response to *S. cardinale* infection occurs around this time. This change in volatile  
620 bouquet could be used by the vectors of cypress bark canker, such as *Phloeosinus*

621 *aubei* (Covassi et al. 1975), *Megastigmus Watchli*, or *Orsillus maculatus* (Battisti et al.  
622 1999; Zocca et al. 2008), or even parasitoids of these vectors (Adams and Six 2008;  
623 Boone et al. 2008; Sullivan and Berisford 2004).

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625 In summary, all resistant genotypes of Italian cypress reacted strongly and similarly to  
626 *S. cardinale* infection by drastically increasing the phloem concentrations of several  
627 minor terpenes and moderately increasing the concentrations of major terpenes. This  
628 translated into moderate increases in total concentrations. Monoterpenes (especially  
629 the oxygenated monoterpenes, which increased quantitatively but also may be  
630 generated *de novo* in response to infection) and diterpenes were the most induced  
631 terpene classes in the infected trees, thus leading to a considerable proportional  
632 increase in minor monoterpenes and a consequent proportional decrease in the main  
633 monoterpenes. Such a strategy could help cypress defense, because some pathogens  
634 are adapted to the principal constituents of trees. Foliar concentrations did not show  
635 any clear trend apart from a concentration decrease in the infected treatments, which  
636 may have been due to a canker-induced inhibition of photosynthesis or a decrease due  
637 to increased emissions. Emission rates of foliar terpenes suggest that emission  
638 bouquets change under infection, opening the possibility of attracting *S. cardinale*  
639 vectors. The emission rates of foliar terpenes and several phloem proportions of  
640 oxygenated monoterpenes, terpinolene, and manool among others, reacted quite  
641 quickly, reaching their maximum proportions between days 1 and 10, while proportions  
642 of most phloem terpenes ( $\alpha$ -thujene,  $\alpha$ -pinene, sabinene, or totarol) continued to  
643 increase during infection, peaking around day 30 or 90. No clear differences were  
644 found between the fungal isolates for any tissue examined, despite trends suggesting  
645 that a slightly stronger reaction was elicited by the more virulent fungal isolate (Hv).

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647 This study is the first to describe the complex dynamics of the terpene reaction  
648 of *C. sempervirens* to *S. cardinale* in the early stages of infection. The results raise

649 questions that warrant further research. Such studies should compare terpene and  
650 physiological reactions of *C. sempervirens* clones that are susceptible and resistant to  
651 bark canker, identify unknown induced compounds (e.g., diterpenes 2 and 5), and test  
652 Italian cypress terpenes against *S. cardinale* in experiments of growth inhibition and  
653 fungal biotransformation. In relation to indirect defenses, further research should study  
654 the emissions of cankered cypresses ca. 10 days after inoculation and test the  
655 attraction of several potential pathogen vectors to foliar terpene emissions.

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### Figure captions

**Fig. 1** Mean phloem concentrations ( $\pm$ SE) and mean proportions ( $\pm$ SE) relative to total monoterpenes (MT) of sabinene and oxygenated monoterpenes (sum of terpinen-4-ol, thymyl methyl ether, and bornyl acetate), some of the most induced compounds in the infected treatments (Mv and Hv) relative to the control and Wounded. Different letters indicate statistically significant differences (REML, fixed=treatment, random=genotype, paired Tukey's *post-hoc* test,  $P < 0.05$ )

**Fig. 2** Mean phloem concentrations ( $\pm$ SE) and mean proportions ( $\pm$ SE) relative to total diterpenes (DT) of diterpene 2, and totarol. Different letters indicate statistically significant differences (REML, fixed=treatment, random=genotype, paired Tukey's *post-hoc* test,  $P < 0.05$ ) and marginally significant differences ( $P < 0.10$ , in *italics*)

**Fig. 3** Mean phloem concentrations ( $\pm$ SE) and mean proportions ( $\pm$ SE) of minor monoterpenes (those  $< 5\%$  of total monoterpenes (MT): all except  $\alpha$ -pinene at ca. 70% and  $\delta$ -3-carene at ca. 20%). Different letters indicate statistically significant differences (REML, fixed=treatment, random=genotype, paired Tukey's *post-hoc* test,  $P < 0.05$ ) and marginally significant differences ( $P < 0.10$ , in *italics*)

**Fig. 4** Principal Component Analysis (PCA) for the concentrations ( $\text{mg g}^{-1}$  of dry weight) (left panels) and proportions (% of total monoterpenes; right panels) of the 12 monoterpenes studied at days 30 and 90 after infection. The biplots depict loadings of PCA variables (above) and scores of PCA cases (below). T-4-ol = terpinen-4-ol, tme = thymyl methyl ether. Letters indicate the different treatments applied: C = Control (green), W = Wounded (yellow), M = Mildly virulent (red), H = Highly virulent (red). Samples of day 90 are marked with an asterisk (\*), and samples of day 30 have no asterisk ( )

**Fig. 5** Mean rates of emission ( $\pm$ SE) of main monoterpenes emitted by leaves. Different letters indicate statistically significant differences (REML, fixed=treatment, random=genotype, paired Tukey's *post-hoc* test,  $P < 0.05$ )

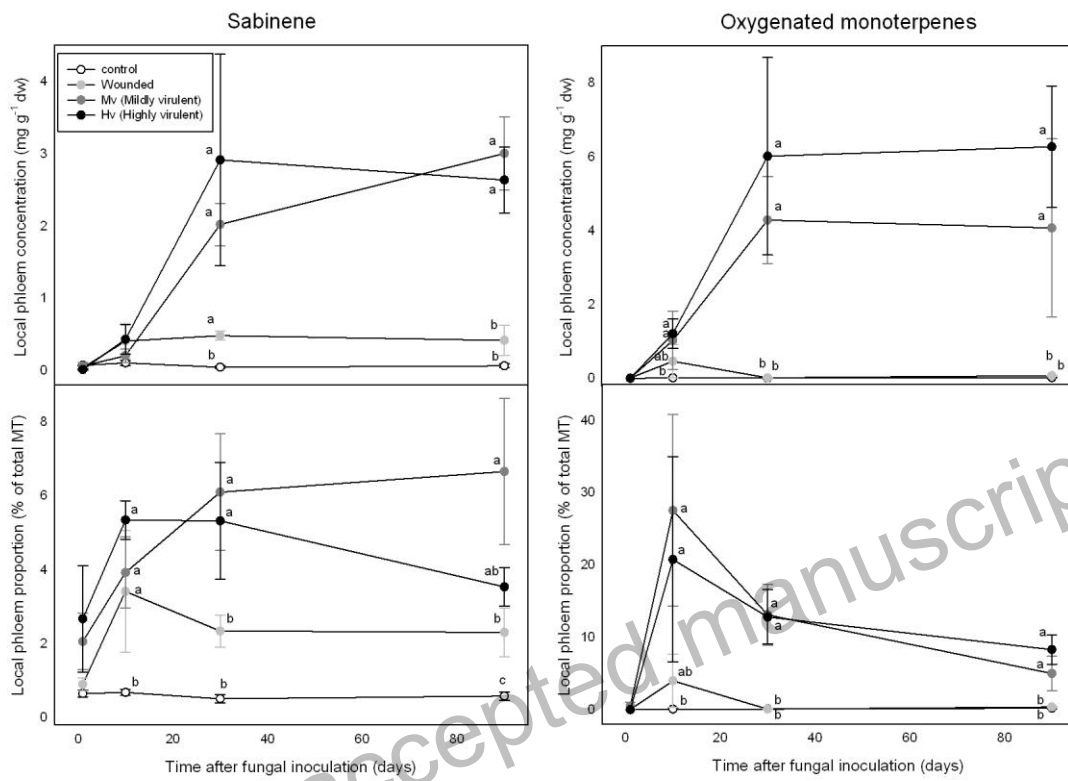


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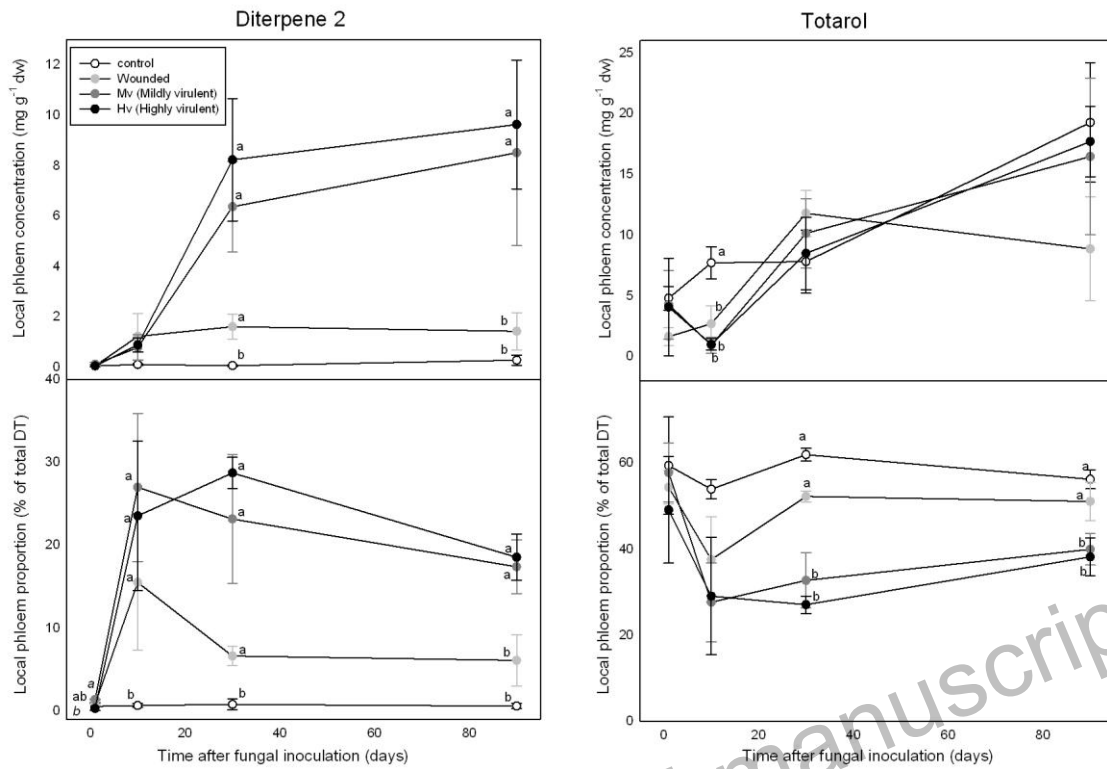
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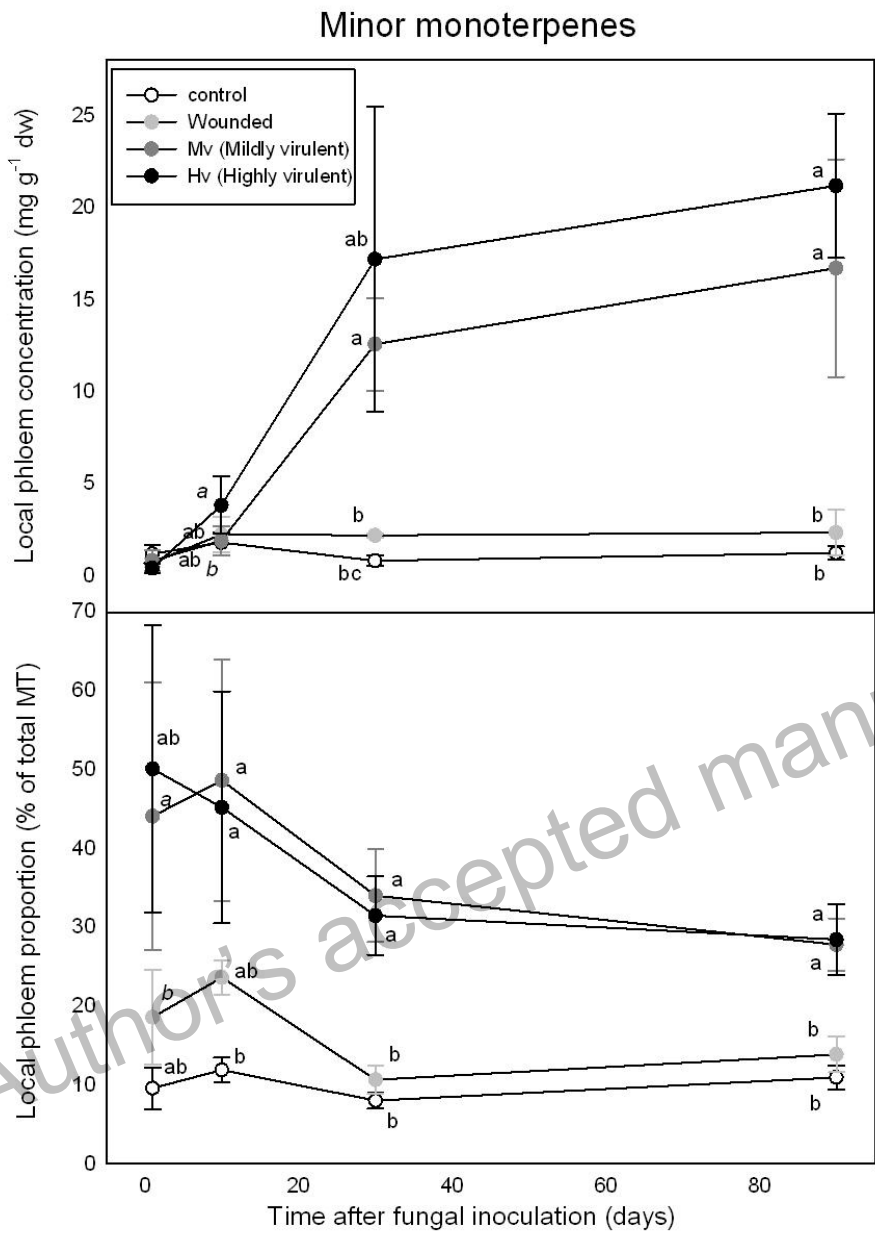
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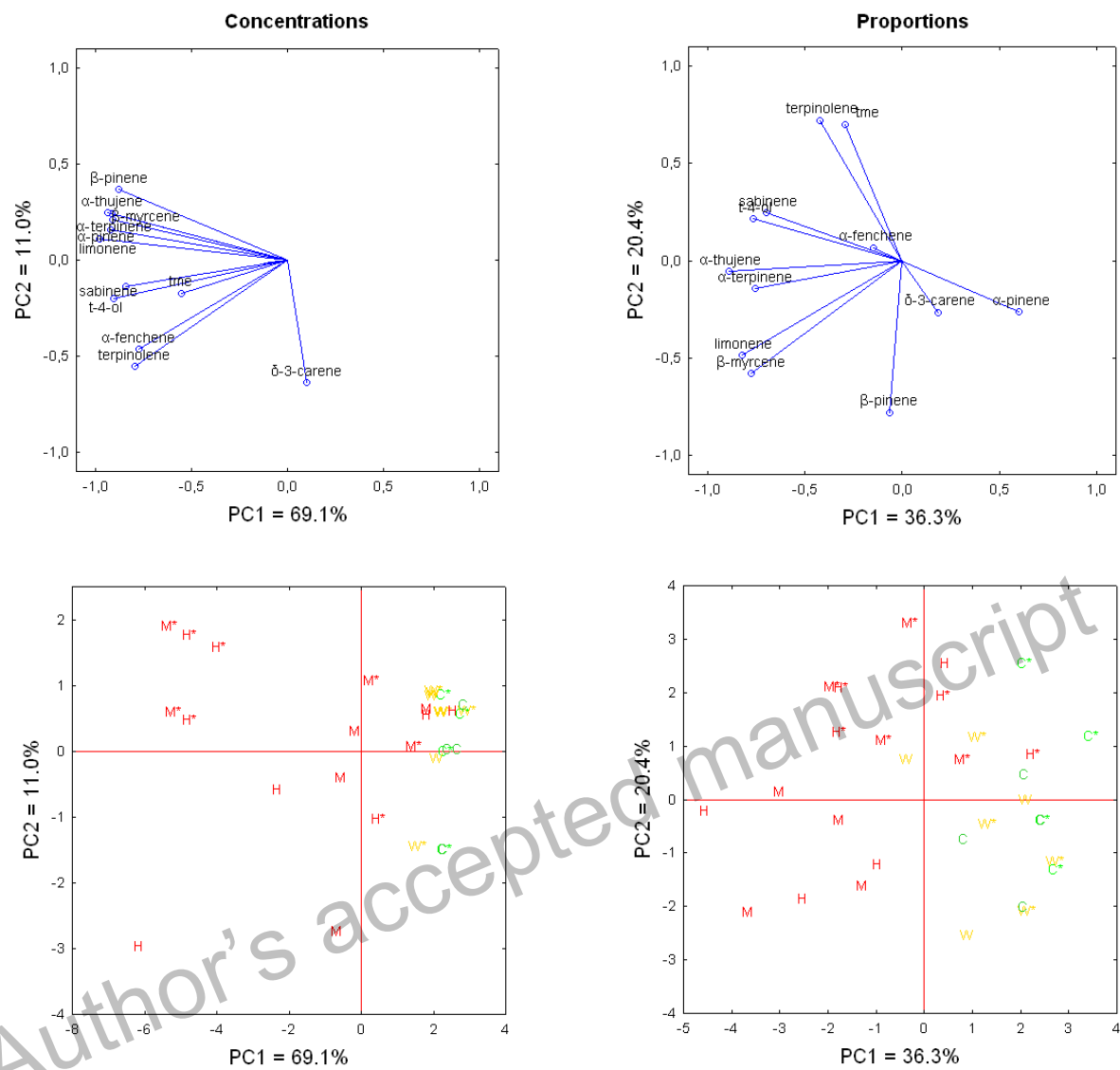


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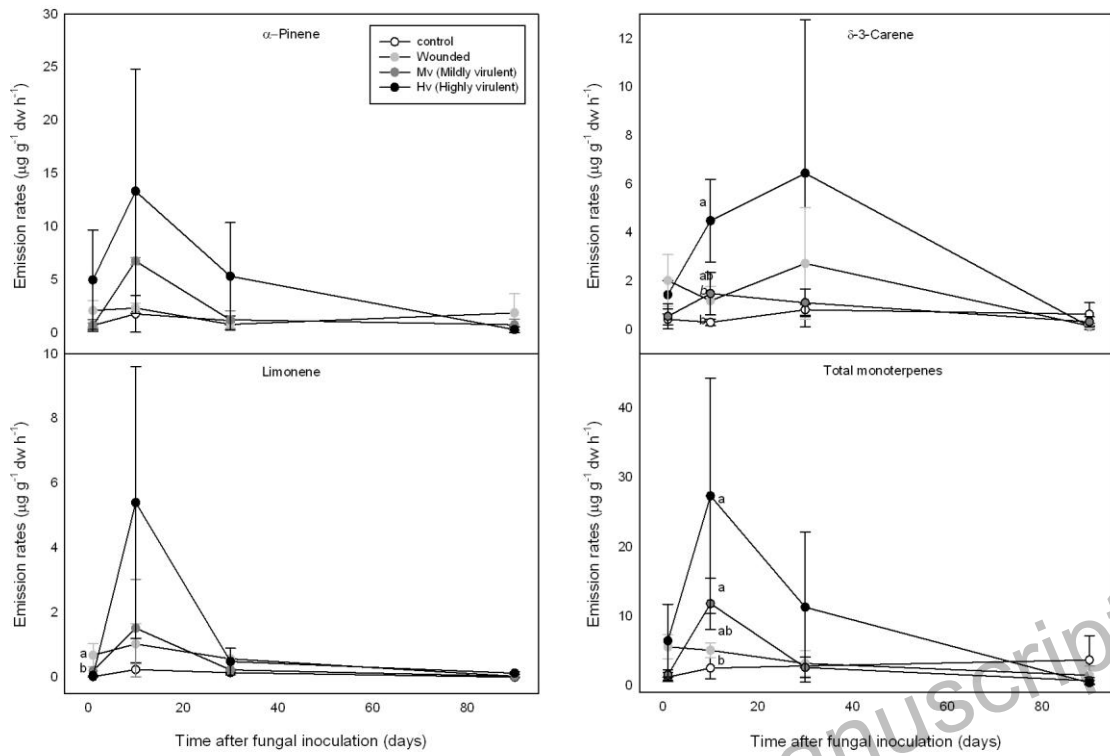


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1095 **Table 2** Mean concentrations ( $\pm$ SE) in mg g<sup>-1</sup> dry weight of the terpenes in the leaves  
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tricyclene	7.68	0.053±0.022	0.041±0.017	0.059±0.005	0.054±0.014	0.074±0.041	0.032±0.014	0.058±0.025	0.028±0.020	0.071±0.035	0.081±0.015	0.13±0.026	0.11±0.04	0.091±0.008	0.063±0.021	0.092±0.01	0.060±0.027
α-pinene	7.72	0.20±0.15	0.24±0.21	0.051±0.023	0.044±0.012	<b>0.84±0.79</b>	<b>0.40±0.37</b>	0.34±0.31	0.16±0.15	0.23±0.23	0.31±0.27	0.07±0.022	0.062±0.020	0.21±0.16	0.063±0.021	0.040±0.003	0.040±0.021
α-pinene	7.82	12±5	8.7±3.9	11±4	12±5	197	7.8±3.0	13±5	6.2±4.1	16±8	16±5	23±8	19±8	19±5	17±6	24±2	17±8
α-fenchene	8.01	0.18±0.08	0.12±0.04	0.15±0.06	0.14±0.08	0.21±0.07	0.12±0.05	0.17±0.07	0.087±0.017	0.23±0.09	0.19±0.012	0.31±0.12	0.25±0.11	0.24±0.03	0.15±0.05	0.21±0.05	0.18±0.08
sabinene	8.32	0.63±0.48	0.67±0.59	0.23±0.05	0.17±0.04	1.9±1.7	1.0±0.9	1.1±0.9	0.46±0.39	1.1±0.9	1.1±0.8	0.4±0.03	0.34±0.13	0.83±0.61	0.26±0.06	0.19±0.03	0.15±0.06
β-pinene	8.39	0.17±0.06	0.11±0.04	0.17±0.05	0.15±0.06	0.23±0.08	0.13±0.04	0.18±0.06	0.081±0.044	0.24±0.10	0.23±0.04	0.36±0.12	0.35±0.16	0.28±0.06	0.15±0.07	0.30±0.03	0.23±0.11
β-myrcene	8.47	0.28±0.11	0.16±0.07	0.27±0.07	0.22±0.08	0.42±0.24	0.18±0.09	0.29±0.13	0.088±0.037	0.36±0.12	0.29±0.05	0.40±0.17	0.32±0.16	<b>0.41±0.04a</b>	<b>0.25±0.07b</b>	<b>0.37±0.04ab</b>	<b>0.28±0.12ab</b>
δ-3-carene	8.77	6.6±3.0	3.7±1.7	5.3±2.0	4.8±2.7	6.0±2.9	3.5±1.6	5.6±2.5	1.8±0.7	8.8±3.7	5.7±0.8	9.5±4.2	6.5±2.9	7.2±1.1	4.1±1.5	6.1±1.7	5.0±2.4
limonene	8.88	0.34±0.13	0.27±0.13	0.27±0.10	0.26±0.11	0.34±0.19	0.20±0.10	0.33±0.15	0.12±0.05	0.46±0.17	0.31±0.05	0.53±0.26	0.45±0.20	<b>0.51±0.10a</b>	<b>0.29±0.08b</b>	<b>0.41±0.12ab</b>	<b>0.36±0.18ab</b>
γ-terpinene	9.31	0.041±0.014	0.025±0.014	0.020±0.003	0.021±0.006	0.083±0.064	0.053±0.040	0.050±0.036	0.034±0.022	0.039±0.025	0.051±0.031	0.032±0.011	0.024±0.007	0.054±0.022	0.021±0.004	0.027±0.004	0.018±0.008
terpinolene	9.66	0.33±0.16	0.17±0.10	0.29±0.10	0.31±0.15	0.37±0.18	0.18±0.09	0.30±0.13	0.085±0.036	0.38±0.14	0.28±0.04	0.50±0.22	0.33±0.16	<b>0.48±0.05a</b>	<b>0.26±0.07b</b>	<b>0.39±0.07ab</b>	<b>0.31±0.15ab</b>
monoterpene 1	11.68	0.19±0.11	0.081±0.064	0.016±0.005	0.009±0.004	0.041±0.026	0.028±0.014	0.067±0.031	0.054±0.034	0.019±0.004	0.011±0.007	0.013±0.001	0.018±0.011	0.013±0.004	0.015±0.003	0.034±0.024	0.014±0.013
bornylene	13.13	0.062±0.038	0.037±0.03	0.045±0.018	0.046±0.026	0.061±0.034	0.037±0.021	0.046±0.04	0.011±0.005	0.074±0.032	0.049±0.014	0.094±0.046	0.053±0.025	<b>0.080±0.017a</b>	<b>0.029±0.014b</b>	<b>0.063±0.024ab</b>	<b>0.048±0.026ab</b>
α-terpinene	13.36	0.67±0.42	0.33±0.25	0.94±0.47	0.59±0.28	0.84±0.31	0.45±0.23	0.72±0.35	0.14±0.05	0.93±0.39	0.68±0.10	1.6±0.8	1.2±0.7	1.0±0.2	0.44±0.15	0.89±0.24	0.57±0.27
Total monoterpenes		21±9	15±6	18±7	19±8	26±9	14±5	22±7	9±4	29±11	25±3	37±14	29±12	30±5	23±7	33±3	18±10
α-cubebene	13.43	0.15±0.05	0.094±0.047	0.12±0.04	0.14±0.06	<b>0.32±0.17a</b>	<b>0.17±0.09ab</b>	<b>0.25±0.06ab</b>	<b>0.043±0.018b</b>	0.25±0.03	0.28±0.093	0.27±0.12	0.29±0.28	<b>0.16±0.03a</b>	<b>0.087±0.068b</b>	<b>0.15±0.03ab</b>	<b>0.13±0.06ab</b>
β-cedrene	15.10	0.12±0.03	0.070±0.032	0.17±0.09	0.22±0.06	0.18	0.14±0.12	0.19±0.06	0.11	0.19±0.10	0.14±0.02	0.42±0.29	0.38±0.29	0.19±0.04	0.11±0.05	0.25±0.09	0.15±0.09
caryophyllene	15.18	0.56±0.19	0.38±0.23	0.34±0.15	0.40±0.15	<b>0.85±0.46a</b>	<b>0.59±0.31ab</b>	<b>0.66±0.28ab</b>	<b>0.19±0.10b</b>	0.43±0.21	0.43±0.12	0.63±0.40	0.39±0.25	0.63±0.25	0.40±0.14	0.49±0.16	0.27±0.19
α-caryophyllene	15.74	1.3±0.6	0.89±0.58	0.81±0.40	1.2±0.5	2.2±1.2	1.8±1.0	2.2±1.2	0.56±0.29	1.3±0.7	1.3±0.4	1.6±0.9	1.0±0.6	1.9±0.8	1.2±0.4	1.2±0.5	0.83±0.62
germacrene D	16.13	2.6±0.9	1.6±0.9	2.0±0.8	3.3±1.1	<b>5.6±2.3a</b>	<b>3.4±1.4ab</b>	<b>4.0±1.3ab</b>	<b>1.5±0.8b</b>	2.3±0.9	3.0±0.3	3.7±1.3	2.4±0.8	3.7±1.0	3.3±1.0	3.2±0.8	1.7±0.8
α-muurolene	16.31	0.12±0.03	0.089±0.035	0.075±0.032	0.089±0.030	<b>0.25±0.10a</b>	<b>0.17±0.07ab</b>	<b>0.18±0.04ab</b>	<b>0.072±0.001b</b>	0.078±0.032	0.11±0.02	0.14±0.05	0.095±0.035	0.12±0.04	0.097±0.028	0.10±0.02	0.066±0.037
cedrol	17.48	0.32±0.06	0.16±0.07	0.40±0.16	0.44±0.22	0.41±0.25	0.56±0.20	0.32±0.18	0.15±0.12	0.69±0.32	0.45±0.05	1.3±0.7	1.2±0.9	0.56±0.14	0.24±0.13	0.55±0.26	0.41±0.32
Total sesquiterpenes		4.9±1.8	3.1±1.9	3.8±1.2	5.5±1.8	<b>9.5±4a</b>	<b>6.3±3ab</b>	<b>7.1±2.6ab</b>	<b>2.9±1.2b</b>	5.1±1.9	5.6±0.7	7.9±2.9	5.5±2	7.3±1.9	5.3±1.5	5.7±1.1	2.7±1.5
Total terpenes		26±10	18±7	22±8	24±9	36±12	20±7	29±9	11±5	34±12	31±3	45±17	34±14	38±5	29±9	38±4	28±15

RT=retention time. Numbers and letters in bold type indicate statistically significant differences (REML, fixed=treatment, random=genotype, paired Tukey's *post-hoc* test,  $P < 0.05$ )

1122 **Table 3** Mean terpene emission rates ( $\pm$ SE) in  $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$  dry weight  $\text{h}^{-1}$  of terpenes emitted  
 1123 by leaves of cypresses infected with *S. cardinale*.  
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Name	RT (min)	Day 1				Day 10			
		control	Wounded	Mildly virulent	Highly virulent	control	Wounded	Mildly virulent	Highly virulent
$\alpha$ -thujene	6.53	0.015 $\pm$ 0.005	0.18 $\pm$ 0.15	0.098 $\pm$ 0.082	0.072 $\pm$ 0.036	0.16	0.055 $\pm$ 0.012	0.086 $\pm$ 0.046	1.23 $\pm$ 0.92
$\alpha$ -pinene	6.70	0.69 $\pm$ 0.54	2.1 $\pm$ 0.9	0.70 $\pm$ 0.23	5.0 $\pm$ 4.7	1.8 $\pm$ 1.7	2.3 $\pm$ 0.5	6.8 $\pm$ 0.3	13 $\pm$ 12
camphene	6.82	0.022 $\pm$ 0.020	0.10 $\pm$ 0.05	0.050 $\pm$ 0.003	0.045 $\pm$ 0.031	0.13 $\pm$ 0.11	0.078 $\pm$ 0.022	0.21 $\pm$ 0.11	1.2 $\pm$ 1.1
sabinene	7.15	0.031 $\pm$ 0.017	0.32 $\pm$ 0.28	0.29 $\pm$ 0.28	0.28 $\pm$ 0.22	0.12	0.15 $\pm$ 0.11	0.084 $\pm$ 0.032	1.1 $\pm$ 1.0
$\beta$ -pinene	7.17	0.077	0.089 $\pm$ 0.011	0.059 $\pm$ 0.023	0.18	<b>0.96<math>\pm</math>0.65a</b>	<b>0.22<math>\pm</math>0.15b</b>	<b>0.56<math>\pm</math>0.44ab</b>	<b>1.4<math>\pm</math>0.7ab</b>
$\beta$ -myrcene	7.22	<b>0.012<math>\pm</math>0.004b</b>	<b>0.26<math>\pm</math>0.08a</b>	0.15	0.20 $\pm$ 0.13	0.024	0.089 $\pm$ 0.002	0.41 $\pm$ 0.31	0.31
$\delta$ -3-carene	7.64	0.43 $\pm$ 0.23	2.0 $\pm$ 1.1	0.55 $\pm$ 0.52	1.5 $\pm$ 0.6	<b>0.30<math>\pm</math>0.13b</b>	<b>1.2<math>\pm</math>0.6b</b>	<b>1.5<math>\pm</math>0.9ab</b>	<b>4.5<math>\pm</math>1.7a</b>
limonene	7.70	<b>0.029<math>\pm</math>0.019b</b>	<b>0.69<math>\pm</math>0.36a</b>	0.21	0.069	0.24 $\pm$ 0.22	1.0 $\pm$ 0.6	1.5 $\pm$ 1.5	5.4 $\pm$ 4.2
longifolene	13.31	0.056 $\pm$ 0.023	0.14 $\pm$ 0.12	0.030	NA	NA	0.30 $\pm$ 0.23	0.94	0.92 $\pm$ 0.71
$\alpha$ -cedrene	13.42	0.37 $\pm$ 0.34	0.51 $\pm$ 0.38	0.11	0.139	<b>0.19<math>\pm</math>0.16b</b>	1.0	1.8	<b>1.7<math>\pm</math>1.2a</b>
Total monoterpenes		1.2 $\pm$ 0.7	5.6 $\pm$ 1.7	2.1 $\pm$ 0.8	6.5 $\pm$ 5.3	<b>2.5<math>\pm</math>1.5b</b>	<b>5.1<math>\pm</math>1.1ab</b>	<b>12<math>\pm</math>4a</b>	<b>27<math>\pm</math>17a</b>
Total terpenes		1.4 $\pm$ 0.6	6.1 $\pm$ 1.7	2.2 $\pm$ 0.9	6.5 $\pm$ 5.3	2.6 $\pm$ 1.5	5.6 $\pm$ 1.5	13 $\pm$ 5	30 $\pm$ 19
Name	RT (min)	Day 30				Day 90			
		control	Wounded	Mildly virulent	Highly virulent	control	Wounded	Mildly virulent	Highly virulent
$\alpha$ -thujene	6.53	0.13 $\pm$ 0.06	0.046 $\pm$ 0.031	0.14 $\pm$ 0.13	0.10 $\pm$ 0.087	0.001	0.022	0.020	NA
$\alpha$ -pinene	6.70	1.7 $\pm$ 0.8	0.75 $\pm$ 0.29	1.3 $\pm$ 0.82	5.3 $\pm$ 5.1	NA	1.9 $\pm$ 1.8	0.76 $\pm$ 0.55	0.30 $\pm$ 0.29
camphene	6.82	0.27 $\pm$ 0.24	0.027 $\pm$ 0.015	0.031 $\pm$ 0.026	0.14 $\pm$ 0.12	0.053 $\pm$ 0.05	0.016 $\pm$ 0.014	0.027	0.013 $\pm$ 0.012
sabinene	7.15	0.49 $\pm$ 0.46	0.084 $\pm$ 0.043	0.27 $\pm$ 0.23	0.26 $\pm$ 0.23	0.015 $\pm$ 0.011	0.049 $\pm$ 0.035	0.029 $\pm$ 0.019	0.003 $\pm$ 0.002
$\beta$ -pinene	7.17	0.041 $\pm$ 0.008	0.15	0.083 $\pm$ 0.042	0.16 $\pm$ 0.14	<b>0.029<math>\pm</math>0.027ab</b>	<b>0.025</b>	<b>0.027<math>\pm</math>0.025b</b>	<b>0.011<math>\pm</math>0.008a</b>
$\beta$ -myrcene	7.22	0.22 $\pm$ 0.11	0.25 $\pm$ 0.10	0.15 $\pm$ 0.021	0.47 $\pm$ 0.45	0.010	NA	0.04 $\pm$ 0.038	0.005
$\delta$ -3-carene	7.64	1.0 $\pm$ 0.2	2.6 $\pm$ 2.3	1.3 $\pm$ 0.6	6.5 $\pm$ 6.3	0.64 $\pm$ 0.48	0.16 $\pm$ 0.06	0.33 $\pm$ 0.21	0.14 $\pm$ 0.12
limonene	7.70	0.16 $\pm$ 0.03	0.46	0.27 $\pm$ 0.01	0.49 $\pm$ 0.41	0.011 $\pm$ 0.009	0.037	0.012 $\pm$ 0.009	0.14 $\pm$ 0.04
longifolene	13.31	<b>0.12<math>\pm</math>0.02ab</b>	0.052	<b>0.018<math>\pm</math>0.007b</b>	<b>0.25<math>\pm</math>0.22a</b>	0.024	0.006 $\pm$ 0.001	0.16 $\pm$ 0.16	0.008 $\pm$ 0.007
$\alpha$ -cedrene	13.42	<b>0.19<math>\pm</math>0.11ab</b>	<b>0.27<math>\pm</math>0.13a</b>	<b>0.069<math>\pm</math>0.052b</b>	<b>0.57<math>\pm</math>0.49ab</b>	<b>0.064<math>\pm</math>0.004a</b>	<b>0.016<math>\pm</math>0.001b</b>	<b>0.012<math>\pm</math>0.002b</b>	0.026
Total monoterpenes		3.8 $\pm$ 0.8	3.0 $\pm$ 1.8	2.9 $\pm$ 1.5	11.3 $\pm$ 10.8	3.7 $\pm$ 3.5	1.5 $\pm$ 1.3	0.69 $\pm$ 0.42	0.40 $\pm$ 0.30
Total terpenes		3.9 $\pm$ 0.7	4.6 $\pm$ 1.9	3.0 $\pm$ 1.5	12 $\pm$ 11	3.7 $\pm$ 3.5	1.5 $\pm$ 1.3	0.82 $\pm$ 0.46	0.42 $\pm$ 0.30

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 1126 RT=retention time. NA=not available. Numbers and letters in bold type indicate  
 1127 statistically significant differences (REML, fixed=treatment, random=genotype, paired  
 1128 Tukey's *post-hoc* test,  $P < 0.05$ ) and marginally significant differences ( $P < 0.10$ , in  
 1129 *italics*)

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