

1 ***Bark beetles locate fungal symbionts by detecting volatile***  
2 ***fungal metabolites of host tree resin monoterpenes***

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## 23 **Abstract**

24 Outbreaks of the Eurasian spruce bark beetle (*Ips typographus*) have decimated  
25 millions of hectares of conifer forests in Europe in recent years. The ability of these 3-6  
26 mm long insects to kill mature trees over a short period has been ascribed to two main  
27 factors: (1) mass attacks on the host tree to overcome tree defenses and (2) the  
28 presence of fungal symbionts that support successful beetle development in the tree.  
29 While the role of pheromones in coordinating mass attacks has been well studied, the  
30 role of chemical communication in maintaining the fungal symbiosis is poorly  
31 understood. We previously demonstrated that *I. typographus* can recognize beneficial  
32 fungal symbionts of the genera *Grosmannia*, *Endoconidiophora* and *Ophiostoma* by  
33 their *de novo* synthesized volatile compounds. Here, we hypothesize that the fungal  
34 symbionts of the bark beetles might metabolize spruce resin monoterpenes of the  
35 beetle's host tree, Norway spruce (*Picea abies*), and that the volatile products could be  
36 used as cues by beetles for locating breeding sites with beneficial symbionts. We show  
37 that *Grosmannia penicillata* and other fungal symbionts altered the profile of spruce  
38 bark volatiles by converting the major monoterpenes into an attractive blend of  
39 oxygenated derivatives. Bornyl acetate was metabolized to camphor, and  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -  
40 pinene to *trans*-4-thujanol and other oxygenated products. Other co-occurring non-  
41 beneficial fungi (*Trichoderma sp.*) also produce oxygenated monoterpenes, but in non-  
42 attractive ratios. Extensive electrophysiological measurements showed that the bark  
43 beetle possesses dedicated olfactory sensory neurons for oxygenated metabolites.  
44 Compounds such as camphor and *trans*-4-thujanol attracted beetles at specific doses in  
45 olfactory experiments, and the presence of symbiotic fungi enhanced attraction of

46 females to pheromones. Finally, we show that colonization of fungal symbionts on  
47 spruce bark diet stimulated beetles to make tunnels into the diet. Collectively, our study  
48 suggests that the blends of oxygenated metabolites of conifer monoterpenes produced  
49 by fungal symbionts are used by bark beetles as attractive cues to find breeding or  
50 feeding sites containing their essential microbial symbionts. The oxygenated  
51 metabolites may aid beetles in assessing the presence of the fungus, the defense  
52 status of the host tree and the density of conspecifics at potential feeding and breeding  
53 sites.

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## 64 Introduction

65 Many interactions between insects and their host plants are known to be mediated by  
66 volatile organic compounds [1–4]. In contrast, volatile signals between herbivorous  
67 insects and their symbiotic microbes have been less studied, aside from a few well-  
68 known examples including ambrosia beetles, termites, and the vinegar fly *Drosophila*  
69 *melanogaster* [1–4]. Yet, such signals could be as critical for insect fitness as their  
70 response to host plant cues. In some insect-microbe symbioses, microbes transform  
71 host plant metabolites creating volatile signals that are used by insects for food or brood  
72 site selection [3–6]. For example, yeasts vectored by *D. melanogaster* metabolize  
73 dietary phenolic antioxidants and release volatile phenolics that attract both larvae and  
74 adults to feed on antioxidant-rich foods [7]. Nevertheless, there is still little information  
75 about how microbial transformation of host plant chemicals influences insect-microbe  
76 symbioses, and whether the resulting metabolites represent honest signals of partner  
77 benefits.

78 Microbial symbioses are especially characteristic of wood-boring insects such as bark  
79 and ambrosia beetles. Bark beetles have captured much attention recently because of  
80 their large-scale outbreaks in many parts of the world. In Europe, for example, the  
81 Eurasian spruce bark beetle (*Ips typographus*) has killed millions of hectares of spruce  
82 stands as a result of major population bursts, likely in response to global warming and  
83 management practices, which increase forest vulnerability to epidemic outbreaks [8–  
84 12]. This bark beetle feeds and raises broods in the phloem tissue of trees, which  
85 contains high levels of terpene and phenolic defense chemicals [8,13]. This insect

86 overcomes its unfavorable environment by mass attacks and by introducing a suite of  
87 microbes into the host tree, including ectosymbiotic ophiostomatoid fungi, primarily  
88 *Grosmannia penicillata*, *Leptographium europhioides*, *Endoconidiophora polonica* and  
89 *Ophiostoma bicolor* that cause blue staining of infected wood [14–18]. It is not yet well  
90 understood how these free-living fungal symbionts benefit *I. typographus*. Though they  
91 grow outside the insect, as necrotrophic fungi they may exhaust host tree defenses,  
92 metabolize host defense compounds, and provide nutritional benefits to larvae and  
93 adults [19–22].

94 Conifer oleoresins are a formidable defense against insects and pathogens, as they can  
95 poison and physically entrap invaders [23–26]. However, the volatile fraction of the  
96 resin, especially the monoterpenes, also plays a central role in the colonization of host  
97 trees by bark beetles [24,27,28]. After locating a suitable tree, pioneer male *I.*  
98 *typographus* oxidize the dominant host monoterpene  $\alpha$ -pinene to *cis*-verbenol, which is  
99 used as an aggregation pheromone in combination with the *de novo* produced 2-methyl-  
100 3-buten-2-ol to attract conspecifics for a mass attack [29–31]. In addition to bark beetle  
101 pheromones, several other oxygenated monoterpenes such as terpinen-4-ol, camphor,  
102 *trans*-4-thujanol and borneol have also been detected at the entrance holes of *I.*  
103 *typographus* galleries [32–35]. Interestingly, the phloem colonized by ophiostomatoid  
104 fungi around these galleries also produces large amounts of oxygenated monoterpenes  
105 compared to galleries without evident fungal growth [33]. However, the ecological  
106 functions of these oxygenated monoterpenes remain poorly understood. In our previous  
107 work, we showed that *I. typographus* utilizes *de novo* synthesized fungal volatiles to  
108 maintain its association with specific beneficial symbionts and also to avoid saprophytes

109 [36]. However, it is unknown which volatiles are produced by these fungi when they  
110 colonize their native substrate i.e., the phloem and sapwood of the tree.

111 In this study, we investigated the volatile compounds emitted when fungal symbionts of  
112 *I. typographus* infect the bark of their Norway spruce (*Picea abies*) host trees. We show  
113 that these fungi dramatically alter the volatile monoterpene composition of spruce bark  
114 and demonstrate, using single sensillum recordings, that adult *I. typographus* can  
115 perceive the fungal-produced monoterpenes and are attracted to these compounds in  
116 behavioral bioassays. Our results indicate that bark beetles respond to symbiont  
117 biotransformation products of host tree metabolites and employ them to identify suitable  
118 sites for feeding and breeding.

## 119 **Results**

### 120 ***Ips typographus* is attracted to volatiles from fungal symbionts on a** 121 **spruce bark medium**

122 Adult *I. typographus* beetles were strongly attracted to volatiles emitted by their  
123 symbiotic fungus *G. penicillata* grown on both potato dextrose agar (PDA) or spruce  
124 bark agar (SBA) compared to their respective fungus-free agar controls in laboratory  
125 trap bioassays (Fig 1) (PDA,  $z = 3.34$ ,  $p = 0.001$ ; SBA,  $z = 2.83$ ,  $p = 0.005$ , Wilcoxon's  
126 test). Further, bark beetles showed a much stronger attraction towards *G. penicillata*  
127 grown on SBA over the same fungus grown on PDA (Fig 1D) ( $z = 4.28$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ,  
128 Wilcoxon's test). Volatiles from several other bark beetle primary and secondary fungal  
129 symbionts, such as *E. polonica* and *L. europheoides*, grown on SBA were also highly

130 attractive to adult beetles, although not all bark beetle-associated fungi, nor a non-  
131 beneficial saprophyte (*Trichoderma sp.*), tested in this way emitted attractive volatile  
132 blends (S1 Fig).

### 133 **Symbiotic fungi alter the volatile profile of the bark**

134 The headspace volatiles of *P. abies* bark inoculated with *I. typographus* fungal  
135 symbionts were distinct from those of fungus-free bark 4 d after inoculation when  
136 analyzed using gas chromatography with flame ionization detection (GC-FID) and gas  
137 chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS) (S2-S7 Tables). For *G. penicillata*-  
138 inoculated bark, PCA analysis revealed that nearly 68% of the variation in the volatile  
139 profiles was explained by the first two principal components (Fig 2A).

140 Over a time course of 4, 8, 12 and 18 d post inoculation with *G. penicillata* on  
141 detached bark plugs (Fig 2B, S3 Fig, S2, S3, and S5 Tables) 79 compounds comprising  
142 host tree and fungal volatiles were detected and classified into different groups, namely  
143 aliphatic hydrocarbons (17 compounds), aromatics (2 compounds), monoterpene  
144 hydrocarbons (15 compounds), oxygenated monoterpenes (26 compounds),  
145 sesquiterpenes (17 compounds) and spiroketals (3 compounds). The proportion of total  
146 oxygenated monoterpenes gradually increased to dominate the volatile profile of *G.*  
147 *penicillata*-infected bark reaching a maximum at 18 d post inoculation ( $F_{(3,14)} = 3.54$ ,  $p =$   
148  $0.04$ , ANOVA), while the proportion of total oxygenated monoterpenes was unchanged  
149 in mock-inoculated controls (Fig 2B). Camphor was the major contributor to the overall  
150 increase of oxygenated monoterpenes, with the highest relative abundance after 18 d  
151 and a significant difference between time points ( $F_{(1,16)} = 13.06$ ,  $p = 0.002$ , ANOVA,

152 Tukey's test) (S5 Table). The proportion of monoterpene hydrocarbons gradually  
153 decreased over time in both treatments (control,  $F_{(3,7)} = 11.6$ ,  $p = 0.004$ ; *G. penicillata*,  
154  $F_{(3,15)} = 21.2$ ,  $p < 0.001$ , ANOVA). The proportion of total sesquiterpenes also  
155 decreased significantly over time in *G. penicillata* infected bark ( $F_{(3,15)} = 4.4$ ,  $p = 0.02$ ,  
156 ANOVA), but not in mock-inoculated control bark. When measuring emission rate (ng  
157 mg DW<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>), the emission of total monoterpene hydrocarbons in the control and the *G.*  
158 *penicillata* treated bark plugs was not significantly different at 4 d post inoculation (Fig  
159 2C, S2 Table). However, there was a dramatic increase in the emission rate of total  
160 oxygenated monoterpenes at this time point in spruce bark inoculated with *G. penicillata*  
161 compared to the mock-inoculated control (Fig 2D) (9-fold increase,  $t(3.2) = 7.38$ ,  $p =$   
162  $0.004$ , Welch's t-test). Nineteen oxygenated monoterpenes were identified in the bark  
163 inoculated with *G. penicillata*, and a total of 15 compounds significantly increased in  
164 fungus infected bark compared to the control including camphor (Fig 2E) (S2 Table)  
165 (51-fold increase,  $t(3) = 7.7$ ,  $p = 0.004$ , Welch's t-test), *endo*-borneol (18-fold increase,  
166  $t(6) = 6.5$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ), isopinocampone (3-fold increase,  $t(6) = 6.8$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ),  
167 verbenone (2-fold increase,  $t(6) = 4.3$ ,  $p = 0.005$ ) and bornyl acetate (3-fold increase,  
168  $t(6) = 3.7$ ,  $p = 0.01$ ). Measurements conducted on four other *I. typographus* fungal  
169 symbionts also showed differences in the volatile composition of fungus-inoculated  
170 versus control bark (S2 Fig), with increases in the proportion of oxygenated  
171 monoterpenes in bark inoculated with *L. europhioides* and *O. bicolor* over time, but not  
172 for *E. polonica* (S3 Fig, S4, S6 and S7 Tables).

173 **Symbiotic fungi produce oxygenated monoterpenes from spruce**  
174 **monoterpene hydrocarbons and bornyl acetate**

175 The symbiotic fungus, *G. penicillata*, significantly decreased the amount of (-)-bornyl  
176 acetate added to PDA medium after 4 d compared to a fungus-free control (Fig 3A) ( $t =$   
177  $-3.38$ ,  $p = 0.003$ ). However, the amounts of two other monoterpenes, (-)- $\beta$ -pinene and (-)  
178 )- $\alpha$ -pinene, did not differ between *G. penicillata*-inoculated and fungus-free PDA.

179 The monoterpene metabolites of *G. penicillata* grown on either (-)- $\alpha$ -pinene- or (-)  
180 )- $\beta$ -pinene-enriched agar were similar with the oxygenated monoterpene terpinen-4-ol  
181 being the major product from both spruce precursors (Fig. 3B). Other oxygenated  
182 monoterpenes formed by *G. penicillata* from (-)- $\alpha$ -pinene and (-)- $\beta$ -pinene include (+)-  
183 isopinocampone, (+)-*trans*-4-thujanol and  $\alpha$ -terpineol, with (-)-verbenone being  
184 detected only from (-)- $\alpha$ -pinene (S5, S6 Figs). From (-)-bornyl acetate, the dominant  
185 oxygenated monoterpenes of *G. penicillata* were camphor and *endo*-borneol (Fig 3B,  
186 bottom panel; S8 Fig), and their production coincided with the decrease of the precursor  
187 (Fig 3A). Similar results were obtained for the three other fungal symbionts tested (S4-  
188 S8 Figs).

189 The volatile blend of the co-occurring, but a non-beneficial fungus, *Trichoderma*  
190 sp., produced from a synthetic spruce monoterpene mixture (S8 Table) was distinct  
191 from that of *G. penicillata* (S9 Fig). *Trichoderma* sp. produced mainly the oxygenated  
192 monoterpenes, (-)-borneol and (-)-verbenone, while *G. penicillata* produced mainly (-)-  
193 camphor and terpinen-4-ol. These results collectively show that symbiotic fungi can  
194 dramatically alter the volatile profile of spruce bark by increasing the emission of  
195 oxygenated monoterpenes, and the emission profile of symbiotic fungi is distinct from  
196 that of a co-occurring fungal saprophyte.

197 **Elimination of symbiotic ophiostomatoid fungi from *I. typographus***  
198 **reduces the production of oxygenated monoterpenes in bark beetle**  
199 **galleries**

200 To determine the primary source of oxygenated monoterpenes in beetle  
201 galleries, unsterilized pupae were reared into fungus-free mature adults using a diet  
202 fortified with the fungistatic agent sodium benzoate. Sterility tests and scanning electron  
203 microscopy of beetle body parts revealed that beetles reared on this diet were free from  
204 fungi and the elytral pits were devoid of fungal spores and yeasts (Fig. 4A-iii, S9 Table),  
205 though bacteria were abundant. In comparison, elytral pits of beetles reared on diet  
206 without sodium benzoate contained abundant spore masses, with structural similarity to  
207 *O. bicolor* and yeast (Fig. 4A-ii, S9 Table) (Solheim 1996). Re-inoculation of fungus-free  
208 beetles with *G. penicillata* resulted in acquisition of *G. penicillata* spores in the elytral  
209 pits (Fig. 4A-iv).

210 Next, we quantified the amount of oxygenated monoterpenes present in the bark  
211 galleries constructed by untreated, fungus-free, and *G. penicillata*-reinoculated beetles  
212 separately using GC-MS analyses of gallery extracts. The concentrations of (-)-camphor  
213 and terpinen-4-ol were significantly higher in the galleries of reinoculated beetles than  
214 fungus-free beetles or in bark samples without beetles at all ((-)-camphor:  $F(3,23) =$   
215  $15.6$ ,  $p < 0.001$ , ANOVA; terpinen-4-ol:  $H(3) = 18.6$ ,  $p < 0.001$ , Kruskal-Wallis) (Fig.  
216 4B). On the other hand, the concentrations of these two oxygenated monoterpenes  
217 were similar when comparing galleries of *G. penicillata*-reinoculated beetles to those of  
218 untreated beetles. For (+)-isopinocampone, the concentration in galleries constructed

219 by untreated beetles was significantly higher compared to bark samples without beetle  
220 galleries, but similar to that in galleries constructed by fungus-free and *G. penicillata*-  
221 reinoculated beetles ( $F(3,23) = 5.7, p = 0.005$ , ANOVA) (Fig. 4B). On the other hand,  
222 the concentration of (-)-borneol in fungus-free galleries was significantly higher  
223 compared to that in bark samples without galleries and was similar to that in the  
224 galleries of *G. penicillata*-reinoculated and untreated beetles ( $F(3,23) = 5.3, p = 0.006$ ,  
225 ANOVA) (Fig. 4B). There were no significant differences in the concentrations of  
226 pinocamphone,  $\alpha$ -terpineol and (-)-verbenone among treatments.

227 Analysis of the microbes present in each treatment revealed that galleries constructed  
228 by fungus-free beetles were indeed free from symbiotic ophiostomatoid fungi and yeasts  
229 but contained many saprophytes and (or) endophytes and bacteria (S10 Table).  
230 Microbes present in the galleries of untreated and *G. penicillata*-reinoculated beetles  
231 were similar to those found on beetles that were used to infest the bark (S9-10 Table).

### 232 ***Ips typographus* detects oxygenated monoterpenes through** 233 **specialized olfactory sensory neurons (OSN) in their antennae**

234 To test if *I. typographus* antennal olfactory sensilla contain OSNs that detect the  
235 biotransformation products of monoterpenes, we challenged 231 olfactory sensilla with  
236 a test panel comprising 92 ecologically relevant compounds diluted in paraffin oil ( $1 \mu\text{g}$   
237  $\mu\text{l}^{-1}$ ) using single cell recordings (S1 Table). Only 23 (~10%) of the sensilla housed  
238 neurons that did not respond to any of the compounds from the odor panel although  
239 their OSNs showed spontaneous firing. We obtained odor-evoked responses with  
240 strong excitation ( $>120$  Hz) from 198 OSNs and weak excitation ( $<50$  Hz) from 10

241 OSNs, allowing the grouping of these neurons into different classes based on their  
242 response profile. From initial screening experiments at a 10 µg dose on filter paper (to  
243 determine the maximum receptive range of OSNs), we identified 20 classes of OSNs.  
244 Three OSN classes responded primarily to fungal-produced oxygenated monoterpenes.  
245 We also identified neurons belonging to previously described OSN classes tuned to  
246 pheromones, host tree volatiles and non-host odorants [37] that are not further  
247 considered here.

248 OSN classes tuned to fungal-produced oxygenated monoterpenes were  
249 identified in both the  $A_m$  and  $B_m$  regions on the antennae (Fig 5A). One of these OSN  
250 classes responded most strongly to (+)-isopinocampone, and this class was highly  
251 specific for oxygenated monoterpenes, especially ketones (Fig 5C, left panel). Apart  
252 from (+)-isopinocampone, relatively strong responses were also elicited by (+)-  
253 pinocampone, (-)-isopinocampone, (±)-pinocarvone, (±)-camphor, and (-)-  
254 pinocampone. (Fig 5C, left panel). Dose-response tests showed that this OSN class  
255 was the most sensitive to (+)-isopinocampone of all the compounds tested with  
256 responses evident at a dose of 100 pg. The responses to (+)-pinocampone, (-)-  
257 isopinocampone, (±)-pinocarvone and (±)-camphor all appeared between 1 ng and 10  
258 ng doses (Fig 5D, left panel). Another OSN class with specific responses to fungal-  
259 derived compounds responded most strongly to (+)-*trans*-4-thujanol and weakly to (±)-3-  
260 octanol, (±)-1-octen-3-ol, (+)- and (-)-terpinen-4-ol, and (+)- and (-)- $\alpha$ -terpineol (Fig 5C,  
261 middle panel). This OSN showed a 1000-fold lower response threshold to (+)-*trans*-4-  
262 thujanol compared to the next best ligands, the  $C_8$  alcohols (Fig 5D, middle panel).  
263 Finally, an OSN class responding strongly to verbenone,  $\alpha$ -isophorone and  $\beta$ -

264 isophorone, followed by weaker responses to (-)- and (+)-*trans*-verbenol, pinocarvone,  
265 and (-)-*cis*-verbenol (Fig 5C, right panel) was also found. Dose- response tests revealed  
266 that this neuron class responded the strongest to  $\alpha$ -isophorone across most tested  
267 doses, followed by slightly weaker and similarly strong responses to both verbenone  
268 and  $\beta$ -isophorone (Fig 5D, right panel).

269 A few previously characterized OSN classes for host tree monoterpenes,  
270 including the classes with primary responses to  $\alpha$ -pinene, *p*-cymene, and  $\Delta^3$ -carene,  
271 respectively [37], showed varying secondary responses to some of the fungal-derived  
272 compounds tested here for the first time. For example, the  $\alpha$ -pinene OSN class  
273 responded also to (+)-isopinocampone, (-)-isopinocampone and ( $\pm$ )-pinocarvone and  
274 weakly to ( $\pm$ )-camphor, (-)-myrtenol, *trans*-pinocarveol, carvone, borneol and (-)-  
275 fenchone (S10A Fig). The *p*-cymene OSN class showed intermediate responses to (+)-  
276 *trans*-4-thujanol and carvone (S10B Fig). Although the  $\Delta^3$ -carene OSN class showed  
277 high specificity towards  $\Delta^3$ -carene, ligands such as camphor and (-)-isopinocampone  
278 also elicited weak responses from this neuron class (S10C Fig).

## 279 **Oxygenated monoterpenes produced by fungal symbionts attract *I.*** 280 ***typographus***

281 *Grosmannia penicillata* growing on spruce bark agar with added 0.1 mg g<sup>-1</sup> or 0.5 mg g<sup>-1</sup>  
282 (-)- $\beta$ -pinene (within the range of natural concentrations in *P. abies* bark) was much more  
283 attractive to adult *I. typographus* than a fungus-free control medium supplemented with  
284 (-)- $\beta$ -pinene (Fig 6A, left) (0.1 mg g<sup>-1</sup>,  $z = 2.22$ ,  $p = 0.02$ ; 0.5 mg g<sup>-1</sup>,  $z = 2.54$ ,  $p = 0.01$ ,  
285 Wilcoxon's test). However, addition of 1 mg g<sup>-1</sup> (-)- $\beta$ -pinene completely abolished the

286 attraction to *G. penicillata* and adult beetles were unresponsive in the binary choice  
287 between fungus and fungus-free (-)- $\beta$ -pinene-containing medium (Fig 6A, left). To  
288 further understand these concentration-dependent responses, individual  
289 electrophysiologically-active (-)- $\beta$ -pinene biotransformation products were used in trap  
290 bioassays against a mineral oil control. At the highest dose tested (1 mg), both *trans*-4-  
291 thujanol and terpinen-4-ol were avoided by adult beetles (Fig 6B *trans*-4-thujanol, left  
292 panel; terpinene-4-ol, right panel) (1 mg *trans*-4-thujanol,  $z = -1.9$ ,  $p = 0.05$ ; 1 mg  
293 terpinen-4-ol,  $z = -1.7$ ,  $p = 0.08$ , Wilcoxon's test). On the other hand, 100  $\mu\text{g}$  *trans*-4-  
294 thujanol significantly attracted adult beetles (Fig 6B, left panel) ( $z = 2.78$ ,  $p = 0.005$ ,  
295 Wilcoxon's test). Adult beetles did not discriminate between *G. penicillata* grown on (-)-  
296  $\beta$ -pinene enriched medium and *G. penicillata* grown on non-enriched medium (Fig 6E).  
297 Based on these results, we concluded that *I. typographus* shows concentration-specific  
298 responses to some fungal metabolites of (-)- $\beta$ -pinene, but not to (-)- $\beta$ -pinene itself.

299 Addition of another host tree monoterpene, (-)-bornyl acetate, to fungal growth  
300 medium at 0.05 mg g<sup>-1</sup> (in the range of natural concentrations in *P. abies* bark) and 0.5  
301 mg g<sup>-1</sup> resulted in strong attraction of *I. typographus* adults towards *G. penicillata* when  
302 tested against a fungus-free control after 4 d incubation (Fig 6C, left panel) (0.05 mg g<sup>-1</sup>,  
303  $z = 3.31$ ,  $p = 0.001$ ; 0.5 mg g<sup>-1</sup>,  $z = 3.21$ ,  $p = 0.001$ , Wilcoxon's test). The major  
304 biotransformation product of (-)-bornyl acetate that formed in this period (Fig 6C),  
305 camphor, was significantly more attractive to adult beetles at a 100  $\mu\text{g}$  dose than the  
306 mineral oil control (Fig 6D) ( $z = 2.58$ ,  $p = 0.01$ , Wilcoxon's test). However, adult beetles  
307 preferred *G. penicillata* grown on unenriched medium against *G. penicillata* grown on  
308 high amount of (-)-bornyl acetate (0.5 mg g<sup>-1</sup>) enriched medium (Fig 6F) ( $z = 2.12$ ,  $p =$

309 0.03, Wilcoxon's test) consistent with their preference for lower amounts of camphor. By  
310 contrast, in the absence of fungus beetles did not discriminate between diet enriched  
311 with monoterpenes and diet without monoterpenes (S11 Fig).

## 312 **Volatiles of symbiotic fungi increase *I. typographus* attraction to** 313 **pheromones**

314 *Ips typographus* has been shown to display sex-specific responses to its aggregation  
315 pheromone [38,39], so the sexes were tested separately with pheromones and volatiles  
316 of their symbiotic fungi. Female beetles were significantly more attracted towards the  
317 individual aggregation pheromone components *cis*-verbenol and 2-methyl-3-buten-2-ol  
318 (*cis*-verbenol,  $z = 2.98$ ,  $p = 0.003$ ; 2-methyl-3-buten-2-ol,  $z = 2$ ,  $p = 0.046$ , Wilcoxon's  
319 test), and towards a mixture of the two pheromone components ( $z = 5.19$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ,  
320 Wilcoxon's test) compared to the mineral oil control (Fig 7A). By contrast, adult males  
321 did not make a significant choice between these options in accordance with previous  
322 studies [42, 61]. However, when beetles had to choose between the pheromone mixture  
323 with or without *G. penicillata* volatiles, females significantly preferred the pheromone  
324 mixture together with *G. penicillata* volatiles (Fig 7B) ( $z = 3.41$ ,  $p = 0.001$ , Wilcoxon's  
325 test).

## 326 **Symbiotic fungi increase the tunneling of adult *I. typographus***

327 The presence of a symbiotic fungus increased the tunneling success of adult *I.*  
328 *typographus* beetles in medium after 48 h. Multiple logistic regression analysis revealed  
329 that successful tunneling odds in (-)-bornyl acetate-amended medium were significantly

330 influenced by the fungus when the beetle sex and the monoterpene treatment remained  
331 constant (Table 1) ( $\beta = 4.98$ ,  $\chi^2 = 20.99$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ). The presence of the fungus  
332 increased the tunneling odds by 145 units (percentage probability increased by 99%)  
333 compared to in the absence of the fungus. Additionally, males had significantly lower  
334 tunneling success compared to females (Table 1) ( $\beta = -1.72$ ,  $\chi^2 = 8.78$ ,  $p = 0.003$ ) with  
335 the tunneling odds for males being 0.18 units lower (percentage probability decreased  
336 by 15.2%) than for females. In (-)- $\beta$ -pinene-amended medium, only the presence of the  
337 fungus significantly influenced the tunneling odds of beetles (Table 1) ( $\beta = 2.65$ ,  $\chi^2 =$   
338  $20.45$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ), with an increase of 14.06 units (percentage probability increased by  
339 93%) compared to in the absence of the fungus. Similarly, in (-)- $\alpha$ -pinene-amended  
340 medium only the presence of the fungus significantly influenced the tunneling odds of  
341 beetles (Table 1) ( $\beta = 2.02$ ,  $\chi^2 = 9.39$ ,  $p = 0.002$ ), with an increase of 7.51 units  
342 (percentage probability increased by 88%) compared to the absence of the fungus.  
343 Addition of the three monoterpenes without fungus did not have any effect on the  
344 tunneling behavior of adult beetles.

345 The growth of *G. penicillata* on monoterpene-enriched media resulted in  
346 significantly longer beetle tunnels than in the other treatments (Fig 8B-D) ((-)- $\beta$ -pinene,  
347  $F_{(3,99)} = 4.95$ ,  $p = 0.003$ ; (-)- $\alpha$ -pinene,  $F_{(3,92)} = 14.8$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ; (-)-bornyl acetate,  $F_{(3,106)}$   
348  $= 6.6$ ,  $p < 0.001$ , ANOVA, Tukey's test). However, there was no significant difference in  
349 tunnel lengths in treatments with fungus alone versus fungus plus monoterpenes except  
350 for the treatment with (-)- $\beta$ -pinene (Fig 8B-D, Tukey's test). The sex of the beetle and  
351 the interaction of sex with other treatments had no effect on the tunnel length.

352

## 353 Discussion

354 The successful attack of bark beetles on their host trees is invariably associated with  
355 free-living fungal symbionts. These ascomycete symbionts may detoxify the terpene-  
356 rich defensive resin of the host tree, hasten host tree death, provide nutritional benefits,  
357 and increase resistance to pathogens, [16,17,22]. Here, we document the ability of *I.*  
358 *typographus* fungal symbionts to metabolize host tree monoterpenes to oxygenated  
359 derivatives that may assist adult beetles in locating suitable breeding and feeding sites  
360 [34,40]. Several oxygenated monoterpenes have been previously identified as volatiles  
361 released from trees that were attacked by *I. typographus* [32,33,35]. We showed, by  
362 removing symbiotic fungi from *I. typographus*, that these compounds were likely fungal  
363 metabolites that become dominant components of the volatile profile bark within 12  
364 days following infection. Bark beetle olfactory sensory neurons can detect various  
365 oxygenated monoterpenes produced by symbiotic fungi, and these compounds attract  
366 adult beetles and stimulate tunneling on diets inoculated with fungal symbionts.

### 367 **Oxygenated monoterpenes are widespread volatile cues in tree-** 368 **feeding insects**

369 Various forest insects that are associated with fungal symbionts, such as bark beetles,  
370 ambrosia beetles and wood wasps live in host trees producing large quantities of  
371 monoterpene volatiles. These insects are often attracted to their fungal symbionts  
372 through volatiles [2,36,41] and hence, fungus-produced monoterpene metabolites could  
373 be critical components of the attractive volatile blends. For bark beetles, oxygenated

374 monoterpenes derived from either the beetles, fungi or host trees are already known to  
375 play important roles in their life history [42]. During mass attacks, the host-derived  
376 oxygenated monoterpene *cis*-verbenol acts together with 2-methyl-3-buten-2-ol as an  
377 aggregation pheromone for *I. typographus* to promote mass attack on individual trees  
378 [28,43]. Beetles also utilize oxygenated monoterpenes to restrict the density of attack.  
379 Microbes lining the gallery walls or living in the beetle gut oxidize *cis*- and *trans*-  
380 verbenol into verbenone, which inhibits the attraction of both sexes to fully colonized  
381 trees [44–46]. In addition, mated male *I. typographus* produce ipsenol and ipsdienol, of  
382 which ipsenol acts as an anti-attractant [46]. Furthermore, an oxygenated monoterpene  
383 from host trees, 1,8-cineole, which is produced in higher amounts in resistant or MeJA-  
384 primed trees, inhibits attraction of beetles to their pheromones [47–49]. Oxygenated  
385 monoterpenes are also used as reliable cues by parasitoids of bark beetles to locate  
386 their prey [35,50].

387 Here we discovered that the oxygenated monoterpene blend emitted by bark beetle-  
388 associated fungi growing on agar amended with spruce bark is distinct from the blend of  
389 spruce monoterpene metabolites emitted by beetles alone [51] (S12 Fig) and attracted  
390 adult *I. typographus*. Previously, we demonstrated that fungi grown on potato dextrose  
391 agar without any spruce bark produced mixtures of non-terpene aliphatic and aromatic  
392 volatiles that attract newly emerged (callow) adult beetles [36]. These compounds were  
393 also detected here as major components of the volatile blend at later phases of fungal  
394 growth (S3-7 Table). Although we focused principally on the symbiont *G. penicillata* in  
395 this study, volatiles from other fungal symbionts were also investigated. *Leptographium*  
396 *europioides* and *E. polonica* also emitted volatile blends attractive to adult *I.*

397 *typographus* when growing on spruce bark agar (Fig. S1), but the volatiles of *O. bicolor*  
398 and saprophytes such as *O. piceae* and *Trichoderma sp.* were not attractive. The  
399 production of oxygenated monoterpenes by other co-inhabiting microbes including  
400 fungal saprophytes, yeasts and bacteria has been reported before, but these  
401 microorganisms produce different metabolites or the same metabolites in very different  
402 ratios than produced by symbiotic fungi [52–54]. Since all these species produce  
403 oxygenated derivatives of spruce bark monoterpenes (Tables S2-7) (S9 Fig), it is not  
404 the simple presence of oxygenated monoterpenes, but the composition of the entire  
405 volatile profile that determines its attractiveness. Notably, cross-attraction of *I.*  
406 *typographus* to fungi associated with the North American spruce bark beetle *D.*  
407 *rufipennis* attacking a different species of spruce has been reported recently. This  
408 attraction could be attributed to similar oxygenated monoterpene profiles as reported  
409 here, but it is unclear if an association with these fungi would be beneficial to *I.*  
410 *typographus* [55].

411 **Oxygenated monoterpenes signal the presence of fungi to *I.***  
412 ***typographus* and may modulate beetle colonization**

413 The first chemical signals reported to mediate bark beetle colonization of their hosts  
414 were aggregation pheromones. Yet even in the presence of these pheromones, a large  
415 proportion of aggregating beetles that land on trees leave without tunneling into the bark  
416 [40,56,57]. This suggests that other cues may be needed to induce beetles to stay and  
417 bore into the bark. Indeed, bark beetles have been shown to respond to signals from  
418 host and non-host species when selecting trees for colonization [28,36,58–61]. Based

419 on our results, fungus-produced oxygenated monoterpenes might also belong to the list  
420 of colonization cues. For bark beetles, fungal metabolites can serve as indicators of  
421 host tree sectors where their fungal symbionts are already established. These  
422 compounds also provide evidence for the ongoing metabolism of host tree defenses,  
423 which could improve the success of bark beetle colonization.

424 Fungal volatiles also enhance the attraction of *I. typographus* to aggregation  
425 pheromones. Female *I. typographus* is known to use the aggregation pheromone (2-  
426 methyl-3-buten-2-ol and *cis*-verbenol) to locate trees suitable for mating and oviposition  
427 [40,62]. Here we showed that female *I. typographus* were more attracted at short range  
428 to a combination of pheromone plus fungal volatiles than to pheromone alone. Similarly,  
429 a recent study reported that the presence of fungal volatiles increased the attraction of  
430 dispersing beetles to their pheromones in the field compared to traps with pheromones  
431 only [63]. Oxygenated monoterpenes and other fungal volatiles provide information  
432 about the presence of fungal symbionts, which promote the successful development of  
433 their offspring. Similarly, the pheromone component *cis*-verbenol, itself an oxygenated  
434 monoterpene produced by *I. typographus* from the host tree precursor  $\alpha$ -pinene [64],  
435 provides information about the presence of other beetles, especially males. The lack of  
436 response of males to pheromones in our experiments is not unexpected, as male *I.*  
437 *typographus* have been reported to be less responsive than females to high doses of  
438 pheromones in walking bioassays [39,62]. This behavior may help them avoid dense  
439 colonies of male conspecifics within a tree to reduce competition for mates and food.  
440 Depending on how fast symbiotic fungi colonize the tree bark, fungal cues could benefit  
441 both epidemic and endemic beetle populations. During the endemic phase, beetles

442 generally colonize stressed trees in a gradual fashion over months [56] and in this case,  
443 volatiles emitted from fungal symbionts introduced into the tree by early colonizers, in  
444 combination with beetle pheromones, could increase the probability for conspecifics to  
445 locate attacked trees, present at low densities in spruce stands. In contrast, during  
446 epidemics vigorous trees are typically colonized by large numbers of bark beetles within  
447 a few days to overwhelm their defenses. Since ophiostomatoid fungi have been  
448 reported to emit volatiles within one day following the infection of detached bark plugs in  
449 the laboratory [65,66] these chemicals might function in attraction during natural attacks  
450 upon epidemics as well. However, during rapid natural attacks it is unclear if fungi can  
451 colonize a tree within few days and emit behaviorally active volatiles.

452 The oxygenated metabolites of host monoterpenes produced by fungal symbionts not  
453 only attracted bark beetles, but also stimulated them to tunnel in a fungus-colonized  
454 medium. Interestingly, both sexes showed increased tunneling in contrast to their  
455 response to pheromones. The lack of sex-specific differences in tunneling could be due  
456 to the fact that the nutritional advantage of feeding on fungus-colonized spruce bark is  
457 beneficial to both sexes [17,18].

458 The proportion of oxygenated monoterpenes to total monoterpenes in the volatile blend  
459 of *G. penicillata* increased over the time course studied to nearly 50% at 12 days and  
460 nearly 70% at 18 days, a trend also observed for *L. europhioides* and *O. bicolor*. Thus,  
461 higher proportions of oxygenated monoterpenes may indicate older fungal infection  
462 sites and hence older beetle invasion sites that may be less attractive to newly arriving  
463 beetles due to crowding. The lack of attraction and even repellency of higher  
464 concentrations of individual oxygenated monoterpenes at higher concentrations, as

465 seen in laboratory bioassays in our own and in previous studies [67] is consistent with  
466 this interpretation. Among the oxygenated monoterpenes, already reported to inhibit *I.*  
467 *typographus* attraction, verbenone produced by microbial oxidation or auto-oxidation of  
468 the pheromone *cis*-verbenol, reduces aggregation of *I. typographus* in later phases of  
469 the attack on the tree [46,54,68]. The attractiveness or repellency of individual  
470 oxygenated monoterpenes to *I. typographus* depends on their structures as well as the  
471 stage of beetle attack cycle.

472 Oxygenated monoterpenes are signals not only for bark beetles, but also for their  
473 enemies. Both beetle predators and parasitoids employ these compounds and other  
474 volatiles to locate bark beetle larvae hidden under the bark [69]. Specifically, a three-  
475 component blend comprising camphor, isopinocampone and terpinen-4-ol, all fungal  
476 metabolites of host tree monoterpene hydrocarbons, was reported to attract a  
477 coleopteran predator and several hymenopteran parasitoids of *I. typographus* in the  
478 presence of host tree background signals [50,70,71]. A similar mechanism is used by  
479 parasitoids of the wood wasp, *Sirex noctilio*, which locate their concealed host insect  
480 under the bark via the volatiles from the wood wasp fungal symbiont *Amylostereum*  
481 *areolatum* [72]. Furthermore, the bark beetle predator, *Thanasimus formicarius*  
482 possesses OSNs to detect oxygenated monoterpenes such as camphor and  
483 pinocampone as well as several additional OSN classes detecting various oxygenated  
484 bark beetle pheromone compounds [73]. Thus, any benefit to the beetle arising from  
485 oxygenated monoterpene production by its symbiotic fungi may come at the cost of  
486 revealing its presence to natural enemies that employ these same volatiles to locate  
487 bark beetles.

488 **Formation of oxygenated derivatives may reduce monoterpene**  
489 **toxicity for *I. typographus***

490 The conversion of host tree monoterpene defenses by symbiotic fungi to oxygenated  
491 products may alleviate toxicity to bark beetles. Terpene-rich resins are a general  
492 defense of *P. abies* and other conifers against herbivores and pathogens [74–76]. Thus,  
493 it is not surprising that monoterpenes have exhibited toxicity to bark beetles in many  
494 studies [77–79]. Monoterpene hydrocarbons, such as  $\alpha$ -pinene, are typically more toxic  
495 to beetles than host tree-produced oxygenated monoterpenes, such as bornyl acetate  
496 [80]. Hence the oxidative transformations carried out by fungal symbionts described in  
497 this study could reduce toxicity to *I. typographus* through conversion to less poisonous  
498 derivatives. Such detoxification of host tree defenses could represent a significant  
499 benefit of fungal symbionts [81].

500 By contrast, oxygenated monoterpenes may be more toxic to fungi compared to  
501 monoterpene hydrocarbons [82,83]. Thus, the initial oxidation of monoterpene  
502 hydrocarbons may not constitute a detoxification unless it is a step towards further  
503 metabolism. The potential toxicity of oxygenated monoterpenes may explain why these  
504 substances are degraded further after initial oxidation by fungi specialized on conifers  
505 such as *G. penicillata*, *Heterobasidion parviporum* and *Seridium cardinale* [82,83]. The  
506 fungus *G. clavigera*, a symbiont of the bark beetle *Dendroctonus ponderosae*,  
507 possesses genes encoding cytochromes P450 and other oxidative enzymes that are  
508 up-regulated by dietary monoterpenes [84,85]. Another class of terpenes present in *P.*  
509 *abies* bark and other conifers host trees of bark beetles are diterpene resin acids, which

510 are reported to be toxic to associated fungi in another bark beetle system [86]. Whether  
511 bark beetles, their associated fungi or other microbes can detoxify diterpenes is not yet  
512 known.

## 513 **Other sources of oxygenated monoterpenes in spruce-bark beetle** 514 **interactions**

515 Oxygenated monoterpenes emitted from trees attacked by *I. typographus* may arise  
516 from sources other than fungal symbionts. The host tree *P. abies* itself synthesizes  
517 large amounts of bornyl acetate [87] and small amounts of 1,8-cineole [88]. In these  
518 compounds, the oxygen functions are incorporated during biosynthesis from basic  
519 precursors, whereas the products from fungal symbionts are formed by oxidative  
520 modification of a previously formed monoterpene hydrocarbon skeleton. The compound  
521 *trans*-4-thujanol belongs to the latter group. We identified it as a *G. penicillata*  
522 metabolite of  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -pinene, but *trans*-4-thujanol may also be synthesized by the tree,  
523 although at low levels in *P. abies* bark [67]. As another alternative, this and other  
524 oxygenated monoterpenes could be produced via autoxidation of monoterpene  
525 hydrocarbons. The oxidation of monoterpenes upon exposure to air could explain the  
526 release of low but readily detectible amounts of these compounds from uninfected  
527 control bark plugs in our and other studies. In the field, oxygenated monoterpenes other  
528 than bornyl acetate and 1,8-cineole have been detected from damaged *P. abies* trees  
529 when monoterpenes were exposed to air [89,90]. However, in the present study the  
530 emission rate from uninfected bark plugs was much lower than from fungus-infected  
531 plugs, suggesting that microbial metabolism is a much more significant source of

532 oxygenated monoterpenes than autoxidation (S9 Fig) [91]. Nevertheless, the tree itself  
533 cannot be ruled out as a source of any of the detected oxygenated monoterpenes, since  
534 *P. abies* cell suspension cultures have been reported to oxidize added monoterpenes  
535 [91,92]. If *P. abies* produced monoterpenes as a defense response only when infected  
536 by fungi, it might be difficult to determine which organism was producing these  
537 compounds- the tree or the fungus- without identifying specific biosynthetic genes in  
538 one of the two genomes. However, our comparison of the volatiles produced by fungi  
539 infecting *P. abies* bark showed large differences among fungal species (Figs. S2, S8,  
540 S9). These seem more likely to occur if the compounds are of fungal origin. If the  
541 compounds were produced by the tree, one might expect a very similar response to  
542 each of these fungi, all ascomycetes.

543 Among microbial sources of oxygenated monoterpenes are several yeast species  
544 including *Hansenula holstii*, *H. capsulata* and *Candida nitratophila*, which were isolated  
545 from *I. typographus*, and produce terpinen-4-ol,  $\alpha$ -terpineol, borneol and *trans*-  
546 pinocarveol when grown in phloem medium or in  $\alpha$ -pinene-supplemented medium [54].  
547 In addition, several bacterial symbionts of bark beetles are capable of metabolizing  
548 monoterpenes into oxygenated derivatives, such as verbenols and verbenone [53].  
549 Some bacteria co-inhabit the beetle gallery together with ophiostomatoid fungi, but it is  
550 not known if these bacteria induce the production of oxygenated monoterpenes, either  
551 by producing them themselves or by interacting with fungi to form these compounds [92]  
552 . Another bark beetle species, *Polygraphus poligraphus*, which is sometimes found  
553 together with *I. typographus*, was shown to emit large amounts of terpinen-4-ol [93,94].  
554 Intermediate amounts of  $\alpha$ -terpineol, *cis*- and *trans*-4-thujanol were also identified from

555 the hindgut as well as the entrance holes of this beetle's gallery and could be formed by  
556 microorganisms associated with this beetle species from host tree monoterpenes, or by  
557 the beetle itself. Our experiments with fungus-free *I. typographus*, however,  
558 demonstrated that live beetles themselves did not produce high concentrations of any of  
559 the fungal biotransformation products identified in this study. Instead, beetles formed a  
560 range of other oxidation products (Fig. S12) that have been identified in previous  
561 studies [51,95].

## 562 **High selectivity of *I. typographus* olfactory neurons to oxygenated** 563 **monoterpenes suggest their role in detecting symbiotic fungi**

564 *Ips typographus* possesses several classes of OSNs that were shown to detect the  
565 oxygenated monoterpenes produced by their fungal symbionts with notable specificity.  
566 For example, the isopinocampone OSN class showed high specificity towards several  
567 monoterpene ketones produced by fungal symbionts, including (+)- and (-)-  
568 isopinocampone, (+)- and (-)-pinocampone, camphor, and pinocarvone, but not to  
569 monoterpene alcohols such as borneol and *trans*-pinocarveol. The absence of any  
570 response to monoterpene hydrocarbons indicates that this OSN is not tuned to detect  
571 the host tree itself, but rather organisms metabolizing the major host monoterpenes.  
572 The isopinocampone OSN is similar to one recently reported OSN class from *I.*  
573 *typographus* that responded best to pinocarvone and camphor (OSN class named Pcn;  
574 isopinocampone and pinocampone were not tested) [90]. Our work shows that (+)-  
575 isopinocampone is the primary ligand of this OSN class, based on its greater activity  
576 than the other active compounds. In addition, the response profile of this OSN class

577 matches very well with that of the odorant receptor (OR) ItypOR29, which recently was  
578 characterized in *Xenopus laevis* oocytes [96].

579 Likewise, we showed that a previously described verbenone-sensitive OSN class [37]  
580 also responds to *cis*- and *trans*-verbenol as well as  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -isophorone, compounds  
581 that are believed to arise from bark beetle metabolism of host tree terpenes [51].  
582 Verbenone is produced from the verbenols by microbes that colonize gallery walls and  
583 beetle guts. Therefore, this OSN class appears to be tuned to signals from various  
584 ecological sources providing information on bark beetle density as well as microbial  
585 establishment [40,45,89]. Since, as discussed above, the individual oxygenated  
586 monoterpenes arise from different organisms, including fungi, other microbes, the host  
587 tree and the beetles themselves, the presence of OSNs responding to different  
588 oxygenated monoterpenes may help the beetle identify the various life forms it  
589 encounters.

590 Another OSN class responded most sensitively to the monoterpene alcohol *trans*-4-  
591 thujanol, a fungal symbiont metabolite of  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -pinene. This OSN also responded to  
592 the fungal metabolites terpinen-4-ol and  $\alpha$ -terpineol, as well as C<sub>8</sub> alcohols, but only at  
593 the highest doses tested, which extends prior results for this OSN [90] to other  
594 compounds from our greatly expanded test odor panel. Strong electroantennographic  
595 activity in *I. typographus* in response to these oxygenated monoterpenes has also been  
596 reported [89,90], and the response spectrum of this OSN class matches well with that of  
597 the receptor ItypOR23, which is evolutionarily related to the receptor (ItypOR29) that  
598 detects isopinocampone [96]. The specific responses of *I. typographus* bark beetles to  
599 oxygenated monoterpenes may arise not only from the selectivity of the OSN classes,

600 but also due to further processing of the odor signal in the higher centers of the brain  
601 [97]. Moreover, since some of the oxygenated monoterpenes elicited secondary  
602 responses from other OSN classes, bark beetles like other insects may process  
603 olfactory information through combinatorial codes [98], which could lead to very specific  
604 responses to different compounds or mixtures.

## 605 **Conclusion**

606 We have shown that fungal ectosymbionts vectored by *I. typographus* metabolize host  
607 tree monoterpene hydrocarbons to oxygenated derivatives as they infect the bark.  
608 These oxygenated volatiles are detected by several classes of *I. typographus* olfactory  
609 sensory neurons and lead to beetle attraction to fungi and stimulation of tunneling at  
610 certain concentrations, but often to repulsion at higher concentrations. These  
611 compounds appear to signal the presence of established fungi, but their effects on  
612 beetles are context-dependent and could vary with the physiological status of the fungi,  
613 the age, sex and density of beetles and the stage of attack [36,66]. Moreover, the  
614 ecological roles we have proposed for these oxygenated monoterpenes are based on  
615 laboratory assays with walking beetles, so studies under natural conditions are  
616 necessary to confirm our findings. These compounds may also be useful in integrated  
617 pest management strategies as attractants or repellents of bark beetles perhaps in  
618 combination with pheromones [99–101]. In this way, oxygenated monoterpenes and  
619 other microbial volatiles represent a rich source of untapped insect semiochemicals that  
620 can be exploited for protecting forests from devastating pest species such as *I.*  
621 *typographus*.

## 622 **1 Materials and methods**

### 623 **1.1 Fungal strains and growth medium**

624 The fungal strains used in this study have been previously described [36] (listed in  
625 *Table S1*). In order to obtain spores from fungi, freshly inoculated PDA plates were  
626 incubated at room temperature for 15-20 d until the mycelium was old and dark. After 20  
627 d, plates were kept briefly at 4°C to induce sporulation. Four to six 1 cm diameter  
628 mycelium plugs were removed from each plate and inoculated into 20 mL potato  
629 dextrose broth and incubated at 25°C at 150 rpm for 4 days. Once the broth was turbid,  
630 the spores were filtered using a 40 µm EASYstrainer™ (Greiner Bio-One,  
631 Frickenhausen, Germany), and the filtrate was spun down at 4200 rcf for 10 min to  
632 precipitate the spores. The supernatant was discarded and the spore suspension was  
633 washed three times with autoclaved water and then stored at 4°C until used. The spore  
634 suspension prepared using this method was viable for several months when stored at  
635 4°C.

### 636 **1.2 Bark beetle rearing**

637 Bark beetles were reared and stored in the laboratory as described [36]. The starting  
638 beetle culture was obtained from an infested tree in October 2017 near Jena, Thuringia,  
639 Germany. Beetles were reared throughout the year in the laboratory in freshly cut  
640 spruce logs (ca. 30 cm diameter x 50 cm height) placed in an environmental chamber  
641 set at 25°C throughout the day, 65% relative humidity and a photoperiod of 20 h per  
642 day. Beetles emerged from breeding logs after ca. 35 days and were collected

643 manually. Emerged adults were sexed based on the bristle density on their pronotum  
644 [102] and stored separately in Falcon tubes lined with moist paper at 4°C at least for a  
645 week before using them in bioassays. Adult beetles were used only once in bioassays.

### 646 **1.3 Spruce bark diet**

647 The outer bark of a freshly cut mature tree was scraped off gently using a drawing knife  
648 and the inner bark (phloem) was carefully peeled off using a chisel. The bark was cut  
649 into small pieces and ground to a fine powder in vibratory micro mill (Pulverisette 0,  
650 Fritsch GmbH, Idar-Oberstein, Germany). The instrument was pre-cooled with liquid  
651 nitrogen and bark pieces were pulverized at an amplitude of 2.0 for ca. 10 minutes with  
652 addition of liquid nitrogen every two minutes to prevent thawing. The ground powder  
653 was stored in Falcon tubes at -80°C until used for diet preparation. For preparing spruce  
654 bark diet, 7% powdered inner spruce phloem (w/v) was added to 4% Bactoagar (Roth)  
655 and heat sterilized at 121°C for 20 minutes.

### 656 **1.4 Identification and quantification of headspace volatiles of fungal 657 symbionts**

658 Norway spruce bark plugs of approximately 28 mm diameter were removed from a  
659 freshly felled tree in July, 2017 and a single bark plug was placed inside a 250 mL  
660 volatile collection glass bottle. Before removing the bark plugs, the surface of the bark  
661 and the cork borer were sterilized by thorough spraying with 70% ethanol in a laminar  
662 hood. An 100 µL quantity of spore suspension ( $1 \times 10^6$  cells mL<sup>-1</sup>), prepared as described  
663 above, was added to the exposed section of the bark, and autoclaved water was added

664 to the control treatment. Each treatment was replicated four times including the control.  
665 The glass bottle was secured tightly and incubated at 25°C for 4 days. After 4 d,  
666 activated charcoal-filtered air was passed into the bottle inlet at the rate of 50 mL min<sup>-1</sup>  
667 and the outlet air was funneled through a SuperQ adsorbent filter (150 mg) for 4 hours.  
668 Afterwards, the filters were eluted with 200 µL dichloromethane spiked with 10 ng µL<sup>-1</sup>  
669 nonyl acetate (Sigma Aldrich) as an internal standard and stored at -20°C. The spruce  
670 bark plugs were oven dried at 80°C for 6 hours after the experiment and the dry weight  
671 was measured.

672 The eluted volatile samples were subjected to GC-MS and GC-FID analysis using an  
673 Agilent 6890 series GC (Agilent, Santa Clara, CA, USA) (injection, 1 µl splitless; flow, 2  
674 ml min<sup>-1</sup>; temperature, 45 to 180°C at 6°C min<sup>-1</sup> and then to 300°C at 100°C min<sup>-1</sup> for 10  
675 min) coupled either to an Agilent 5973 quadrupole mass selective detector (interface  
676 temperature 270 °C, quadrupole temperature 150°C, source temperature 230 °C;  
677 electron energy 70 eV) or a flame ionization detector (FID, temp. 300 °C). The  
678 constituents were separated on a DB-5MS column (Agilent (30 m x 0.25 mm x 0.25  
679 µm)), with He (MS) or H<sub>2</sub> (FID) as carrier gas. Peaks arising from the solvent and  
680 collection containers were identified by blank runs and excluded from the analysis. The  
681 identity of each peak was determined by comparing its mass spectra and retention  
682 times to those of reference libraries (NIST98 and Wiley275) and authentic standards.  
683 The amount of each compound was calculated from the peak area obtained from the  
684 FID detector relative to the internal standard and standardized to the spruce bark dry  
685 weight.

## 686 **1.5 Time series headspace volatile collection**

687 For time series volatile analysis, spruce bark plugs (10 mm diameter) were removed  
688 using a cork borer from a freshly felled spruce tree in October, 2016. Each spruce bark  
689 plug was placed in a 15 mL clear glass vial (Supelco-Sigma-Aldrich) and 50  $\mu$ L spore  
690 suspension ( $1 \times 10^6$  cells  $\text{mL}^{-1}$ ), prepared as described above, was added to treatment  
691 plugs while control plugs received sterile water. The headspace volatiles were captured  
692 on three polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS) sorbent silicone tubes (0.5 cm), which were hung  
693 in each glass vial using a manually crafted metal hook attached to the bottom of  
694 PTFE/silicone septa in the screw cap [103]. The headspace volatiles were collected  
695 from each treatment for 2 h at 4, 8, 12 and 18 d after inoculation. After sampling,  
696 silicone tubes were placed in 1.5 mL brown glass vials and stored at  $-20^\circ\text{C}$  until  
697 analysis.

698 Volatiles collected on PDMS tubes were analyzed using a GC-2010 plus gas  
699 chromatograph coupled to a MS-QP2010 quadrupole mass spectrometer equipped with  
700 a TD-20 thermal desorption unit (Shimadzu, Japan) and a GC Cryo-Trap filled with  
701 Tenax. A single tube was placed in a 89  $\square$ mm glass thermal desorption tube and  
702 desorbed at a flow rate of 60  $\square$ mL  $\square$ min $^{-1}$  for 8  $\square$ min at 200  $\square$  $^\circ\text{C}$  under a stream of  $\text{N}_2$   
703 gas. The desorbed substances were focused on a cryogenic trap at  $-20 \square^\circ\text{C}$ . The Tenax  
704 adsorbent was heated to 230  $\square^\circ\text{C}$  and the analytes were injected using split mode  
705 (1:100) onto a Rtx-5MS GC column (30  $\square$  m x 0.25 mm x 0.25  $\square$   $\mu\text{m}$ ) with helium as  
706 carrier gas. Compounds were identified as above (1.5) from authentic standards and  
707 libraries, and quantified from the area of each peak obtained using GC-MS post run  
708 analysis software from Shimadzu. Peaks arising from contaminants from the solvent,  
709 medium or bark plug container were identified by blank runs and excluded from the

710 analysis. The PLS-DA plot in Fig 2A was generated by using MetaboAnalyst 3.0  
711 software with normalized GC-MS data (both log transformed, and range scaled) [104].

## 712 **1.6 Biotransformation of host tree compounds**

713 Experiments were conducted in 9 cm Petri dishes containing 2% potato dextrose agar  
714 (PDA) supplemented with test solutions. The tested compounds were (-)- $\alpha$ -pinene, (+)-  
715  $\alpha$ -pinene, (-)- $\beta$ -pinene, myrcene,  $\gamma$ -terpinene, terpinolene, sabinene, camphene, *p*-  
716 cymene, and (-)-bornyl acetate. Sources of these compounds are given in Table S1.  
717 Compounds were added after dissolving in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO). These were  
718 then added into PDA to reach a final concentration of 0.5 mg mL<sup>-1</sup> before pouring into  
719 Petri dishes. A 5 mm agar plug containing a fungal colony was placed in the center of  
720 each dish and incubated at 25°C in darkness for 6 d. Each treatment was replicated four  
721 times and for the control the PDA contained only DMSO plus monoterpene. The  
722 headspace volatiles were collected after 4d using three PDMS tubes, which were  
723 mounted on sterile metal wires and imbedded in PDA for one hour and stored at -20°C.  
724 The identification and quantification of compounds were conducted in the same way as  
725 reported for the time series (section 1.5). The headspace volatiles from fungus grown  
726 on PDA enriched with myrcene,  $\gamma$ -terpinene, terpinolene, camphene and *p*-cymene did  
727 not yield detectable amounts of monoterpene transformation products on analysis.

728 To identify if symbiotic fungi can reduce the amount of monoterpenes in their substrate,  
729 fungi were grown on PDA enriched with 0.5 mg g<sup>-1</sup> (-)- $\alpha$ -pinene, (+)- $\alpha$ -pinene, (-)- $\beta$ -  
730 pinene, and (-)-bornyl acetate as described above. Control plates contained only DMSO  
731 and the tested monoterpene. After 4 d, three plugs of 6 mm diameter were removed,

732 weighed and transferred to 1.5 ml sterile glass vials. Agar plugs were homogenized  
733 using sterile plastic pestles and 1 ml hexane (extraction solvent) spiked with 10 ng  $\mu\text{L}^{-1}$   
734 nonyl acetate was added and samples were vortexed for 30 s. Supernatants were  
735 transferred to new vials and stored at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  until identification and quantification by GC-  
736 MS and GC-FID (1.4). Data analysis was identical to that reported above.

## 737 **1.7 Chemical synthesis of (+)-isopinocampone and $\beta$ -isophorone**

738 **(+)-isopinocampone** ((1*R*,2*R*,5*S*)-2,6,6-Trimethylbicyclo[3.1.1]heptan-3-one) was  
739 synthesized as described in [105,106]. A mixture of (1*R*,2*R*,3*R*,5*S*)-(-)-isopinocampheol  
740 (200 mg, 1.30 mmol, Sigma-Aldrich) and Dess-Martin-periodinane (825 mg, 1.95 mmol)  
741 in anhydrous  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (15 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour, followed by  
742 the addition of water and sat. aq.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  solution. The mixture was extracted twice  
743 with methyl *t*-butyl ether. The organic phase was washed with brine, dried over  
744 anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by short-path  
745 chromatography using an SPE cartridge (Chromabond SiOH, 6 mL, 500 mg, Macherey-  
746 Nagel, *n*-hexane:EtOAc = 10:1) to yield (+)-isopinocampone (159 mg, 1.04 mmol,  
747 80%). NMR measurements were carried out on a Bruker Avance AV-500HD  
748 spectrometer, equipped with a TCI cryoprobe using standard pulse sequences as  
749 implemented in Bruker Topspin ver. 3.6.1. (Bruker Biospin GmbH, Rheinstetten,  
750 Germany). Chemical shifts were referenced to the residual solvent signals of acetone- $d_6$   
751 ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  2.05/  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  29.84) or  $\text{CDCl}_3$  ( $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.26/  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  77.16), respectively.

752  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  ppm: 2.64 (*ddd*,  $J=18.6/3.0/3.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.62 (*dddd*,  
753  $J=10.1/6.2/6.1/3.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.52 (*bd*,  $J=18.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.46 (*dq*,  $J=7.3/1.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.12

754 (*ddd*,  $J=9.1/6.1/3.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.06 (*ddd*,  $J=6.2/6.2/1.9$  Hz, 1H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 1.21 (d,  
755  $J=7.3$  Hz, 3H), 1.19 (*bd*,  $J=10.1$  Hz, 1H), 0.88 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$   
756 ppm: 215.9, 51.7, 45.3, 45.1, 39.4, 39.1, 34.8, 27.4, 22.2, 17.3. GC-MS  $t_{\text{R}}$ : 13.6 min. EI-  
757 MS (70 eV):  $m/z$  (%) 152 (14), 110 (15), 95 (44), 83 (89), 69 (97), 55 (100), 41(64) (S13  
758 Fig).

759  **$\beta$ -isophorone** (3,5,5-Trimethyl-3-cyclohexen-1-one).  $\beta$ -Isophorone was synthesized  
760 from  $\alpha$ -isophorone (Acros Organics, Fair Lawn, NJ, USA) following published methods  
761 [107]. Since  $\beta$ -isophorone was very unstable during column chromatography [108], the  
762 compound was used for the bioassay without purification. The purity of  $\beta$ -Isophorone  
763 was 91% with 6% of  $\alpha$ -isophorone as assessed by NMR analysis.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (500 MHz,  
764 acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  ppm: 5.44 (s, 1H), 2.69 (*bs*, 2H), 2.27 (s, 2H), 1.70 (*bs*, 3H), 1.00 (s, 6H).  
765  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (125 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  ppm: 209.3, 133.0, 130.6, 53.6, 44.2, 36.9, 29.8,  
766 22.8. GC-MS  $t_{\text{R}}$ : 10.3 min. EI-MS (70 eV):  $m/z$  (%) 138 (69), 123 (68), 96 (99), 95 (84),  
767 81 (100) (S14 Fig).

768 Purity of the synthesized compounds was also determined using the following GC-MS  
769 program: injection, 1  $\mu\text{l}$  splitless; flow, 2  $\text{ml min}^{-1}$ ; temperature, 45  $^\circ\text{C}$  (held for 2 min) to  
770 250  $^\circ\text{C}$  with 6  $^\circ\text{C min}^{-1}$ .

## 771 **1.8 Electrophysiology**

772 Laboratory reared adult beetles from the same German culture that were used in  
773 bioassays were used for electrophysiological single sensillum recordings (SSR) using  
774 tungsten microelectrodes according to established methodology [36,37], using the SSR  
775 set-up (Syntech, Kirchzarten, Germany) and odor delivery system previously described

776 [109]. The odor panel comprising 92 compounds consisted of beetle pheromones, host  
777 tree, non-host tree and fungal compounds ([36], Table S2). Both major and minor  
778 fungal volatiles identified during the chemical analysis were included in the odor panel.  
779 All odors were dissolved in odorless paraffin oil (w/v). SSR traces were analyzed as  
780 described [100] using Autospike 3.0 (Syntech). Males and females were initially  
781 screened for responses to the odor panel using a high stimulus dose (10 µg on filter  
782 paper placed inside capped standard Pasteur pipette odor cartridges [109]. OSN  
783 classes shown to primarily respond to fungus-derived oxygenated monoterpenes were  
784 subsequently studied in dose-response experiments with active stimuli diluted in ten-  
785 fold steps and tested from lowest to highest dose with the least active ligands tested  
786 first at each dose. To reduce variation due to odor depletion, stimulus cartridges were  
787 used for a maximum of 8 stimulations during screening and 2 stimulations during dose-  
788 response tests [110].

## 789 **1.9 Trap bioassay**

790 The arena [36] was designed so that adult beetles had to make their choice through  
791 olfaction and not by contact cues. Fungi were inoculated on spruce bark agar-based  
792 diet and incubated at 25°C for 4 days. With the help of a cork borer (10 mm diameter),  
793 bark plugs with or without fungus were inserted into circular cups (1.8 cm height \* 1.8  
794 cm diameter) facing each other. Two beetles were placed inside each arena and the  
795 olfactometer was placed inside a laminar flow cabinet in darkness. Each experiment  
796 was replicated at least 25 times with 2 beetles per replicate. The choice of beetles was  
797 determined periodically for up to six hours by counting the number of beetles trapped  
798 inside the cups and represented as percentage choice (percentage of insects

799 responding to either control traps or treatment traps or no response). When two spruce  
800 bark agar control plugs were tested simultaneously, adult beetles showed no preference  
801 for traps on one side of the arena versus the other side. Preliminary experiments  
802 showed that the sex of the beetle did not influence the olfactory response towards  
803 fungus grown either alone or in the diet enriched with monoterpenes. Therefore, two  
804 beetles were randomly chosen for trap bioassays.

805 For bioassays using terpenes, stock solutions were prepared by dissolving the  
806 compounds in DMSO, which were then added to 7% spruce bark agar to a final  
807 concentration of 0.05 to 1 mg g<sup>-1</sup>. To determine the response of adult beetles to (-)- $\beta$ -  
808 pinene and (-)-bornyl acetate amended diet containing the fungus, *G. penicillata* was  
809 used as this species emitted higher amounts of biotransformation products compared to  
810 other fungi. Controls were treated with DMSO plus monoterpene (no fungus) or DMSO  
811 plus *G. penicillata* (no monoterpene). 7% spruce bark agar plugs (10 mm)  
812 supplemented with monoterpenes or plugs containing *G. penicillata* were placed in the  
813 control cups, and *G. penicillata* colonized plugs from monoterpene-enriched medium  
814 were placed in the treatment cups. The volatile emission from each control and  
815 treatment plug used in the bioassays was determined using PDMS tubes as adsorbents  
816 and analyzed as described previously (section 1.5). For bioassays with synthetic  
817 compounds, stock solutions of authentic standards were prepared by dissolving them in  
818 mineral oil (w/v) and further diluted in log<sub>10</sub> steps by dissolving in mineral oil. 10  $\mu$ L was  
819 applied to 10 mm Whatmann filter paper laid on the top of spruce bark agar plugs  
820 placed inside the cups. Control traps were treated with 10  $\mu$ L paraffin oil. For the  
821 experiment with pheromone blend in the presence of *G. penicillata* volatiles, *G.*

822 *penicillata* colonized spruce bark plugs were placed in treatment cups and 10  $\mu\text{L}$  of a  
823 pheromone mixture (*cis*-verbenol:2-methyl-3-buten-2-ol in the ratio of 1:50 diluted 1:100  
824 in paraffin oil) was applied to filter paper as described above. Control cups were treated  
825 with 10  $\mu\text{L}$  of the pheromone mixture. Males and females were tested separately in this  
826 experiment as *I. typographus* bark beetles show sex-specific responses to their  
827 pheromones.

### 828 **1.10 Tunneling behavior bioassay**

829 *Ips typographus* tunneling behavior was studied using a protocol modified from [86]  
830 We tested beetles in 35 x10 mm Petri dishes (Greiner Bio-one, Frickenhausen,  
831 Germany) filled with ca. 3 ml of spruce bark diet. The spruce bark diet was prepared  
832 as before with some modifications: 7% (w/v) spruce inner bark powder was mixed  
833 with 1% fibrous cellulose (Sigma), 2% glucose (Roth), and 4% Bactoagar (Roth) in  
834 water and autoclaved for 20 minutes at 121 °C. Before pouring the medium into the  
835 Petri dishes, the medium was mixed with 2% solvent (DMSO: ethanol, 1:1) with 1 mg  
836  $\text{g}^{-1}$  of various monoterpenes ((-)- $\alpha$ -pinene, (-)- $\beta$ -pinene and (-)-bornyl acetate) and  
837 solvent only as a control. For treatment with fungus, 5  $\mu\text{l}$  spore suspension of *G.*  
838 *penicillata* ( $1 \times 10^6$  cells  $\text{mL}^{-1}$ ) was added to the center of Petri dishes containing  
839 monoterpene-enriched media or solvent controls and incubated at 25°C for 4 days. A  
840 single beetle was introduced per plate, and the plates were sealed with Parafilm and  
841 kept in the environmental chamber for 48 h under conditions described above  
842 (section 1.2). The beetles were monitored for their tunneling activity after 2, 4, 6, 24  
843 and 48 h with tunneling recorded as a binary event. If beetles were inside the media,  
844 it was noted as 1 and if outside, noted as 0. After 48 h, tunnel lengths made by

845 beetles in each plate were measured using Image J software. Each treatment was  
846 replicated with 15 male and female beetles.

## 847 **1.11 Data analysis**

848 IBM SPSS Statistics V25.0 was used to analyze the volatile differences between  
849 treatments (*E. polonica*-, *G. penicillata*-, *L. europhioides*-, *O. bicolor*-, and *O. piceae*  
850 treated bark samples and untreated control). Data were log-transformed to meet the  
851 assumptions of normal distribution, as needed. All individual compounds assigned to  
852 monoterpenes (MTs) or oxygenated monoterpenes were combined and their  
853 concentrations (in dry weight ( $\text{ng h}^{-1} \text{mg}^{-1}$ )) were subjected to a t-test or Welch's for  
854 estimating differences between control and *G. penicillata* (Fig. 2). Additionally,  
855 separate ANOVAs for all individual compounds in each group were also performed  
856 (Table S2). For volatile time course samples, a separate ANOVA test was performed  
857 for all individual compounds and compound groups from each fungus with time  
858 intervals as an independent factor (Table S3-7). All ANOVA tests were followed by  
859 Tukey's *post-hoc* tests to test for differences among treatment combinations. For  
860 behavioral bioassays, the CI values from each experimental group were analyzed by  
861 Wilcoxon's signed ranked test to compare the differences between control and  
862 treatment samples. Binary data from bark beetle tunneling assays were subjected to  
863 multiple logistic regression to analyze independent variables such as monoterpene,  
864 sex, and fungus that influence the tunneling activity of beetles (dependent variable)  
865 in the medium. During data analysis, the male was coded as 1 and female as 0, the  
866 presence of fungus coded as 1 and absence of fungus as 0, tunneling inside the  
867 medium coded as 1 and not tunneling or staying outside the medium as 0. After

868 testing all possible independent variables and their interactions among them, the  
869 following best-fitted logistic regression model was created to predict the odds of  
870 beetles tunneling in the different media.

$$871 \quad \text{Ln [odds] (tunneling odds)} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot \text{compound} + \beta_2 \cdot \text{sex} + \beta_3 \cdot \text{fungus}$$

872 Here,  $\beta_0$  is constant whereas  $\beta_1$ ,  $\beta_2$ , and  $\beta_3$  are logistic coefficients or estimates for the  
873 parameters for compound, sex and fungus respectively. The strength of association  
874 between beetle tunneling odds and effect of monoterpenes or sex or fungus is  
875 expressed as odds ratios ( $\text{OR} = \exp^{\beta}$ ) where  $\text{OR} < 1$  indicates a negative relationship  
876 between the two events, i.e., the tunneling event is less likely to happen in response to  
877 a selected independent variable (coded as 1) in comparison with its base group (coded  
878 as 0),  $\text{OR} = 1$  indicates no relationship between two events,  $\text{OR} > 1$  shows positive  
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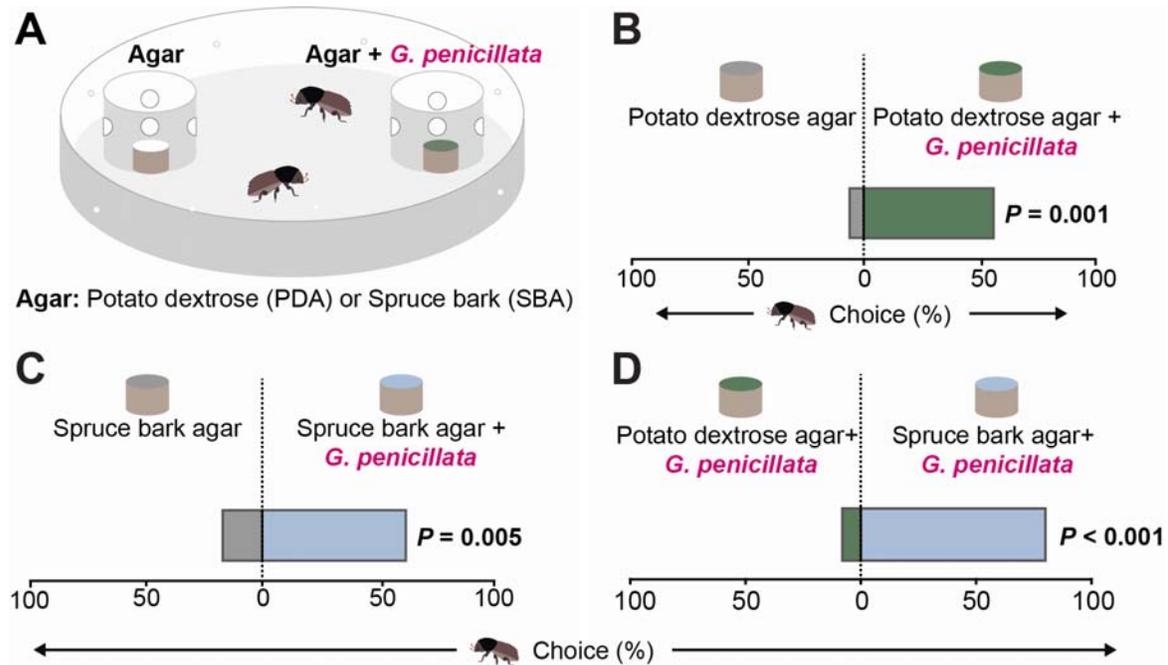
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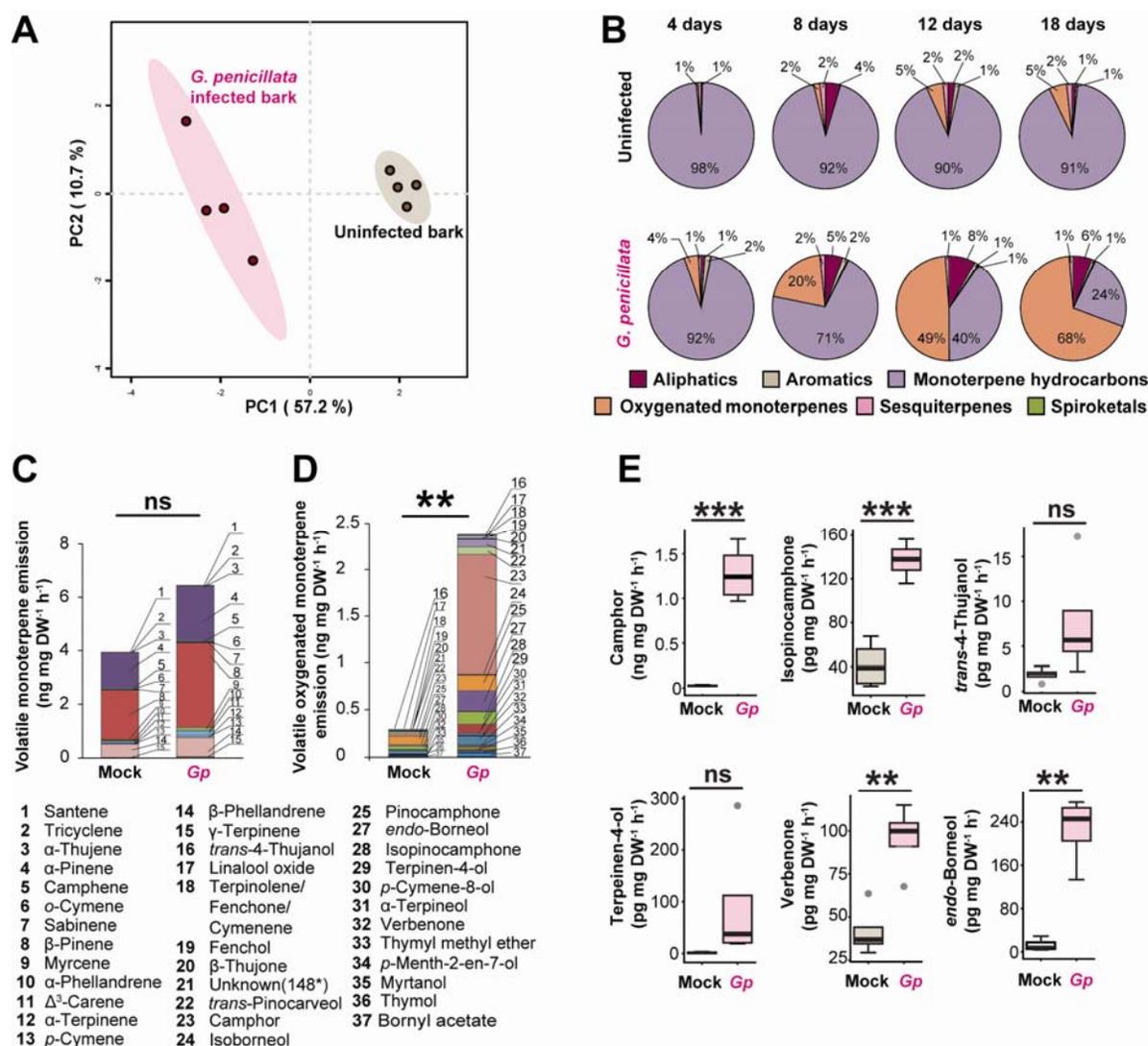
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**Figure 1: *Ips typographus* uses volatile cues from spruce bark inoculated with *G. penicillata* (*Gp*) to detect this symbiotic fungus.**

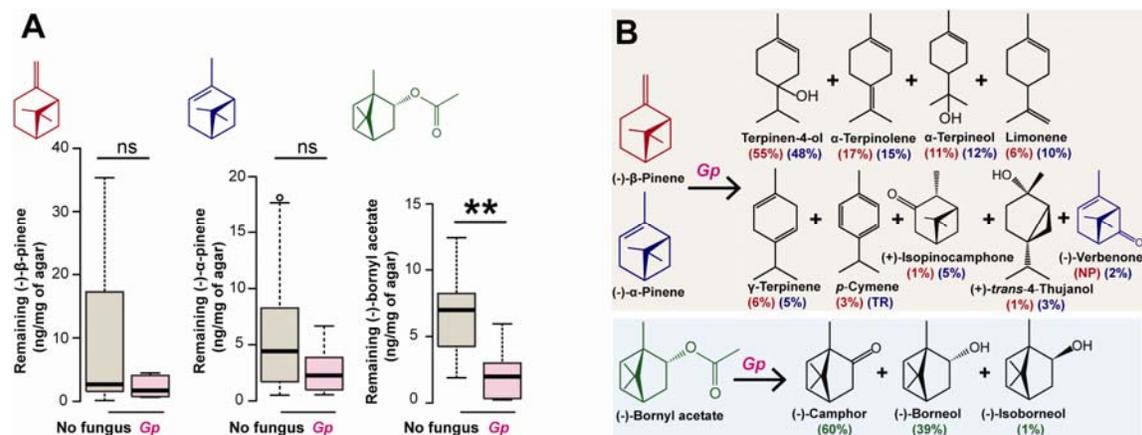
**(A)** Arena used for trap bioassays to study the behavior of *I. typographus* to volatiles emitted by a symbiotic fungus. Cups containing agar (with and without fungus) were offered to beetles as odor samples. Holes on each side of the cup allowed the beetles to smell, but not touch the agar until they entered the cup and then could no longer escape. **(B), (C)** Adult beetles chose *Gp*-colonized agar medium over fungus-free medium ( $n = 25$ , with two beetles per replicate). **(D)** Adult beetles chose *Gp*-inoculated spruce bark agar over *Gp*-inoculated agar without spruce bark ( $n = 25$ ). **(B), (C), (D)** Deviation of response indices against zero was tested using Wilcoxon's test. Asterisks denotes significant differences, \* $P < 0.01$ , \*\*\* $P < 0.001$ .



**Figure 2: Growth of *Ips typographus* symbiotic fungi on spruce bark induces increased emission of oxygenated monoterpenes.**

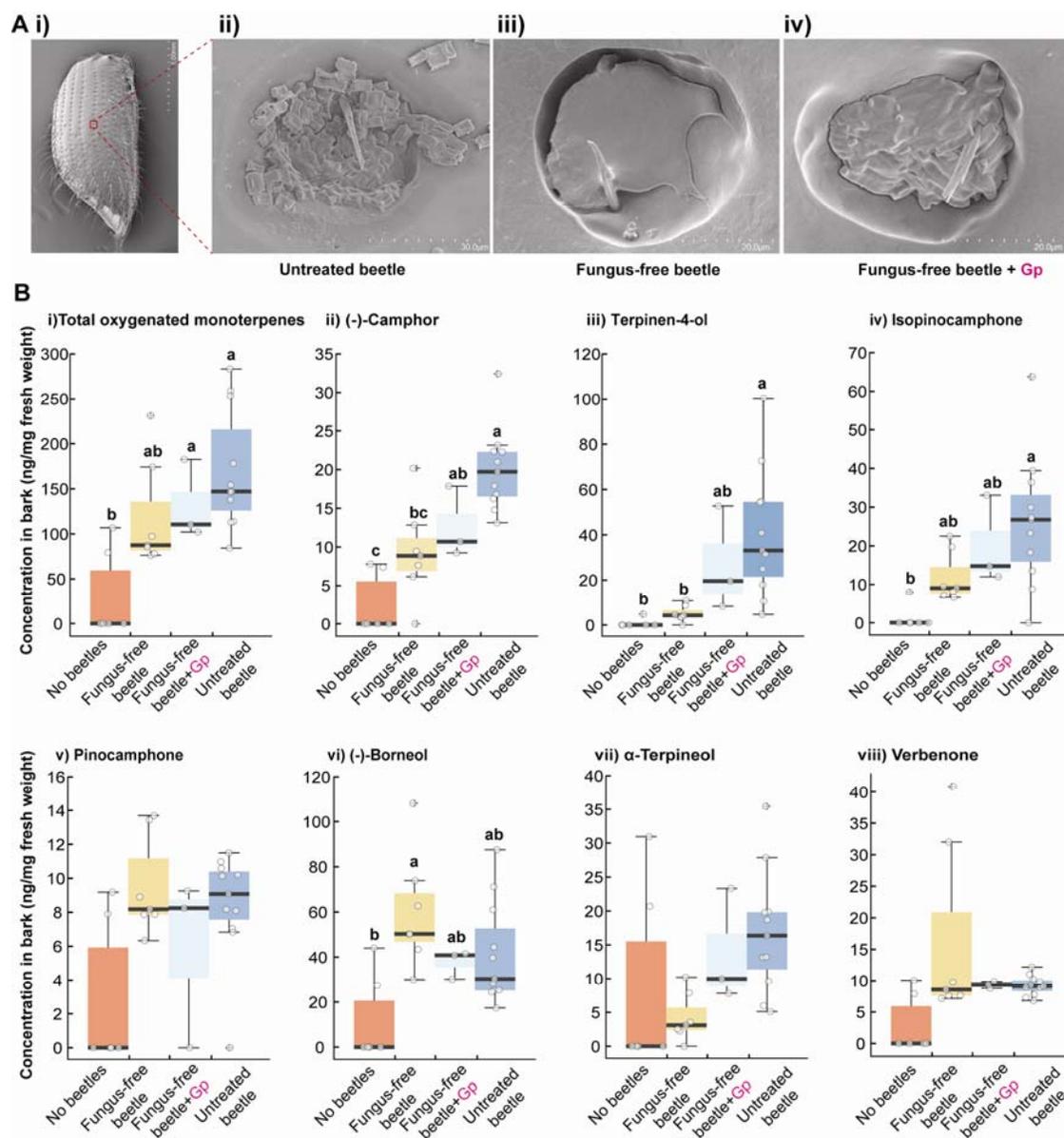
**(A)** Volatile emission pattern differed between spruce bark inoculated with *G. penicillata* (*Gp*) and uninfected bark 4 days after inoculation, as depicted in a partial least squares discriminant analysis (PLS-DA). Principal components (PC1 and PC2) explain 57.2% and 10.7% of total variation, respectively, and ellipses denote 95% confidence intervals around each treatment. Complete volatile emission data by compound for *G. penicillata* and other *I. typographus* fungal symbionts are given in Table S2. **(B)** Changes in volatile emission profiles of spruce bark due to *G. penicillata* infection over an 18 d time course. Compounds are classified into six groups by their chemical structures ( $n = 5$ ). Complete volatile emission data by compound and time point for *G. penicillata* and other symbionts are given in Tables S3-S6. **(C), (D)** Emission of specific monoterpenes from fresh spruce bark inoculated with *G. penicillata* at four days post inoculation. Identified compounds were classified into monoterpene hydrocarbons **(C)** and oxygenated monoterpenes **(D)**. The individual compounds are stacked within a single bar representing the total emission. Significant differences in the total emission levels induced by *G. penicillata* are denoted by asterisks

above the bars ( $n = 4$ , Welch's t-test with ns= not significant  $*P < 0.05$ ,  $**P < 0.01$ ,  $***P < 0.001$ ). The numbers denote the identities of the compounds in the stacked bars. Complete volatile emission data are given in Table S2. **(E)** Emission rate of major oxygenated monoterpenes from spruce bark inoculated with *G. penicillata* four days post inoculation. Asterisks indicate significant differences between the spruce bark-inoculated *G. penicillata* and the fungus-free control (Welch's t-test).



**Figure 3: Metabolism of major spruce monoterpenes by a symbiotic fungus produces a variety of oxygenated monoterpenes.**

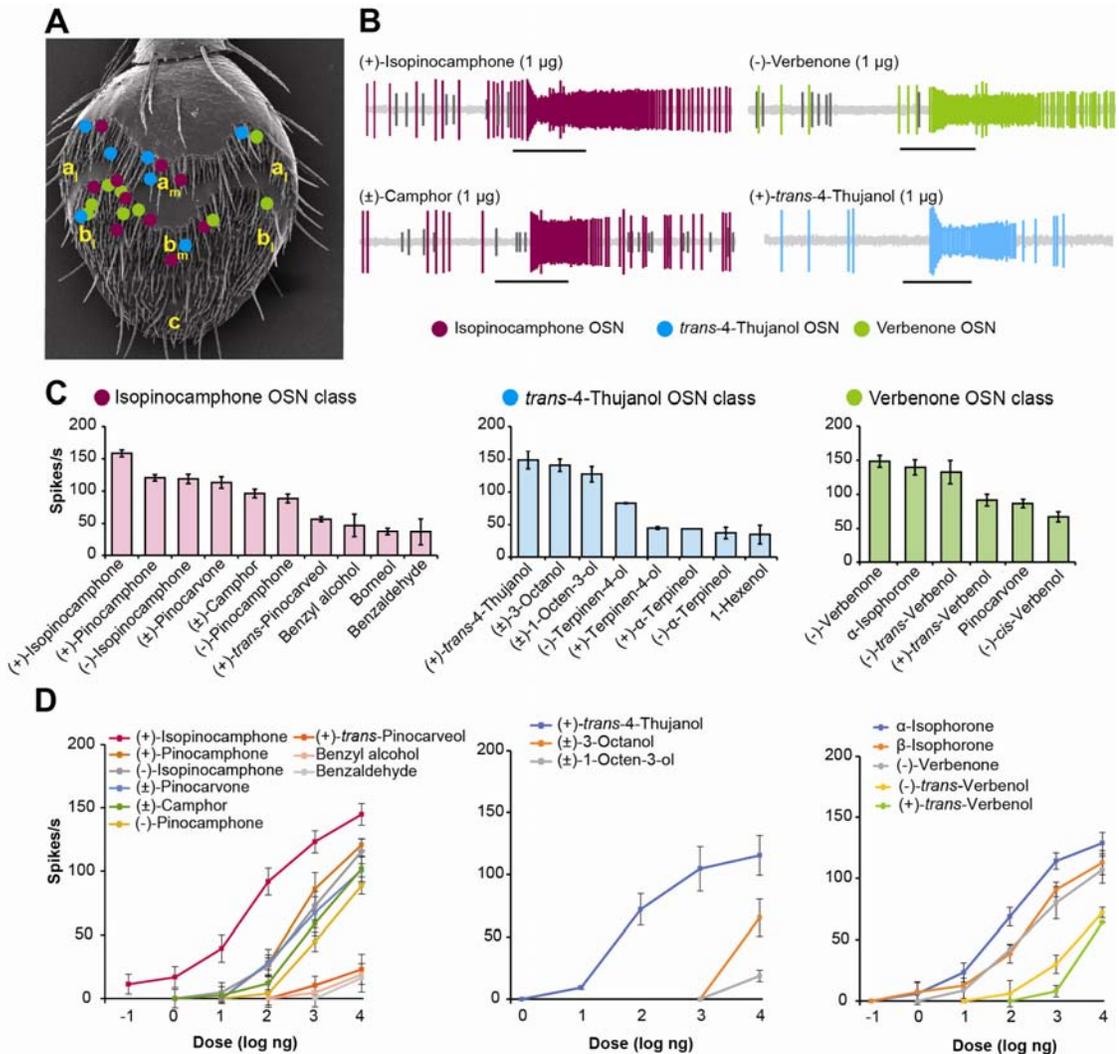
**(A-B)** Metabolism of major spruce monoterpenes by *G. penicillata* after fungal-infected vs. uninfected PDA was supplemented with 0.5 mg/g of (-)-β-pinene, (-)-α-pinene, and (-)-bornyl acetate. **(A)** The amounts of starting monoterpenes remaining after four days. Error bars represent SEM ( $n = 5$ ). Asterisks indicate a significant difference between the PDA-inoculated *G. penicillata* and the fungus-free control (Welch's t-test) with ns= not significant,  $**P < 0.01$ . **(B)** The most abundant metabolites of administered monoterpenes are depicted with their percentages relative to the total amounts of metabolites detected for each compound (derived from (-)-β-pinene in red; derived from (-)-α-pinene in purple; derived from (-)-bornyl acetate in green) ( $n = 4$ ). Amounts were determined by headspace collection of volatiles from the agar ( $n = 3$ ).



**Figure 4: Oxygenated monoterpenes identified in *I. typographus*-infested spruce bark are produced by fungi associated with bark beetles**

**(A)** Scanning electron micrographs of: i) an elytron of an untreated bark beetle showing ii) spores of an ophiostomatoid fungus in the elytral pit, iii) an empty elytral pit of a fungus-free beetle and iv) spore mass of *G. penicillata* in the elytral pit of a fungus-free beetle reinoculated with this fungal species. **(B)** Concentration of total oxygenated monoterpenes (i), camphor (ii), terpinen-4-ol (iii), isopinocampnone (iv), pinocampnone (v), borneol (vi), α-

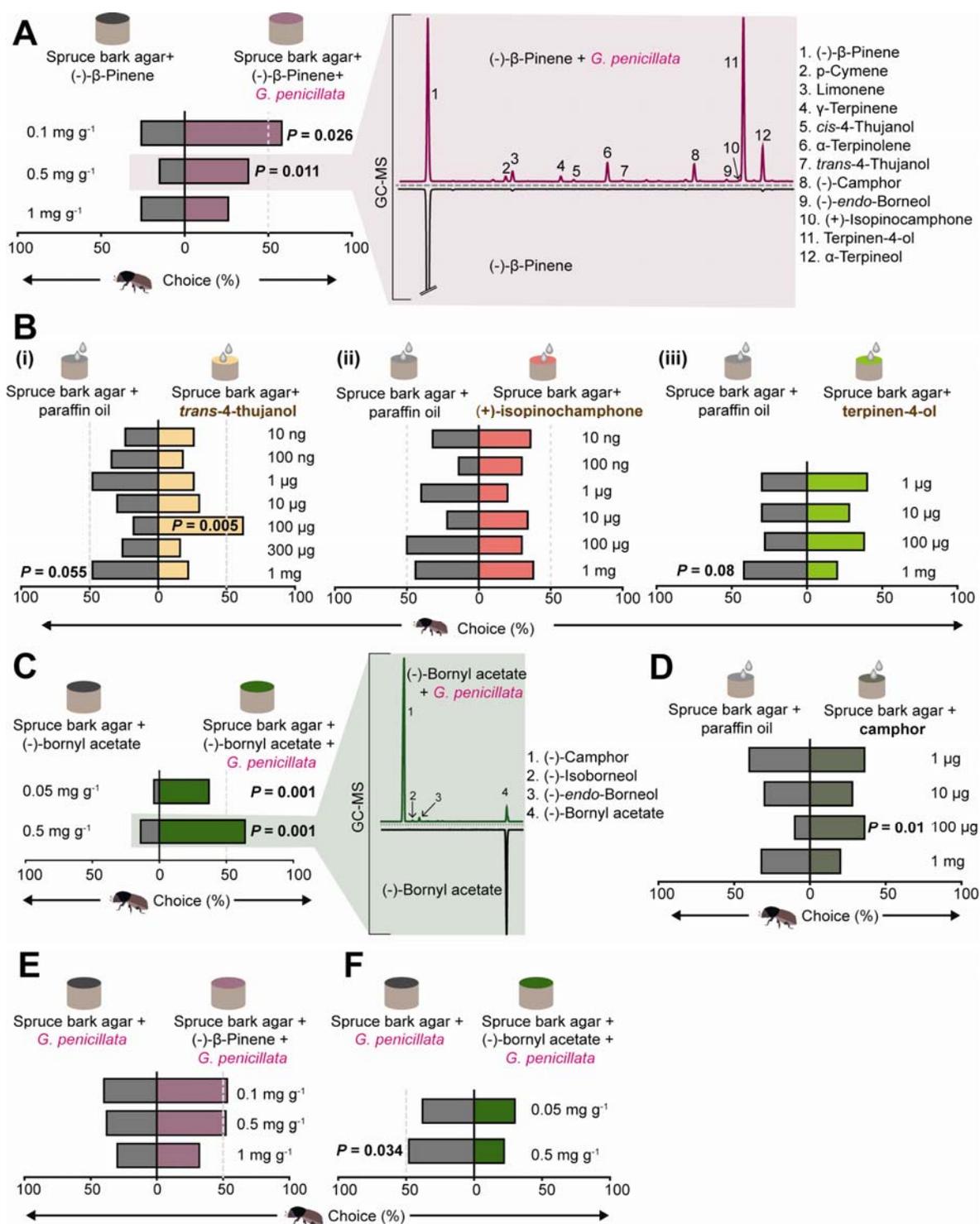
terpineol (vii), and verbenone (viii) in bark without beetles, infested with fungus-free beetles, infested with fungus-free beetles reinoculated with *G. penicillata*, and untreated beetles. Different lowercase letters indicate significant differences between treatments (ANOVA, Tukey's test,  $P < 0.05$ ).



**Figure 5: Oxygenated monoterpenes derived from fungal metabolism of host tree monoterpene hydrocarbons are detected by specialized olfactory neurons in the *I. typographus* antenna**

**(A)** Mapping of three classes of olfactory sensory neurons (OSN) selective for oxygenated monoterpenes (isopinocampnone; verbenone; (-)-*trans*-4-thujanol) on the antenna. Olfactory sensilla housing these OSN classes are distributed in medial (subscript "m") and lateral (subscript "l") regions of sensillum areas a and b (but not in area c) of the antenna. **(B)** Representative spike trains from an isopinocampnone-responsive neuron stimulated with 1 µg of (+)-isopinocampnone (top left) and (±)-camphor (bottom left); a verbenone-responsive neuron stimulated with 1 µg (-)-verbenone (top right); a (+)-*trans*-4-thujanol-responsive neuron stimulated with 1 µg (+)-*trans*-4-thujanol (bottom right). Black horizontal bars indicate the 0.5 s odor puffs. **(C)** Response spectra of OSN classes responding predominantly to

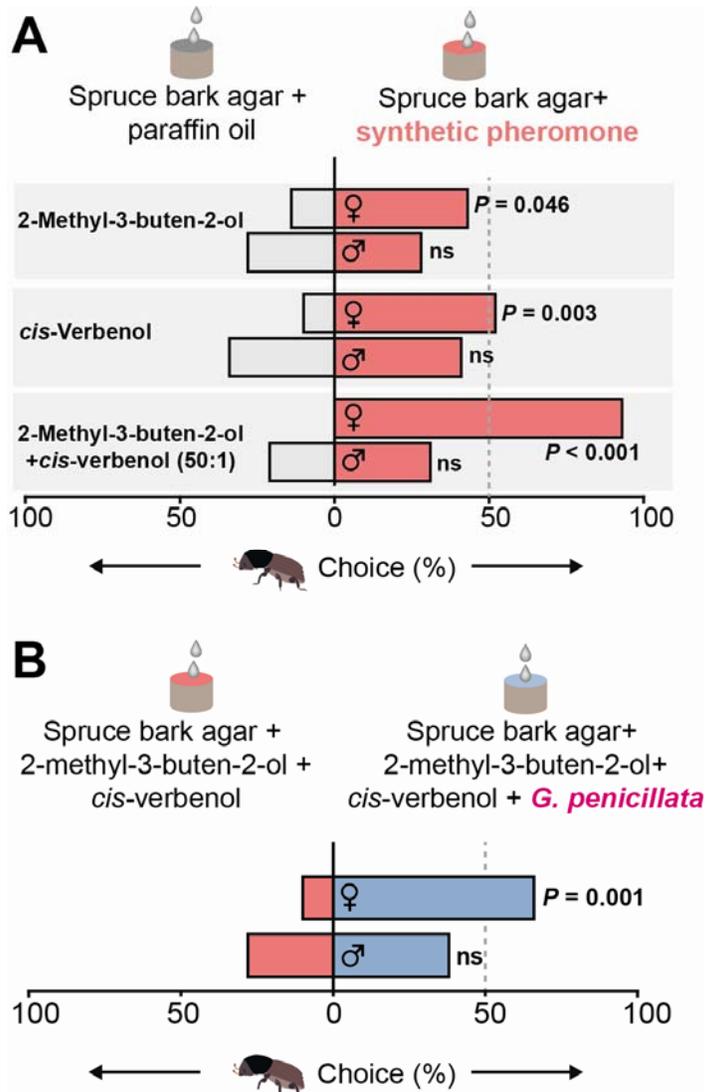
oxygenated monoterpenes produced by fungi at the 10  $\mu\text{g}$  screening dose. The average number of spikes/second was recorded from the isopinocampone-tuned OSN class (left) ( $n = 6$  except (+) and (-)-pinocampone ( $n = 3$ )), *trans*-4-thujanol-tuned OSN class (middle) ( $n = 5$ ) and verbenone and isophorone-tuned OSN class (right) ( $n = 4$ ) after neurons were stimulated with a panel of 97 odors. Error bars represent SEM. **(D)** Dose-response curves of the OSNs stimulated with their most active ligands: isopinocampone-tuned OSN class (left) ( $n = 9$ ) except for (+) and (-)-pinocampone ( $n = 3$ )), *trans*-4-thujanol-tuned OSN class (middle) ( $n = 3$ ), and the OSN class tuned to isophorone and verbenone (right) ( $n = 3$ ). Error bars represent SEM.



**Figure 6: *Ips typographus* is attracted to oxygenated monoterpenes produced by symbiotic fungi.**

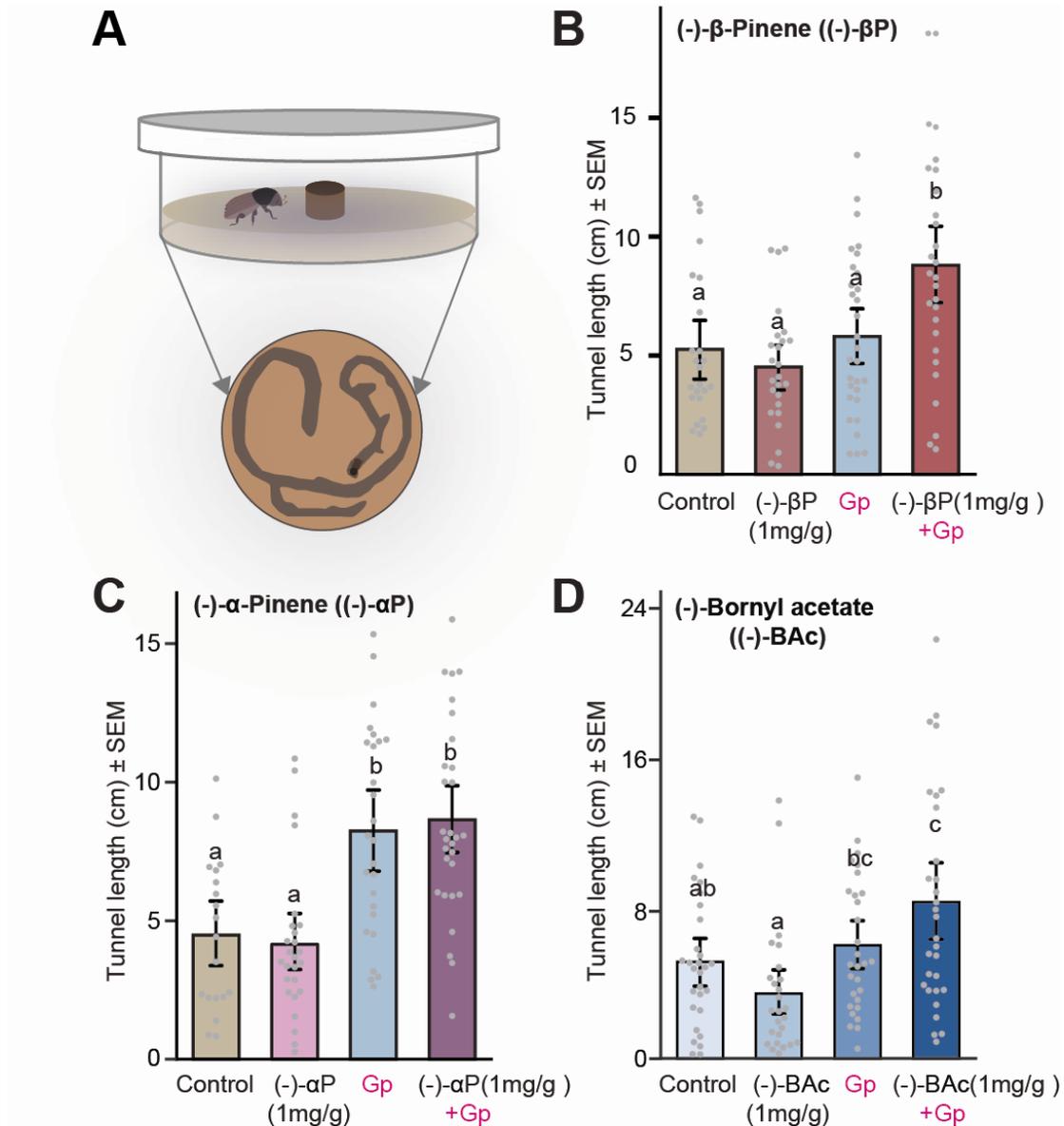
**(A)** Adult beetles preferred spruce bark agar enriched with 0.1 mg/g, and 0.5 mg/g of (-)-β-pinene inoculated with *G. penicillata* for 4 days over spruce bark agar enriched with 0.1 mg/g, and 0.5 mg/g (-)-β-pinene but without fungus (left). GC-MS traces of the headspace volatiles of (-)-β-pinene-enriched agar with and without *G. penicillata* for 4 days (right) showing the oxygenated monoterpenes produced by the fungus from (-)-β-

pinene. Numbers refer to the identities of compounds. **(B)** Adult beetles chose *trans*-4-thujanol (left) at a 100 µg dose but avoided *trans*-4-thujanol (left) at a 1 mg dose diluted in mineral oil, when tested against a mineral oil control. Adult beetles showed indifferent responses to (+)-isopinocampone (middle), and terpinen-4-ol (right), applied in various doses in mineral oil. **(C)** Adult beetles preferred spruce bark agar enriched with various amounts of (-)-bornyl acetate inoculated with *G. penicillata* for 4 days over spruce bark agar enriched with (-)-bornyl acetate but without fungus (left). GC-MS traces of the headspace volatiles of 0.5 mg/g (-)-bornyl acetate-enriched agar with and without *G. penicillata* (right) showing the oxygenated monoterpenes produced by the fungus from (-)-bornyl acetate. Numbers refer to the identities of compounds. **(D)** Adult beetles preferred ( $\pm$ )-camphor at a 100 µg dose against a mineral oil control, but not at other doses. **(E)** Adult beetles did not discriminate between *G. penicillata* on agar with three different concentrations of (-)- $\beta$ -pinene and *G. penicillata* without (-)- $\beta$ -pinene. **(F)** Adult beetles chose *G. penicillata* on agar without any administered (-)-bornyl acetate vs. *G. penicillata* on agar with 0.5 mg/g (-)-bornyl acetate. **(A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F)** Deviation of response indices against zero was tested using Wilcoxon's test. Asterisks denotes significant differences, \* $P < 0.05$ , \*\* $P < 0.01$ , \*\*\* $P < 0.001$ .  $n = 25$  for each trial.



**Figure 7: Female adult *I. typographus* are attracted towards a pheromone mixture in the presence of *G. penicillata* volatiles**

**(A)** Adult females chose traps containing 2-methyl-3-buten-2-ol (MB) and *cis*-verbenol at  $10^{-2}$  concentration diluted in mineral oil over control traps containing mineral oil. Females strongly preferred traps containing a binary pheromone blend (*cis*-verbenol: 2-methyl-3-buten-2-ol, 50:1) diluted in mineral oil over the mineral oil control (bottom). Adult males were unresponsive to these concentrations of individual pheromones and their blend. **(B)** Adult females preferred pheromone blend in the presence of *G. penicillata* volatiles over pheromone blend without fungus. **(A), (B)**. Deviation of response indices against zero was tested using Wilcoxon's test. Asterisks denotes significant differences, \* $P < 0.05$ , \*\* $P < 0.01$ , \*\*\* $P < 0.001$  ( $n = 28$  for each experiment).



**Figure 8: *Ips typographus* tunnels more in monoterpene-enriched diet in the presence of a symbiotic fungus.**

**(A)** Schematic drawing of a Petri dish arena used for the no-choice tunneling assay. The dish was filled with monoterpene-enriched spruce bark agar and inoculated with *G. penicillata* (Gp) (top). Example of the tunneling pattern of an adult beetle within the fungus-colonized diet as pictured from the bottom side of Petri dish (bottom). **(B), (C), (D)** Tunnel lengths (cm) made by adult beetles after 48 hours in diet containing *G. penicillata* only, monoterpenes only, *G. penicillata* and monoterpenes, or controls with neither *G. penicillata* nor monoterpenes. Error bars represent SEM ( $n = 30$  (15 ♂, 15 ♀) for each trial). Monoterpenes: (-)-β-pinene **(B)**, (-)-α-pinene **(C)**, (-)-bornyl acetate **(D)**. Different lowercase letters indicate significant differences between treatments (ANOVA, Tukey's test,  $P < 0.05$ ).

**Table 1:** Multiple logistic regression analysis predicting the odds of adult *I. typographus* tunneling into media enriched in different monoterpenes with and without *G. penicillata* in a no-choice assay (see also Fig 6A).

Successful tunneling in diets with <sup>a</sup>	Predictors	$\beta$	SE <sup>b</sup>	Wald $\chi^2$	<i>P</i> value	Exp( $\beta$ )	95% CI for Exp( $\beta$ )	
							Lower	Upper
(-)-Bornyl acetate	Monoterpene	-0.31	0.56	0.31	ns	0.73	0.25	2.19
	Sex	-1.72	0.58	8.78	<b>0.003</b>	0.18	0.06	0.56
	Fungus	4.98	1.09	20.99	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	145.30	17.27	1222.52
(-)- $\beta$ -Pinene	Monoterpene	-0.87	0.54	2.57	ns	0.42	0.14	1.22
	Sex	0.25	0.52	0.24	ns	1.29	0.47	3.55
	Fungus	2.65	0.58	20.45	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	14.09	4.48	44.36
(-)- $\alpha$ -Pinene	Monoterpene	0.00	0.52	0.00	ns	1.00	0.36	2.75
	Sex	0.00	0.52	0.00	ns	1.00	0.36	2.75
	Fungus	2.02	0.66	9.39	<b>0.002</b>	7.51	2.07	27.28

<sup>a</sup>The reference category is unsuccessful tunneling

<sup>b</sup>Standard error of  $\beta$

ns=not significant