

# Variation of Herbivore-Induced Volatile Terpenes among *Arabidopsis* Ecotypes Depends on Allelic Differences and Subcellular Targeting of Two Terpene Synthases, TPS02 and TPS03<sup>1[W][OA]</sup>

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When attacked by insects, plants release mixtures of volatile compounds that are beneficial for direct or indirect defense. Natural variation of volatile emissions frequently occurs between and within plant species, but knowledge of the underlying molecular mechanisms is limited. We investigated intraspecific differences of volatile emissions induced from rosette leaves of 27 accessions of *Arabidopsis* (*Arabidopsis thaliana*) upon treatment with coronalon, a jasmonate mimic eliciting responses similar to those caused by insect feeding. Quantitative variation was found for the emission of the monoterpene (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene, the sesquiterpene (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene, the irregular homoterpene 4,8,12-trimethyltridecatetra-1,3,7,11-ene, and the benzenoid compound methyl salicylate. Differences in the relative emissions of (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene and (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene from accession Wassilewskija (Ws), a high-(*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene emitter, and accession Columbia (Col-0), a trace-(*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene emitter, were attributed to allelic variation of two closely related, tandem-duplicated terpene synthase genes, *TPS02* and *TPS03*. The Ws genome contains a functional allele of *TPS02* but not of *TPS03*, while the opposite is the case for Col-0. Recombinant proteins of the functional Ws *TPS02* and Col-0 *TPS03* genes both showed (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene and (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene synthase activities. However, differential subcellular compartmentalization of the two enzymes in plastids and the cytosol was found to be responsible for the ecotype-specific differences in (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene/(*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene emission. Expression of the functional *TPS02* and *TPS03* alleles is induced in leaves by elicitor and insect treatment and occurs constitutively in floral tissues. Our studies show that both pseudogenization in the *TPS* family and subcellular segregation of functional *TPS* enzymes control the variation and plasticity of induced volatile emissions in wild plant species.

Plants emit a large variety of volatile organic compounds from their foliage and flowers. These volatiles serve a variety of functions ranging from the attraction of pollinating insects and fruit dispersers to direct and indirect defense against herbivores and microbial pathogens (Pichersky and Gershenzon, 2002; Dicke

et al., 2005; Dudareva et al., 2006; Unsicker et al., 2009). Usually, plant volatiles are released as mixtures, which may be important in targeting a variety of different organisms. In this context, differences in the composition of volatile blends within and among species may be the result of adaptation to specific communities of organisms.

Terpenoids represent the largest and most diverse class of plant volatile metabolites. Low- $M_r$  terpenes with a 10-carbon (monoterpenes) or 15-carbon (sesquiterpenes) skeleton are common constituents of floral and herbivore-induced leaf volatile blends (Dudareva et al., 2006). Monoterpenes and sesquiterpenes are produced from the central terpene precursors geranyl diphosphate (GPP) and farnesyl diphosphate (FPP), respectively, by the enzymatic activity of terpene synthases (TPSs; Tholl, 2006; Degenhardt et al., 2009). In the plant cell, terpene metabolism is compartmentalized, with GPP and monoterpene formation occurring primarily in plastids and FPP and sesquiterpenes being synthesized predominantly in the cytosol (Aharoni et al., 2005).

Studies of cultivated plants have given the first insight into the cellular, molecular genetic, and biochemical mechanisms controlling the variability of terpene volatile mixtures. For example, variation of

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monoterpene and sesquiterpene blends produced in the glandular trichomes of different basil (*Ocimum basilicum*) cultivars was attributed to the differential expression of *TPS* genes in these cultivars (Iijima et al., 2004). In maize (*Zea mays*), allelic variation of two *TPS*s was found to be responsible for the quantitative compositional differences of sesquiterpene volatile blends released from mature leaves and husks of different varieties (Köllner et al., 2004). Furthermore, a characterization of linalool/nerolidol synthases in snapdragon (*Antirrhinum majus*) flowers indicated that subcellular segregation of bifunctional *TPS*s in plastids and the cytosol can lead to a compartment-specific formation of monoterpenes and sesquiterpenes, respectively, thereby increasing the diversity of terpene volatile mixtures (Nagegowda et al., 2008).

While the variation of herbivore-induced volatiles has been studied in some wild species (Halitschke et al., 2000; Gouinguene et al., 2001; Delphia et al., 2009), knowledge of the molecular mechanisms governing the natural diversity of volatile compounds is rather limited. We have been investigating the intra-specific and interspecific variation of volatile profiles in *Arabidopsis* species (Tholl et al., 2005; Abel et al., 2009) to explore the natural evolution of volatile mixtures in more detail. A previous survey of 37 accessions (ecotypes) revealed quantitative differences in floral sesquiterpene volatile compositions that are controlled by differences in *TPS* gene transcription and putative posttranslational modifications (Tholl et al., 2005). Here, we turn our attention to vegetative volatiles. Leaves of the *Arabidopsis* (*Arabidopsis thaliana*) accession Columbia (Col-0) release a simple three-compound blend consisting of the benzenoid compound methyl salicylate (MeSA), the C<sub>16</sub>-homoterpene 4,8,12-trimethyltridecatetra-1,3,7,11-ene (TMTT), and the sesquiterpene (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene in response to treatment with the fungal peptide elicitor alamethicin and feeding by the crucifer specialist insects *Pieris rapae* and *Plutella xylostella* (Van Poecke et al., 2001; Herde et al., 2008). The induced volatile mixture is assumed to serve as an indirect defense signal by attracting parasitoids of *P. rapae* larvae. With the exception of Nossen (No-0; Fäldt et al., 2003), no other *Arabidopsis* accession has been investigated for elicitor- or insect-induced volatiles, and there is no information on the genetic and molecular mechanisms responsible for these differences.

Here, we report the analysis of induced volatile terpene emissions from rosette leaves of 27 *Arabidopsis* accessions. We show that several accessions such as Wassilewskija (Ws) emit the monoterpene (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene and the sesquiterpene (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene, while others such as Col-0 release (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene without any or only traces of (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene. We demonstrate that the difference in terpene volatile emission between Col-0 and Ws is caused by allelic variation leading to differential expression and subcellular targeting of two closely related bifunctional (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene/(*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene synthases, *TPS02* and *TPS03*.

Our work provides evidence that natural diversity of herbivore-induced terpene volatiles evolves at multiple levels of *TPS* gene function and regulation, including the organelle-specific compartmentation of *TPS* enzymes.

## RESULTS

### Elicitor- and Insect-Induced Emission of the Terpene Volatiles (*E*)- $\beta$ -Ocimene and (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -Farnesene Vary among Different *Arabidopsis* Accessions, Including Col-0 and Ws

Since *Arabidopsis* accessions have been shown to differ substantially in their composition of secondary metabolites such as glucosinolates (Kliebenstein et al., 2001) and floral volatiles (Tholl et al., 2005), we investigated the ecotype-specific variation of terpene emissions from leaves of 27 accessions in response to treatment with coronalon, a synthetic mimic of jasmonic acid and other octadecanoid plant hormones. As previously demonstrated in accession Col-0, coronalon induces the emission of MeSA, (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene, the homoterpene TMTT, and its precursor geranylinalool, a response similar to that observed upon feeding damage by larvae of *P. xylostella* (Herde et al., 2008). By comparing emissions of volatile terpenes from leaves of intact plants treated with coronalon for 22 to 30 h, we found that 20 accessions released the monoterpene (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene as the predominant volatile (approximately 75%–95% of the total amount of volatiles) at rates differing 80-fold between lowest and highest emitters (Table I). Ws was among the accessions with highest emission of (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene. The remaining accessions, including Col-0, emitted no or only very small amounts of this monoterpene (Table I). The sesquiterpene (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene was released from almost all accessions, including Col-0 and Ws, at emission rates approximately 10- to 100-fold lower than those of (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene (Table I). In addition to (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene and (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene, TMTT and MeSA were detected in the induced volatile blends of all investigated ecotypes, although some accessions released these compounds only in trace amounts (Table I). No emission or only traces of terpene volatiles were found in untreated plants.

Previous feeding experiments with the specialist *P. xylostella* on Col-0 had shown that insect feeding induces a volatile response similar to that observed with coronalon (Herde et al., 2008). In this study, when *P. xylostella* larvae were applied to rosette leaves of accession Ws, a high-(*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene emitter, emission of (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene, TMTT, and MeSA was induced upon 21 to 30 h of feeding (Supplemental Fig. S1), with a compound ratio similar to that obtained upon coronalon treatment. Emission rates were substantially lower for all compounds [30-fold lower for (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene] than after application of coronalon but in the range of those observed for Col-0 upon *P. xylostella* damage (Herde et al., 2008; Supplemental Fig. S1). Because of

**Table 1.** Emission of the four major volatile compounds from leaves of 27 *Arabidopsis* accessions in response to treatment with coronalon (coron)

Volatiles were collected for 8 h from single intact plants (see “Materials and Methods”). Emission was determined in ng g<sup>-1</sup> fresh weight h<sup>-1</sup>. Mean values ± SE are shown (*n* = 3). The order of accessions corresponds to increasing (*E*)-β-ocimene emission rates. 0.0 indicates values below 0.01 ng g<sup>-1</sup> fresh weight h<sup>-1</sup>. n.d., Not detected.

Ecotype		Compound								Total Coron
		<i>(E)</i> -β-Ocimene		<i>(E,E)</i> -α-Farnesene		TMTT		MeSA		
		Coron	Control	Coron	Control	Coron	Control	Coron	Control	
1	Bl-1	n.d.	n.d.	0.1 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	1.8 ± 0.2	0.0 ± 0.0	0.7 ± 0.1	0.0 ± 0.0	2.5 ± 0.4
2	Lip-0	n.d.	n.d.	1.8 ± 0.6	n.d.	3.1 ± 1.0	0.2 ± 0.0	4.1 ± 1.8	n.d.	9.0 ± 3.4
3	Pi-0	n.d.	n.d.	0.8 ± 0.3	0.1 ± 0.1	1.1 ± 0.2	0.0 ± 0.0	1.5 ± 0.2	0.0 ± 0.0	3.4 ± 0.6
4	Tsu-1	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.0 ± 0.0	0.4 ± 0.3	0.0 ± 0.0	1.3 ± 1.0	0.0 ± 0.0	1.8 ± 1.4
5	Can-0	0.2 ± 0.1	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	6.5 ± 2.5	0.0 ± 0.0	3.1 ± 1.0	0.0 ± 0.0	9.7 ± 3.6
6	Bla-10	0.2 ± 0.0	n.d.	n.d.	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	n.d.	0.3 ± 0.1
7	Col-0	0.7 ± 0.7	n.d.	2.4 ± 0.6	n.d.	8.8 ± 2.0	2.4 ± 0.7	18 ± 5.2	0.3 ± 0.1	29.9 ± 8.5
8	Di-g	2.6 ± 0.8	n.d.	0.2 ± 0.1	n.d.	0.4 ± 0.1	0.0 ± 0.0	1.8 ± 1.0	n.d.	5.0 ± 2.0
9	Ri-0	9.4 ± 4.4	n.d.	0.7 ± 0.4	n.d.	0.6 ± 0.2	0.0 ± 0.0	1.7 ± 1.2	0.0 ± 0.0	12.3 ± 6.2
10	Stw-0	9.7 ± 1.3	0.3 ± 0.6	0.2 ± 0.1	n.d.	1.2 ± 0.1	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	n.d.	11.1 ± 1.5
11	Lu-1	11.1 ± 2.8	0.3 ± 0.3	0.4 ± 0.2	n.d.	1.9 ± 0.7	0.1 ± 0.0	1.2 ± 0.5	0.0 ± 0.0	14.6 ± 4.1
12	Est-0	18.6 ± 8.8	n.d.	1.3 ± 0.6	n.d.	0.6 ± 0.1	n.d.	2.6 ± 1.0	n.d.	23.2 ± 10.5
13	Sei-0	19.9 ± 5.8	0.1 ± 0.0	0.3 ± 0.1	n.d.	0.2 ± 0.0	n.d.	0.2 ± 0.1	n.d.	20.5 ± 6.0
14	Chi-0	20.4 ± 9.1	0.3 ± 0.1	0.4 ± 0.2	n.d.	0.5 ± 0.2	0.0 ± 0.0	0.6 ± 0.2	n.d.	21.9 ± 9.7
15	Hodja	20.8 ± 6.7	0.2 ± 0.2	0.6 ± 0.2	0.0 ± 0.0	0.6 ± 0.2	0.0 ± 0.0	1.5 ± 0.7	n.d.	23.5 ± 7.8
16	Bla-1	29.9 ± 4.9	0.1 ± 0.1	1.2 ± 0.3	0.0 ± 0.0	0.1 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.2 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	31.3 ± 5.3
17	Pog-0	36.2 ± 10.9	n.d.	2.9 ± 0.9	0.3 ± 0.2	0.1 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.7 ± 0.2	0.2 ± 0.1	39.8 ± 12.0
18	An-1	37.5 ± 4.5	0.3 ± 0.2	1.2 ± 0.0	0.1 ± 0.1	0.4 ± 0.1	0.0 ± 0.0	1.2 ± 0.2	0.1 ± 0.1	40.3 ± 4.8
19	Tul-0	39.6 ± 11.6	n.d.	3.9 ± 1.1	n.d.	0.0 ± 0.0	n.d.	3.4 ± 1.1	n.d.	46.8 ± 13.9
20	Mt-0	45.9 ± 19.5	0.1 ± 0.0	5.9 ± 2.5	0.1 ± 0.1	2.2 ± 0.1	0.2 ± 0.1	1.4 ± 0.5	0.0 ± 0.0	55.4 ± 22.6
21	Kil-0	46.9 ± 17.4	0.0 ± 0.0	1.1 ± 0.4	n.d.	0.3 ± 0.1	0.0 ± 0.0	1.2 ± 0.5	n.d.	49.5 ± 18.4
22	Jl-3	51.2 ± 20.1	n.d.	2.8 ± 1.2	0.1 ± 0.1	1.3 ± 0.3	0.0 ± 0.0	1.2 ± 0.4	n.d.	56.4 ± 22.1
23	Ang-0	64.4 ± 21.9	0.8 ± 0.1	2.1 ± 0.8	0.1 ± 0.1	5.1 ± 1.4	0.2 ± 0.1	1.9 ± 0.9	0.0 ± 0.0	73.5 ± 25.0
24	Ws	64.6 ± 16.5	0.5 ± 0.3	5.4 ± 1.8	0.0 ± 0.0	7.2 ± 1.7	0.2 ± 0.1	2.2 ± 0.7	0.1 ± 0.1	79.3 ± 20.8
25	Condara	80.4 ± 19.4	0.3 ± 0.1	3.6 ± 0.8	0.3 ± 0.3	3.5 ± 0.8	0.1 ± 0.1	1.1 ± 0.3	0.0 ± 0.0	88.6 ± 21.4
26	Ty-0	127.3 ± 19.4	0.1 ± 0.1	9.6 ± 1.8	0.1 ± 0.0	0.4 ± 0.2	0.1 ± 0.0	5.7 ± 3.3	0.0 ± 0.0	143.0 ± 24.6
27	Kas-1	160.6 ± 12.2	0.2 ± 0.1	2.7 ± 0.2	0.0 ± 0.0	5.4 ± 0.9	n.d.	3.1 ± 0.4	0.1 ± 0.0	171.8 ± 13.6

this overall lower response, no (*E,E*)-α-farnesene was detected in Ws in response to *P. xylostella* feeding.

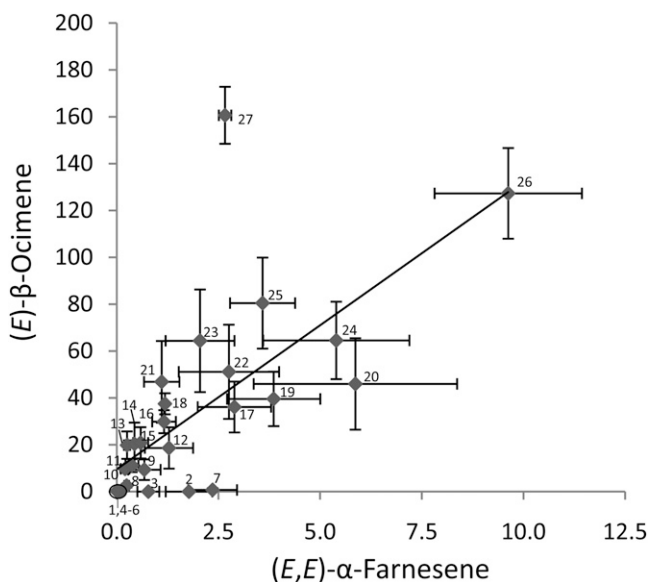
We investigated possible correlations among coronalon-induced emissions of the different volatile compounds in all accessions. A high correlation coefficient was found between emission of (*E*)-β-ocimene and (*E,E*)-α-farnesene (Fig. 1; Supplemental Table S1), indicating a common biosynthetic origin of both compounds. However, the formation of (*E,E*)-α-farnesene in Col-0 and other ecotypes that do not produce (*E*)-β-ocimene (Table 1) suggested the existence of more than one biosynthetic route to (*E,E*)-α-farnesene in the *Arabidopsis* genome.

#### The Tandem TPS Genes *TPS02* and *TPS03* Differ in Expression between the Col-0 and Ws Accessions

From the analyzed accessions, we selected Ws and Col-0 for further investigation since these two accessions showed clearly different elicitor-induced terpene volatile profiles and therefore seemed suitable for determining the molecular mechanisms underlying these differences. We reasoned that the variation of (*E*)-β-ocimene emission between the two accessions could be due to the differential expression or function

of *TPS03* (At4g16740) or a monoterpene synthase closely related to *TPS03*. A *TPS03*-encoded recombinant enzyme from *Arabidopsis* accession C24 was previously shown to catalyze the conversion of the ubiquitous precursor GPP to (*E*)-β-ocimene (Fäldt et al., 2003). Moreover, transcription of *TPS03* was shown to be induced in leaves of the (*E*)-β-ocimene-emitting ecotype No-0 by treatment with jasmonic acid and wounding. Besides *TPS03*, only one other monoterpene synthase (*TPS10*) has been found to be induced in *Arabidopsis* leaves (Bohlmann et al., 2000). However, this enzyme produces myrcene as the primary product with minor amounts of (*E*)-β-ocimene in vitro and seems to have negligible activity in the investigated ecotypes, since no emission of myrcene was detected. In the *Arabidopsis* genome, *TPS03* is positioned on chromosome 4 in close proximity to *TPS02* (At4g16730; Fig. 2A). Both genes are 51.5% identical at the nucleotide sequence level and share similar structures, with seven exons and six introns, indicating that they likely emerged by gene duplication. Therefore, we analyzed both *TPS02* and *TPS03* alleles and their expression in the Col-0 and Ws accessions.

In the Col-0 ecotype, which does not emit (*E*)-β-ocimene, *TPS02* does not encode a full-length TPS



**Figure 1.** Correlation of (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene and (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene emission from coronalon-treated leaves of 27 *Arabidopsis* accessions. Treatment with coronalon and volatile collection were conducted as described in "Materials and Methods." Emissions are in  $\text{ng g}^{-1}$  fresh weight  $\text{h}^{-1}$ . Numbers indicate individual accessions according to Table I. Each value represents the mean  $\pm$  SE of three replicates.

protein because of a two-base (AT) insertion 184 nucleotides downstream of the start codon leading to a frame shift and premature translational termination (Fig. 2, B and C). Despite the apparent loss of function of this allele, transcription of *TPS02* was induced upon treatment with coronalon (Fig. 3A). A splice variant of the *TPS02* transcript was found that lacks a part of the first exon and the entire second exon (Supplemental Fig. S2) and does not code for a functional protein. In contrast to *TPS02*, the Col-0 *TPS03* gene encodes a full-length TPS protein of 565 amino acids (Fig. 2C). Transcription of *TPS03* was induced by coronalon treatment as well as in response to 24 h of *P. xylostella* feeding, while only low levels of *TPS03* transcript were observed upon mechanical wounding (Fig. 3A). However, the induced expression of *TPS03* [reported as an (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene synthase in ecotype C24 (Fäldt et al., 2003)] was hard to reconcile with the lack of (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene emission in the Col-0 ecotype, indicating possible differences in the regulation or function of the Col-0 *TPS03* protein compared with that in ecotype C24.

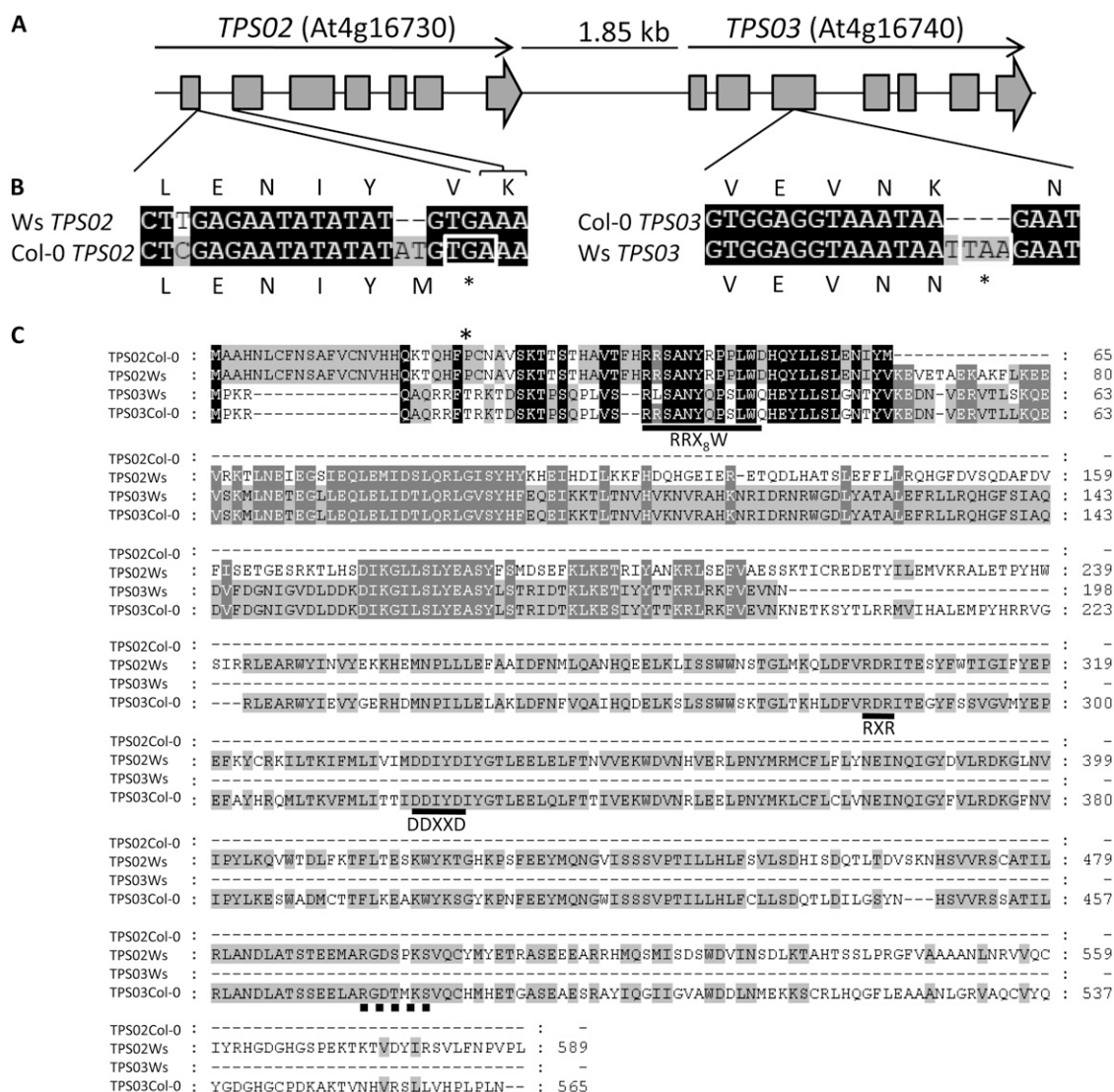
We further analyzed the expression of the *TPS02* and *TPS03* alleles in the (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene-emitting accession Ws. Semiquantitative reverse transcription (RT)-PCR analysis demonstrated that *TPS02* was transcribed upon coronalon treatment (Fig. 3B). Transcription of Ws *TPS02* was also induced by *P. xylostella* feeding, while no transcript was detected upon mechanical wounding (Fig. 3B). A full-length 1,770-bp *TPS02* cDNA was amplified from coronalon-treated Ws leaves encoding a 589-amino acid protein (Fig. 2C).

The *TPS02* coding sequence differs from the Col-0 allele in the position of 18 nucleotides corresponding to 11 amino acid differences and does not show the frame shift mutation due to the AT insertion (Fig. 2B). The Ws *TPS02* protein shares 62% amino acid sequence identity with the *TPS03* (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene synthase protein from C24. Thus, it seemed possible that a functional *TPS02* enzyme could produce (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene or very similar monoterpene compounds.

No transcript was found for *TPS03* in response to any of the treatments of Ws leaves. To investigate the absence of the *TPS03* transcript in Ws in more detail, we amplified the *TPS03* gene including the 5' and 3' untranslated regions (UTRs) from genomic DNA of Ws. The nucleotide sequences of the Ws *TPS03* gene and the Col-0 *TPS03* gene were 99.5% identical. An insertion of four nucleotides (TTAA) was found in the third exon, causing a frame shift mutation and premature translational termination (Fig. 2B). We then performed RT-PCR with gene-specific primers designed to amplify small fragments of a putative *TPS03* transcript. These experiments resulted in only two amplicons, 240 and 170 bp, situated consecutively at the 5' end of the gene, indicating the instability and posttranscriptional degradation of the *TPS03* mRNA (Supplemental Fig. S3).

We also analyzed the transcription of *TPS02* and *TPS03* in flowers of the Col-0 and Ws accessions to determine a possible correlation between the expression of one or the other gene and the floral emission of (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene. Previous analysis of terpene volatiles from flowers of different *Arabidopsis* accessions demonstrated that inflorescences of Ws but not Col-0 emit (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene, which is similar to the difference observed for elicitor-induced (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene emission from both accessions. Inflorescences of both accessions also emit small amounts of (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene. In Ws flowers, *TPS02* but not *TPS03* was found to be expressed (Fig. 3C). In flowers of the Col-0 ecotype, transcripts of *TPS03* were detected, but, in contrast to elicitor-treated leaves, no or only traces of full-length *TPS02* mRNA was amplified (Fig. 3C).

Based on the transcriptional differences of *TPS02* and *TPS03* between the two accessions, we hypothesized that *TPS02* is responsible for the formation of (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene in Ws, while the *TPS02* allele is inactive in the Col-0 ecotype. We further presumed that the actively transcribed *TPS03* gene in Col-0 might encode a protein that produced (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene, the  $\text{C}_{15}$  analog of (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene from FPP, instead of (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene itself derived from GPP. Several enzymes with (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene synthase activity from GPP have been shown to also catalyze the formation of (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene in vitro when supplied with FPP (Pechous and Whitaker, 2004; Nieuwenhuizen et al., 2009; see below). As an intermediate of terpene biosynthesis, GPP is thought to be largely restricted to the plastids, while FPP is restricted mainly to the cytosol (Aharoni et al., 2005). Analysis of putative protein-targeting sequences via computer algorithms indicated that the



**Figure 2.** Molecular nature of the *TPS02* and *TPS03* alleles in accessions Col-0 and Ws. **A**, Schematic representation of the structures of *TPS02* and *TPS03*. Exons are represented by the gray boxes, and flanking regions and introns are represented by the lines between boxes. **B**, Alignment of nucleotide and amino acid sequence regions of the *TPS02* (left) and *TPS03* (right) alleles from accessions Col-0 and Ws indicating frame shift mutations caused by base pair insertions in the Col-0 *TPS02* and Ws *TPS03* genes. The white box marks premature stop codons. The gene-specific positions of the sequences are indicated. **C**, Amino acid sequence alignment of the full-length and truncated proteins of the Col-0 and Ws *TPS02* and *TPS03* alleles. Amino acids shaded in black are conserved in all sequences, and gray shading indicates amino acids conserved in two or three sequences. Dashes indicate gaps inserted for optimal alignment. Horizontal lines mark the highly conserved DDXXD, RXR, and RRX<sub>8</sub>W motifs. A motif similar to the H- $\alpha$ 1 loop region of apple MdAFS1 is marked by a thick dashed line. The asterisk indicates the putative cleavage site for a 25-amino acid plastidial transit peptide of the *TPS02* protein.

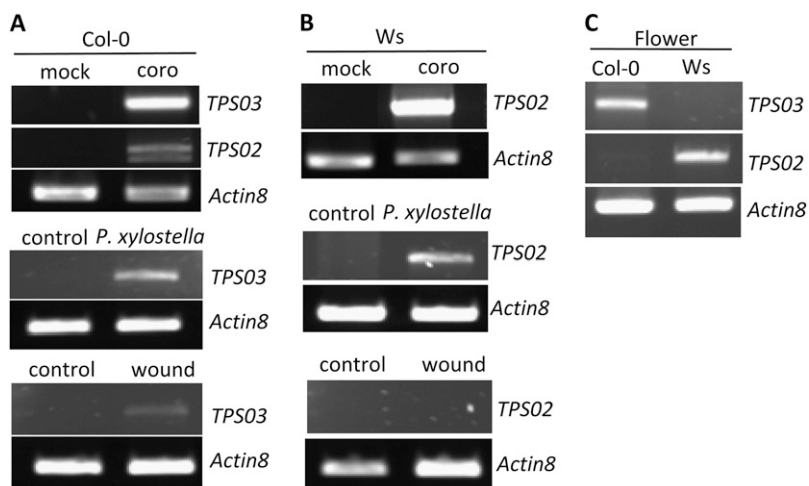
Col-0 *TPS03* protein does not carry a plastidial transit peptide while the *TPS02* protein does.

#### *TPS2* and *TPS3* Loss-of-Function Plants Lack Induced Emission of (*E*)- $\beta$ -Ocimene and/or (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -Farnesene

To investigate the in planta function of the Ws *TPS02* and Col-0 *TPS03* genes, we analyzed elicitor-induced volatile profiles of the respective gene knockout lines. In line Salk\_132694, a T-DNA is located in the fifth exon of Col-0 *TPS03* (Fig. 4A). In contrast to Col-0

wild-type plants, the mutant line did not accumulate any *TPS03* mRNA after coronalon treatment as determined by semiquantitative RT-PCR (Fig. 4B). No (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene was found to be emitted from Salk\_132694 upon treatment with coronalon (Fig. 4C). Although MeSA and TMTT were released at rates somewhat lower than those of the Col-0 wild type, emission of these two compounds indicated that the elicitor had been successfully administered (Fig. 4C). Moreover, no changes were observed for the induced transcription of the *TPS02* pseudogene and the

**Figure 3.** Semiquantitative RT-PCR analysis of *TPS02* and *TPS03* transcript levels in Col-0 and Ws tissues. *Actin8* transcripts were analyzed as a control. Results are representative for at least three independent experiments. A, *TPS02* and *TPS03* transcript analysis from rosette leaves of accession Col-0 treated with coronalon (coro; top panel), with *P. xylostella* larvae (middle panel), and after mechanical wounding (bottom panel). The two amplicons obtained for *TPS02* represent splice variants (Supplemental Fig. S2). No *TPS02* transcript was detected upon insect feeding and wounding. Treatments were conducted as described in “Materials and Methods.” B, Transcript levels of *TPS02* in leaves of accession Ws in response to treatments as described for A. No mRNA of *TPS03* was detected. C, Analysis of *TPS02* and *TPS03* transcripts in flowers of Col-0 and Ws.



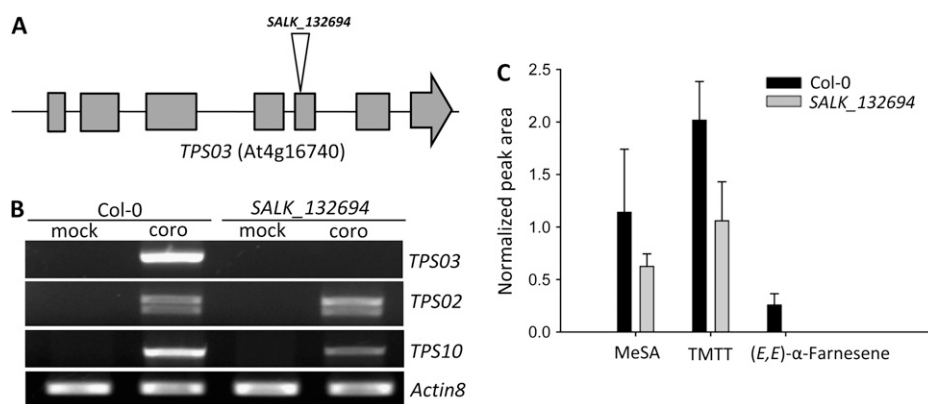
myrcene/(*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene synthase *TPS10* in comparison with wild-type plants. Since no other TPSs with putative (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene or (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene synthase activities are expressed in Col-0 leaves upon coronalon treatment (Herde et al., 2008), these results strongly suggested that the *TPS03* gene is responsible for the induced formation of (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene in the Col-0 accession.

Next, we analyzed line FLAG\_406A04, which carries a T-DNA in the first intron of the Ws *TPS02* allele (Fig. 5A). When leaves of this mutant were treated with coronalon, no induced *TPS02* transcript could be detected in comparison with wild-type Ws plants (Fig. 5B). The absence of the *TPS02* transcript correlated with the loss of (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene and (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene emission in the FLAG\_406A04 mutant (Fig. 5C). We also investigated two transgenic Ws lines, in which transcription of *TPS02* was severely reduced or completely abolished by RNA interference (RNAi) in re-

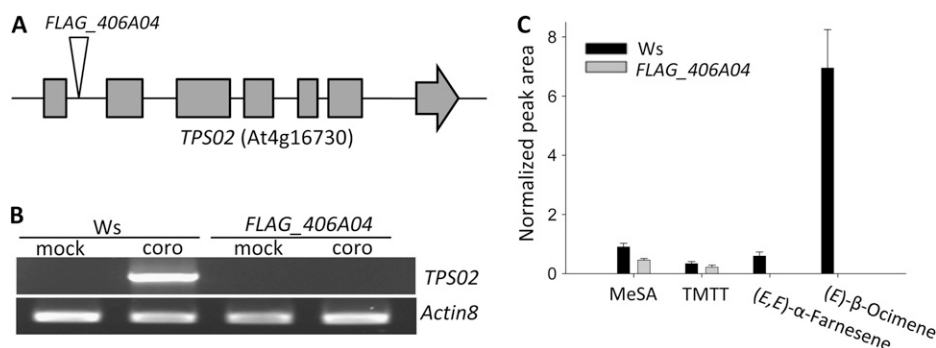
sponse to application of the fungal elicitor alamethicin (Supplemental Fig. S4). As expected, traces or no emission of (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene and (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene were found in the RNAi lines, confirming the result obtained for the FLAG\_406A04 mutant (Supplemental Fig. S4, A and B). MeSA and TMTT were released from all lines at rates similar to those of wild-type Ws, showing that elicitor treatment was effective (Supplemental Fig. S4B). These results demonstrated that formation of (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene and (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene is dependent on the expression of *TPS02* in the Ws ecotype.

#### Recombinant *TPS02* and *TPS03* Proteins Both Produce (*E*)- $\beta$ -Ocimene and (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -Farnesene in Vitro

To further confirm the catalytic activities of the *TPS02*- and *TPS03*-encoded enzymes in Ws and Col-0, respectively, cDNAs of both genes were cloned into



**Figure 4.** Coronalon-induced expression of *TPS03* and volatile emission in detached leaves of Col-0 wild-type plants and the *TPS03* T-DNA insertion line SALK\_132694. A, Position of the T-DNA insertion in the *TPS03* gene. Gray boxes represent exons, and flanking regions and introns are shown by the black line. B, Semiquantitative RT-PCR analysis of transcripts of *TPS03* in comparison with genes *TPS02* and *TPS10*. Transcript levels of *Actin8* were analyzed as a control. coro, Coronalon. C, Emission of MeSA, TMTT, and (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene as measured between 21 and 30 h of coronalon treatment of Col-0 wild-type plants and the T-DNA insertion line. Normalized peak areas are shown for each compound as analyzed by GC-MS (see “Materials and Methods”). No (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene could be detected from wild-type or mutant plants under these conditions. Results are average values  $\pm$  SE ( $n = 3$ ). None of the volatiles was detected in mock controls.



**Figure 5.** Coronalon-induced expression of *TPS02* and volatile emission in detached leaves of Ws wild-type plants and the *TPS02* T-DNA insertion line FLAG\_406A04. A, Schematic presentation of the position of the T-DNA insertion in the *TPS02* gene. Exons are represented by gray boxes, and flanking regions and introns are shown by the black line. B, Semiquantitative RT-PCR analysis of transcripts of *TPS02*. Transcript levels of *Actin8* were analyzed as a control. No full-length transcripts were found for *TPS03* and *TPS10* in wild-type and mutant plants. coro, Coronalon. C, Emission of MeSA, TMTT, (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene, and (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene between 21 and 30 h of coronal treatment of Ws wild-type plants and the T-DNA insertion line. Normalized peak areas are shown for each compound as analyzed by GC-MS (see “Materials and Methods”). Results represent mean values  $\pm$  SE ( $n = 3$ ). None of the volatiles was detected from mock control leaves.

the *Escherichia coli* expression vector pET101 in fusion with a C-terminal His tag, and the resulting proteins were partially purified by affinity chromatography and assayed for TPS activity. For *TPS02*, a truncated 1,647-bp cDNA was used that was amplified from the isolated full-length Ws sequence. This truncation removed 41 amino acids containing a predicted plastidial transit peptide upstream of the conserved RR motif at the N terminus of the *TPS02* protein (Fig. 2C) in an effort to enhance the activity of the recombinant enzyme. It has previously been shown that monoterpene synthases often have higher specific activity when expressed in *E. coli* as mature proteins rather than as full-length preproteins (Williams et al., 1998). The affinity-purified, recombinant Ws *TPS02* protein converted the substrate GPP into (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene as the major product, with (*Z*)- $\beta$ -ocimene and myrcene as minor products (Fig. 6A). In assays with FPP as the substrate, the *TPS02* enzyme produced primarily (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene and small amounts (*Z,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene and (*E,E*)- $\beta$ -farnesene (Fig. 6A). No activity was observed with GGPP as the substrate, and none of the terpene products was found in purified extracts of *E. coli* carrying the empty pET101 vector (data not shown).

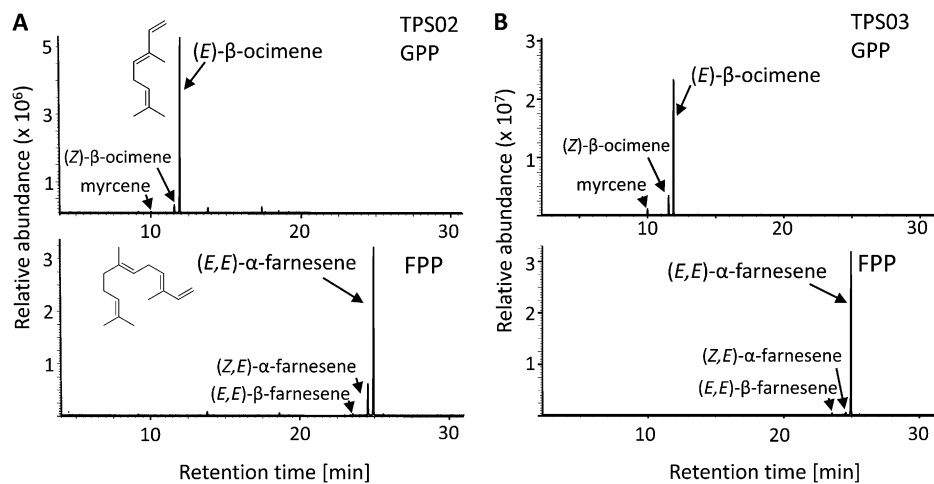
We also tested whether a truncated 539-amino acid protein resulting from possible alternative translation at nucleotide 153 of the *TPS02* gene from Col-0 had enzyme activity. However, this protein was shown to be inactive when expressed in *E. coli*. In addition, we investigated if removal of the frame shift mutation in the Col-0 *TPS02* gene restored a functional *TPS02* protein. A 1,772-bp cDNA of Col-0 *TPS02* was amplified from RNA isolated from coronal-treated Col-0 leaves, and site-directed mutagenesis was applied to remove the AT two-base nucleotide insertion (Fig. 2B). When the resulting cDNA clone was expressed in *E. coli* as described above, no TPS activity

was detected, indicating that additional mutations in the Col-0 *TPS02* gene contribute to the loss of enzyme activity.

To analyze the activity of the Col-0 *TPS03*-encoded protein, a 1,695-bp *TPS03* cDNA corresponding to the full-length *TPS03* protein was isolated from RNA of Col-0 leaves treated with coronal. When enzyme assays were performed with GPP and FPP as substrates, the recombinant, partially purified *TPS03* enzyme produced the same monoterpenes and sesquiterpenes as those synthesized by the *TPS02* protein from Ws (Fig. 6B).

To analyze possible differences of the recombinant TPS proteins in conversion rates of GPP and FPP, we determined the catalytic properties of both enzymes for these substrates. Both enzymes had similar  $V_{\max}$  and  $k_{\text{cat}}$  values for GPP and FPP, with a 7- to 8-fold higher catalytic activity for GPP than for FPP (Table II). The apparent  $K_m$  values for GPP and FPP (1.7–6.7  $\mu\text{M}$ ) were low for both enzymes (Table II) and in the range of  $K_m$  values reported previously for other plant monoterpene and sesquiterpene synthases (Cane, 1999), specifically other (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene/(*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene synthases (Nieuwenhuizen et al., 2009). Despite these similarities, the Ws *TPS02* protein had an approximately 4-fold lower  $K_m$  for GPP and an approximately 1.5-fold higher  $K_m$  for FPP in comparison with the Col-0 *TPS03* enzyme, resulting in 4-fold higher and 1.5-fold lower corresponding  $k_{\text{cat}}/K_m$  values for GPP and FPP, respectively (Table II). Catalysis of both enzymes was dependent on  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  for maximum activity. We also tested the dependency of both enzymes on  $\text{K}^+$  ions. Neither Ws *TPS02* nor Col-0 *TPS03* showed any change in activity in the presence of 40 mM  $\text{K}^+$  (data not shown).

Taken together, our analysis of the recombinant *TPS02* and *TPS03* proteins from Ws and Col-0, respectively, showed that both enzymes can produce (*E*)- $\beta$ -



**Figure 6.** GC-MS analysis of monoterpene and sesquiterpene products of recombinant Ws TPS02 and Col-0 TPS03 enzymes. Recombinant proteins were expressed in *E. coli*, extracted, partially purified, and applied for TPS assays using the substrates GPP and FPP. A, Total ion GC-MS chromatograms of monoterpenes (top) and sesquiterpenes (bottom) produced by recombinant Ws TPS02 protein from GPP and FPP, respectively. The molecular structures of (*E*)-β-ocimene and (*E,E*)-α-farnesene are shown. B, Monoterpene products (top) and sesquiterpene products (bottom) of recombinant Col-0 TPS03 enzyme detected in assays with GPP and FPP, respectively. Terpene products were identified by comparison with authentic standards or by library suggestion [for (*Z,E*)-α-farnesene]. No products were found in purified extracts from *E. coli* carrying the empty expression vector.

ocimene and (*E,E*)-α-farnesene in vitro without major kinetic differences. However, analyses of the loss-of-function plants clearly indicated different product profiles of the encoded enzymes in vivo, with Ws TPS02 making both compounds (Fig. 5C) and Col-0 TPS03 producing predominantly (*E,E*)-α-farnesene (Fig. 4C). Thus, these findings supported the notion that TPS02 and TPS03 might be present in separate subcellular compartments with differential access to the substrates GPP and FPP.

**Subcellular Localization of TPS02 in Plastids and TPS03 in the Cytosol**

Analysis of putative targeting sequences using different algorithms (CHLOROP [http://www.cbs.dtu.dk/services/ChloroP], TARGETP [http://www.cbs.dtu.dk/services/TargetP], PWOLF PSORT [http://wolfpsort.seq.cbrc.jp], and Predator [http://urgi.versailles.inra.fr/predotar/predotar.html]) suggested that the TPS02 protein from Ws carries a plastidial transit peptide of approximately 25 amino acids and therefore is targeted to chloroplasts. To experimentally determine the subcellular localization of the Ws TPS02

protein, a 105-bp cDNA fragment beginning with the start codon of the *TPS02* gene was inserted into the vector pCambia 1302 under the control of the cauliflower mosaic virus 35S promoter, generating a 35-amino acid TPS02 peptide with a C-terminal fusion to GFP. GFP analysis of hypocotyl cells of several independent plant lines transformed with the TPS02-GFP construct showed green fluorescence located in plastids, which clearly indicated that the TPS02 protein is targeted to chloroplasts (Fig. 7, C and D).

In contrast to TPS02, no consistent prediction for the subcellular localization of TPS03 was obtained with different algorithms, with suggestions of either a cytosolic/nuclear localization or the presence of a nine- to 28-amino acid mitochondrial targeting sequence. Longer transit peptides beginning at earlier start codons were not in frame with the TPS03 protein. We generated a Col-0 TPS03-GFP fusion construct as described for TPS02 by cloning of a 150-bp *TPS03* cDNA fragment encoding a 50-amino acid N-terminal TPS03 peptide. In plants transformed with the TPS03-GFP construct, GFP fluorescence was not observed in plastids but appeared to reside in the cytosol with diffusion into nuclei (Fig. 7, G and H).

Table II. Kinetic parameters of Ws TPS02 and Col-0 TPS03 recombinant enzymes					
Each value represents the average ± SE of three replicates. Substrates were at 20 mM Mg <sup>2+</sup> .					
Enzyme	Substrate	<i>K</i> <sub>m</sub>	<i>V</i> <sub>max</sub>	<i>k</i> <sub>cat</sub>	<i>k</i> <sub>cat</sub> / <i>K</i> <sub>m</sub>
		μM	pkat mg <sup>-1</sup>	s <sup>-1</sup>	s <sup>-1</sup> mM <sup>-1</sup>
Ws TPS02	GPP	1.7 ± 0.3	539.0 ± 40.0	3.5 × 10 <sup>-2</sup> ± 2.6 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	21.4 ± 2.35
	FPP	4.0 ± 0.4	69.0 ± 3.1	4.5 × 10 <sup>-3</sup> ± 2 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.12 ± 0.05
Col-0 TPS03	GPP	6.7 ± 0.9	514.8 ± 49.8	3.4 × 10 <sup>-2</sup> ± 3.3 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	5.12 ± 0.18
	FPP	2.6 ± 0.2	72.4 ± 1.2	4.8 × 10 <sup>-3</sup> ± 8.0 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	1.82 ± 0.09

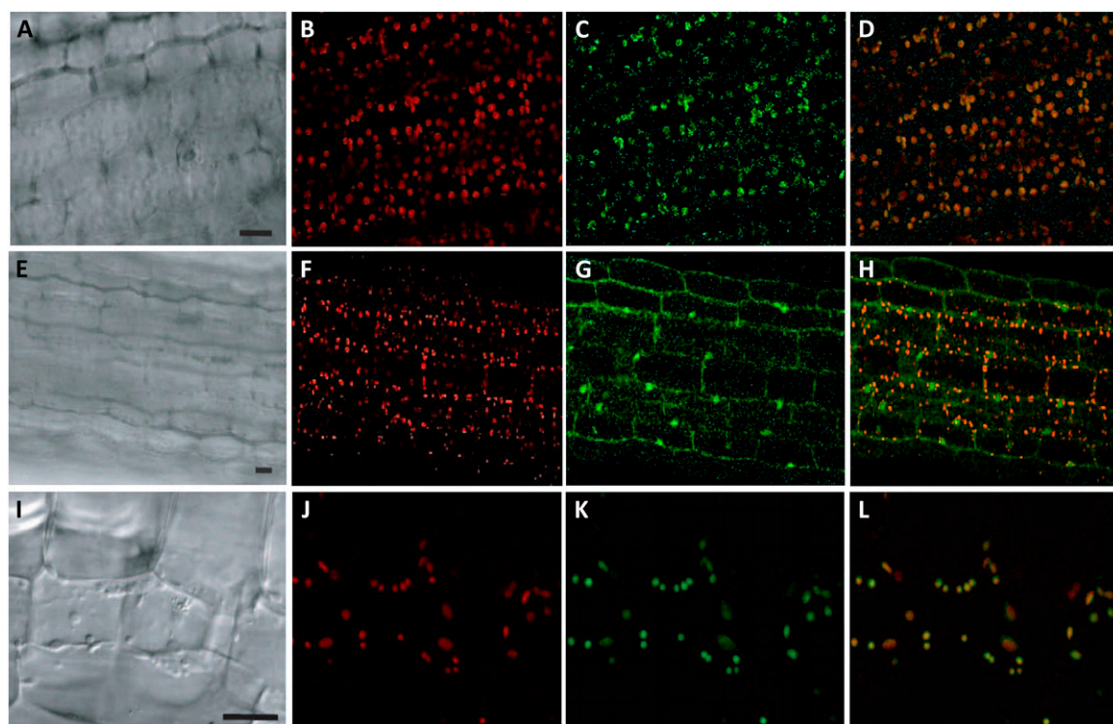


The GFP constructs clearly support the localization of TPS02 in plastids and TPS03 in the cytosol. Given the preponderance of GPP in the plastids, TPS02 thus seems responsible for synthesizing (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene from GPP in the *Ws* accession. On the other hand, the cytosolic TPS03 is in a compartment thought to be supplied with FPP rather than GPP and thus is likely to form (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene from FPP in *Col-0*. The formation of small amounts of (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene in *Ws* is probably also attributable to TPS02 and demonstrates the existence of low levels of FPP in the chloroplast or low levels of TPS02 in a subcellular compartment provided with FPP.

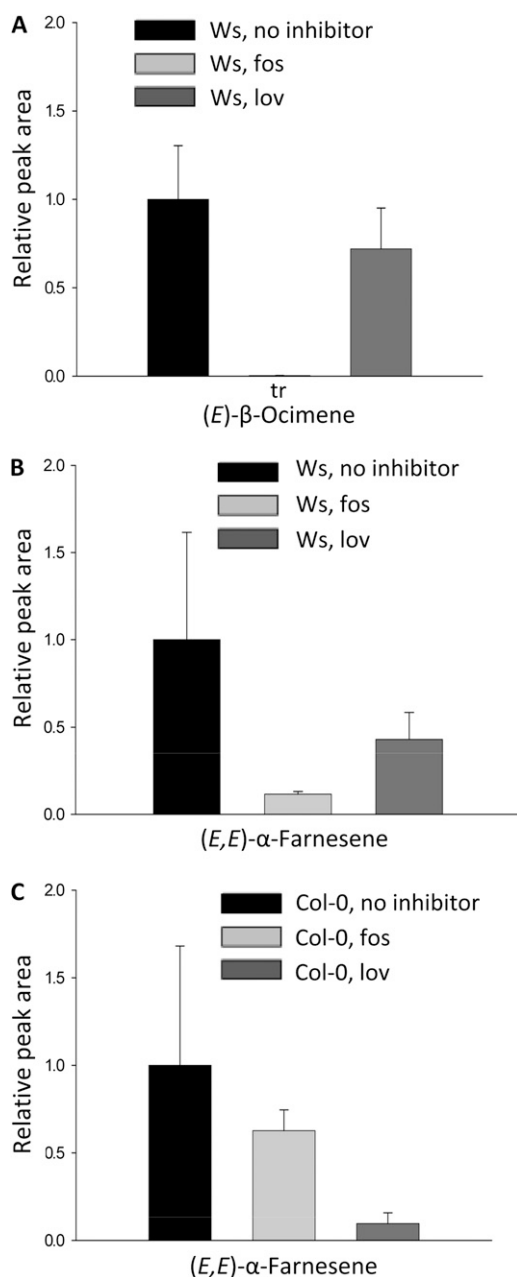
#### Inhibitor Studies of the Methylerythritol Phosphate and Mevalonate Pathways Support the Subcellular Localization of TPS02 and TPS03

To further investigate the subcellular compartmentation of the *Ws* TPS02 and *Col-0* TPS03 enzymes, inhibitors were employed that are specific for one of the two pathways of isopentenyl diphosphate/dimethylallyl diphosphate formation in plants, either the plastid-localized methylerythritol phosphate (MEP) pathway (Lichtenthaler, 1999) or the cytosol-localized

mevalonate pathway. Inhibitors were applied together with coronalon to leaves of both ecotypes. Administration of fosmidomycin, which inhibits 1-deoxyxylulose-5-phosphate reductoisomerase in the MEP pathway, to *Ws* leaves caused an almost complete loss of coronalon-induced (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene emission (Fig. 8A). By contrast, inhibition of the mevalonate pathway enzyme 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl-CoA reductase by lovastatin led to only a 28% reduction in (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene formation (Fig. 8A). The emission of (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene was reduced by both inhibitors in a similar way as (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene, indicating that both products are likely produced in the same compartment (Fig. 8B). Treatment of *Col-0* leaves with one or the other inhibitor caused effects opposite to those observed for the *Ws* ecotype. While application of lovastatin severely reduced the release of (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene in response to coronalon treatment, emission of (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene was inhibited by only 37% upon administration of fosmidomycin (Fig. 8C). The fact that some reduction was observed in the emission of (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene by treatment of *Col-0* with fosmidomycin and in the emission of (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene upon treatment of *Ws* with lovastatin can be attributed to an exchange of terpenoid precursors between the cytosol



**Figure 7.** Confocal laser scanning microscopy of stably expressed *Ws* TPS02 and *Col-0* TPS03 peptide-GFP fusion proteins. Microscopic images were taken from the hypocotyls of 2-week old seedlings. The first column (A, E, and I) shows light microscopic images of hypocotyl cells. Chlorophyll autofluorescence, detected in the red channel, is shown in the second column (B, F, and J). The third column (C, G, and K) shows GFP fluorescence, detected in the green channel. The fourth column (D, H, and L) shows merged green and red channel images. A 35-amino acid N-terminal TPS02 peptide (containing a putative 25-amino acid plastidial transit peptide) fused to GFP localizes to chloroplasts (A–D). No plastidial localization was detected for a fusion protein containing a 50-amino acid N-terminal peptide of *Col-0* TPS03 (E–H). Ferredoxin *N*-reductase-eGFP carrying a plastidial target peptide was used as a chloroplast marker (I–L). Bars = 20  $\mu$ m.



**Figure 8.** Effects of the MEP pathway inhibitor fosmidomycin (fos) and the mevalonate pathway inhibitor lovastatin (lov) on emission of (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene and (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene from leaves of accessions Ws and Col-0. Volatiles were collected for 8 h from detached rosette leaves treated with coronalon in the presence of a single inhibitor. Relative peak areas of compounds are shown. Peak areas from controls without the addition of inhibitors were arbitrarily set to 1.0. Results represent mean values  $\pm$  SE ( $n = 3$ ).

and plastid, as described previously (Hemmerlin et al., 2003; Laule et al., 2003; Schuhr et al., 2003; Dudareva et al., 2005). Overall, our results are in agreement with the biosynthesis of (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene and (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene by Ws TPS02 in plastids and the formation of (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene by the Col-0 TPS03 enzyme in the cytosol.

### Expression Profile of *TPS02* and *TPS03* Promoters

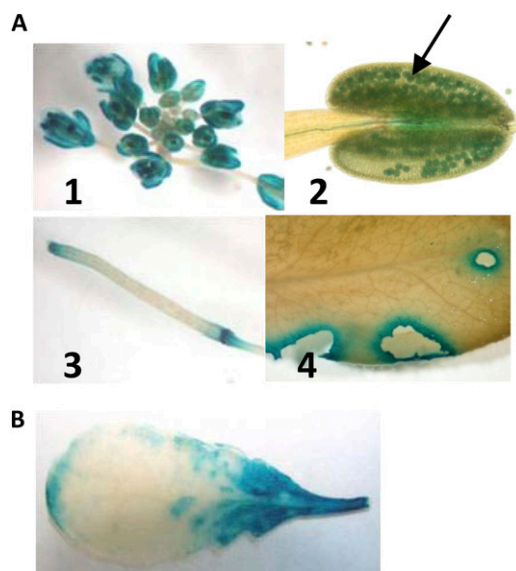
To gain a better understanding of the organ- and tissue-specific formation of (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene and (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene in leaves and flowers of the Col-0 and Ws ecotypes, a 2.1- and 1.8-kb intergenic fragment upstream of the start codon of the functionally active Ws *TPS02* and Col-0 *TPS03* gene, respectively, was cloned 5' to the *GUS* reporter gene of the pDW137 vector, and the *TPS* promoter-*GUS* constructs were stably transformed into the respective Ws and Col-0 backgrounds. *GUS* activity driven by the Col-0 *TPS03* promoter was detected in sepal, anther, and stigma of immature and mature flowers (Fig. 9A, 1). In anthers, *GUS* activity was found particularly in pollen (Fig. 9A, 2). Moreover, *GUS* staining was observed in the abscission zone of developing siliques (Fig. 9A, 3). In leaves, *TPS03-GUS* activity was induced locally around sites of feeding damage by *P. xylostella* (Fig. 9A, 4). No activity was found in undamaged leaves. *GUS* staining was also detected at mechanical wound sites (data not shown), in agreement with the transcription of *TPS03* observed upon mechanical wounding (Fig. 3A). Analysis of transgenic Ws plants expressing *GUS* under the control of a *TPS02* promoter fragment showed *GUS* staining only in response to treatment of leaves with the strong elicitor coronalon (Fig. 9B). *GUS* activity was strongest around the petiole after submersion in coronalon solution. No *GUS* activity was observed in Ws flowers or leaves upon *P. xylostella* feeding, in contrast to the detection of *TPS02* transcripts in these organs, which suggested that the cloned promoter fragment lacked regulatory elements responsible for full activity in the intact plant.

### DISCUSSION

#### Elicitor- and Insect-Induced Volatile Emissions Vary among *Arabidopsis* Ecotypes

Intraspecific variation of herbivore-induced volatile emissions has been reported primarily from varieties of cultivated plants (Loughrin et al., 1995; Geervliet et al., 1997; Gouinguene et al., 2001; Degen et al., 2004; Lou et al., 2006) but has been the subject of only a few investigations of wild species such as solanaceous plants (Halitschke et al., 2000; Glawe et al., 2003; Hare, 2007; Delphia et al., 2009) and teosinte (Gouinguene et al., 2001). In this study, we conducted a survey of 27 *Arabidopsis* accessions for volatiles released upon treatment with coronalon, a synthetic mimic of octadecanoid plant hormones that induces volatile blends similar to those emitted upon insect feeding (Schuler et al., 2001; Herde et al., 2008). Most *Arabidopsis* accessions emitted blends of the same composition of volatiles, all of which are common constituents of herbivore-induced volatile mixtures (Turlings et al., 1990; McCall et al., 1994; Takabayashi and Dicke, 1996; Pichersky and Gershenzon, 2002; Ament et al., 2004).

Large ecotype-specific quantitative differences were observed for the emission of (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene, with



**Figure 9.** GUS activity in Col-0 *ProTPS03:GUS* and Ws *ProTPS02:GUS* plants. The results are representative for at least three independent lines. A, Histochemical GUS staining of an inflorescence (1), pollen grains (2, arrow), a silique (3), and a *P. xylostella*-damaged mature leaf from a Col-0 *ProTPS03:GUS* plant (4). In panel 4, GUS activity is induced locally around the sites of feeding damage. B, Induced GUS activity in a rosette leaf of a Ws *ProTPS02:GUS* plant treated for 24 h with coronalon through the petiole. The results are representative for at least three independent lines.

approximately one-third of the accessions, including Col-0, producing none or only traces of this monoterpene. Quantitative variation was also apparent in the emission of the other volatile compounds (MeSA, TMTT), resulting in ecotype-specific differences of compound ratio. Our results correspond to differences in herbivore-induced volatile blends observed among genotypes of other wild species (Halitschke et al., 2000; Gouinguene et al., 2001; Hare, 2007; Delphia et al., 2009). The ecological significance of intraspecific variation of insect-induced volatile production is still not well understood because the roles of these compounds in plants are not completely elucidated. Among the investigated *Arabidopsis* accessions, no definite correlation could be found between the geographical distribution and the total amount of volatiles emitted or their profiles. However, variability of herbivore-induced volatile emissions may reflect habitat-dependent, selective adaptations of ecotypes to specific populations of herbivores and their natural enemies. Natural selection is also assumed to be responsible for significant variation of other specialized metabolites among *Arabidopsis* accessions, such as glucosinolates (Kliebenstein et al., 2001). The insect-induced volatile blend emitted from *Arabidopsis* Col-0 has been shown to attract parasitic wasps such as *Cotesia rubecula* (Van Poecke et al., 2001), and preferences of parasitoid wasps for particular volatile mixtures have been demonstrated (Hoballah et al., 2002). Moreover, associative

learning of parasitoids (De Boer and Dicke, 2006; Smid and Vet, 2006) may facilitate optimal use of the volatile cues emitted by a specific plant population. Since volatile terpenes exhibit antimicrobial activities, ecotype-specific variation of induced volatiles might also emerge under selective pressure by different microbial pathogens. Bacterial and fungal pathogens can elicit emission of volatile mixtures in *Arabidopsis*, which are very similar to those induced by insects, as shown for infections by *Pseudomonas syringae* (Attaran et al., 2008) and treatment with the fungal elicitor alamethicin (Herde et al., 2008). Interestingly, two accessions, Bla-1 and Bla-10, originating from the same region (Blanes/Genora, Spain), differed more than 100-fold in the emission of (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene, indicating intraspecific variability even among populations occurring close together.

A significant correlation was apparent between emissions of (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene and (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene (Fig. 1; Supplemental Table S1), which suggested that in most accessions both terpene volatiles are produced either simultaneously by a single bifunctional (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene/(*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene synthase or by coexpressed enzyme activities. Significant correlations were also found between emissions of MeSA and TMTT, on the one hand, and MeSA and (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene, on the other (Supplemental Table S1), which reflect overlapping, coronalon-induced responses in the expression of biosynthetic enzymes in the formation of MeSA (benzoic acid/salicylic acid carboxyl methyltransferase 1; Chen et al., 2003a), TMTT, and (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene.

#### Col-0 and Ws Accessions Show Allelic Differences for the Duplicated (*E*)- $\beta$ -Ocimene/(*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -Farnesene Synthase Genes *TPS02* and *TPS03* That Lead to Variability in Terpene Biosynthesis

Within the *Arabidopsis* TPS family, the proteins encoded by genes *TPS02* and *TPS03* cluster together with five other monoterpene synthases (*TPS10*, *TPS14*, *TPS23*, *TPS27*, and *TPS24*), all of which belong to the plant TPS-b subfamily (Aubourg et al., 2002; Chen et al., 2003b; Supplemental Fig. S5). Based on their close proximity and similarity in gene structure and sequence, *TPS02* and *TPS03* are most likely the result of tandem gene duplication. Several other TPS genes are arranged as tandem pairs in the *Arabidopsis* genome, such as identical gene copies of the root-expressed 1,8-cineole synthase AtTPS-Cin (*TPS23* and *TPS27*; Chen et al., 2004) and the (*Z*)- $\gamma$ -bisabolene synthases *TPS12* and *TPS13* (Ro et al., 2006). Rapid radiation of genes by duplication and sequence divergence is common within the plant TPS superfamily and other gene families of plant specialized metabolism (Pichersky and Gang, 2000; Kliebenstein et al., 2001; Köllner et al., 2004) and is thought to contribute to generating the diversity of metabolites that function in plant-organism interactions (van der Hoeven et al., 2000; Aubourg et al., 2002).

The Ws and Col-0 accessions each maintain only one functional allele at the *TPS02* and *TPS03* locus, whose recombinant proteins exhibit both (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene and (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene synthase activities. The *TPS03* allele in Ws and the *TPS02* allele in Col-0 are inactive because of frame shift mutations, which cause the introduction of premature stop codons (Fig. 2B). Both alleles are still transcribed under induced conditions; however, in the case of the Ws *TPS03* gene, most of the mRNA is degraded except for a short fragment upstream of the nonsense codon (Supplemental Fig. S3). Premature nonsense codons, particularly those occurring in early exons, can decrease mRNA stability by activating nonsense-mediated decay pathways (vanHoof and Green, 1996; Gutierrez et al., 1999; Hori and Watanabe, 2007). For the *TPS02* transcript in Col-0, where the nonsense codon is positioned at the junction between the first and second exons, full-length mRNA transcripts were observed in elicitor-treated leaves. By contrast, no or only traces of full-length mRNA of *TPS02* was found in Col-0 flowers, and only partial transcripts of this gene were previously amplified successfully from floral tissue (Chen et al., 2003b), which indicates a possible higher mRNA instability of the *TPS02* pseudogene in Col-0 flowers than under induced conditions in leaves.

In some cases, transcripts of pseudogenes have been shown to regulate the stability of their homologous coding gene transcripts (Hirotsume et al., 2003). By analyzing the Ws FLAG\_406A04 mutant and *TPS02* RNAi lines, we did not find evidence for this regulatory mechanism, since the absence of the *TPS02* transcript did not positively affect the mRNA stability of the *TPS03* allele. In addition, no microRNAs have been identified for both *TPS02* and *TPS03* genes.

Examples of pseudogene transcripts have been described in other defense metabolic pathways in Arabidopsis (Kliebenstein et al., 2001). In particular, stress-responsive gene families such as the *TPS* family have elevated levels of pseudogenization, which can be interpreted as a rapid turnover of genes under varying selection pressures (Thibaud-Nissen et al., 2009; Zou et al., 2009). Analysis of the *TPS02-TPS03* gene pair in Col-0 and Ws demonstrated that either one of the duplicated genes can lose function. However, since most of the investigated accessions emit (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene, selection pressure seems to support the expression of an active (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene synthase. Moreover, the presence of a full-length although inactive *TPS02* transcript in elicitor-treated leaves of the Col-0 ecotype indicates a more recent loss of function of the *TPS02* allele than the *TPS03* allele.

Allelic variation of *TPS* genes contributing to terpene diversity has also been described in varieties of different crop plants such as basil, tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum*), and maize (van der Hoeven et al., 2000; Iijima et al., 2004; Köllner et al., 2004). For example, in maize, inactivation of alleles of the insect-induced, duplicated sesquiterpene synthase genes *tps4* and *tps5*, caused by frame shift mutation, was observed in a

comparison of two different cultivars (Köllner et al., 2004). While extrapolating from these results to wild species is possible, the findings presented here provide a direct demonstration that allelic diversification of *TPS* genes in wild gene pools contributes to the natural variation in terpene formation.

#### Subcellular Compartmentalization of the *TPS02* and *TPS03* Proteins Contributes to Ecotype Variation of Induced (*E*)- $\beta$ -Ocimene and (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -Farnesene Emission

Subcellular localization experiments demonstrated that the Ws *TPS02* protein is targeted to plastids (Fig. 7, C and D), where it converts GPP to (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene. Inactivation of *TPS02* in Ws caused the loss of emission of both (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene and (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene (Fig. 5; Supplemental Fig. S4), which clearly showed that the *TPS02* enzyme not only converts GPP to (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene in plastids but also catalyzes FPP to (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene conversion in the same organelle. The presence of plastidial FPP was also inferred when a strawberry (*Fragaria* species) linalool/nerolidol synthase carrying a plastid-targeting peptide was expressed in Arabidopsis, causing the emission of a small amount of the sesquiterpene nerolidol together with linalool (Aharoni et al., 2003). A plastidial FPP pool might be the result of an import of FPP from the cytosol as a result of metabolic cross talk between both compartments (Schuhr et al., 2003) and/or the biosynthesis of FPP inside the organelle. The latter explanation is supported by the lower emission of (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene in the presence of fosmidomycin, an inhibitor of the plastid-localized MEP pathway, than after treatment with lovastatin, an inhibitor of the cytosol-localized mevalonate pathway (Fig. 8, A and B). Although an isoform of the Arabidopsis FPP synthase 1 has been shown to be targeted to mitochondria, a specific FPP synthase activity in plastids has not been demonstrated. Instead, FPP might be produced as a side product of plastidial GPP synthase activity.

In comparison with *TPS02*, the *TPS03* protein lacks 14 amino acids at its N terminus (Fig. 2C) and is not targeted to plastids but resides instead in the cytosol (Fig. 7, G and H). The *TPS03* enzyme produces (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene mostly from cytosolic FPP, which is evident from a severe reduction of (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene emission by treatment with lovastatin in comparison with the application of fosmidomycin (Fig. 8C). Formation of only trace amounts of (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene in the Col-0 ecotype indicates the absence of a high GPP level in the cytosol and rules out an efficient export of GPP from plastids to the cytosol. Experimental evidence for small cytosolic levels of GPP has recently been provided from tobacco (*Nicotiana tabacum*) and kiwifruit (*Actinidia deliciosa*; Wu et al., 2006; Nieuwenhuizen et al., 2009).

A previous analysis of *TPS03* from accession C24 assumed that the *TPS03* enzyme is responsible for the in planta formation of (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene based on the characterization of the overexpressed protein in vitro



(Fäldt et al., 2003). However, since the N-terminal region of the C24 TPS03 protein is identical to that of the Col-0 enzyme and because of negligible GPP pools in the cytosol of Arabidopsis leaf cells, we can now hypothesize that (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene, if emitted from this ecotype, is probably produced by a functional TPS02 protein rather than a TPS03 enzyme activity. No (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene synthase activity was found for the TPS03 recombinant enzyme from C24 (Fäldt et al., 2003), despite only a single amino acid difference at position 267 (Ser in Col, Phe in C24). It will be interesting to determine to what extent this amino acid change is indeed responsible for the loss of (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene synthase activity of the TPS03 protein.

Subcellular segregation of homologous bifunctional TPSs in plastids and the cytosol has also been documented in cultivated plants, such as for two linalool/nerolidol synthases in snapdragon (Nagegowda et al., 2008) and in cultivated strawberry (Aharoni et al., 2004). Our results on enzymes from a noncultivated species expand these findings by showing that differential subcellular targeting of dual-function TPSs is a molecular mechanism of general importance in the natural evolution of intraspecific volatile terpene diversity.

#### **TPS02 and TPS03 Expression Is under Constitutive Control in Arabidopsis Flowers and Stress Induced in Leaves**

Transcript analysis of the Ws TPS02 and Col-0 TPS03 genes showed that expression of both genes is induced in leaves upon treatment with coronalon and in response to feeding by *P. xylostella* (Fig. 3, A and B). Moreover, histochemical assays of Col-0 TPS03 promoter activity demonstrated local expression of this gene at the site of *P. xylostella* feeding damage (Fig. 9A, 4). The fact that no expression of Col-0 TPS03 was found in undamaged leaves of *P. xylostella*-treated plants supports the notion of the lack of a systemic response in herbivore-induced terpene volatile emission in Arabidopsis. Induction of the TPS03 transcript was also demonstrated in leaves of Arabidopsis ecotype No-0 in response to jasmonate treatment and mechanical wounding but not to feeding by the specialist herbivore *P. rapae* (Fäldt et al., 2003), suggesting ecotype- and/or insect-specific differences in herbivore-induced responses of the TPS03 gene.

Both Ws TPS02 and Col-0 TPS03 are also expressed constitutively in flowers (Fig. 3C), which is consistent with the formation of (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene and (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene as common constituents of floral volatile blends in plants (Dudareva et al., 2003; Nieuwenhuizen et al., 2009). However, for the TPS03 gene, the strong promoter-GUS activity and transcript abundance in Col-0 flowers (Fig. 9A, 1 and 2) do not correlate with the low emissions of its enzymatic product (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene (approximately 0.3 ng h<sup>-1</sup> per 70 inflorescences) reported from Col-0 floral tissues (Tholl et al., 2005). This discrepancy might be caused by differences in TPS03 enzyme activity and/or substrate availability

in floral tissue in comparison with elicitor-treated leaves, where (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene is readily detected. The specific expression profile of TPS03 in the stigma and sepal of Col-0 flowers may reflect the functions of (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene in pollinator attraction or florivore/antimicrobial defense, as discussed for the flower-specific genes TPS21 [encoding a (*E*)- $\beta$ -caryophyllene synthase; Tholl et al., 2005] and TPS24 (a multiproduct monoterpene synthase), which exhibit similar expression patterns in Arabidopsis flowers (Chen et al., 2003b). Interestingly, TPS03 promoter activity was observed in pollen grains and resembles the recently reported expression of a valencene sesquiterpene synthase in the pollen of grape (*Vitis vinifera*) flowers (Martin et al., 2009). A pattern of constitutive expression in reproductive organs and induced expression in vegetative tissues has also been observed for Arabidopsis geranylinalool synthase (TPS04/GES; Herde et al., 2008) in the formation of the volatile homoterpene TMTT and has been demonstrated for other genes involved in plant defense (Pollak et al., 1993; Hoegen et al., 2002; Stotz et al., 2009).

In contrast to (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene, (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene is the predominant volatile in Ws flowers (Tholl et al., 2005), consistent with the expression of an active TPS02 gene (Fig. 3C). All of the accessions that emit (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene from their foliage under induced conditions also release (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene from floral tissue (Tholl et al., 2005), while nonemitters or trace emitters of (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene from leaves also lack emissions from flowers. Therefore, we assume that (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene is produced primarily by the TPS02 enzyme in both leaves and flowers of most of the investigated ecotypes. Despite amplification of a 2.1-kb intergenic promoter region, we were unable to detect TPS02 promoter activity in flowers and in response to insect feeding. An expanded analysis of the TPS02 promoter region may reveal regulatory elements necessary for full promoter activity and allow a more detailed comparison of organ-specific expression and function for the TPS02 and TPS03 genes.

#### **Formation of (*E*)- $\beta$ -Ocimene and (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -Farnesene by Bifunctional TPSs Evolved Several Times in Flower, Fruit, and Herbivore-Induced Volatile Biosynthesis**

A phylogenetic comparison of the Arabidopsis Ws TPS02 and Col-0 TPS03 proteins with other plant TPSs shows that both enzymes cluster in the TPS-b subfamily together with the bifunctional (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene/(*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene synthases from apple (*Malus domestica*; MdAFS1) and pear (*Pyrus communis*; Pechous and Whitaker 2004; Supplemental Fig. S5). Several other TPSs producing (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene or (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene or both of these terpenes have been identified previously from gymnosperms (TPS-d; Martin et al., 2004) and in the TPS-a, -b, -f, and -g subfamilies of angiosperms (Dudareva et al., 2003; Arimura et al., 2004; Mercke et al., 2004; Nieuwenhuizen et al., 2009; Supplemental Fig. S5). The sequence variation among these enzymes

demonstrates that the formation of (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene and (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene has arisen independently several times in the evolution of higher plants, suggesting repeated selection for their roles in pollinator attraction, fruit dispersal, and plant defense.

The activity of the MdAFS1 enzyme from apple was shown to be dependent on K<sup>+</sup>, and the protein contains an H- $\alpha$ 1 loop motif for optimal binding of K<sup>+</sup> ions (Green et al., 2009). The TPS02 and TPS03 proteins were not K<sup>+</sup> dependent, and in these as well as other TPS-b monoterpene synthases, a Ser residue of the H- $\alpha$ 1 loop motif is replaced by a Lys residue at the corresponding position (Fig. 2C).

In contrast to the bifunctional (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene/ (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene synthases from apple and kiwifruit (AdAFS1, TPS-f subfamily), which preferably produce (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene from FPP (Green et al., 2009; Nieuwenhuizen et al., 2009), the recombinant TPS02 and TPS03 enzymes exhibit 19- and 3-fold higher catalytic efficiency for GPP than FPP, respectively (Table II), suggesting their original function as monoterpene synthases. The cytosolic Col-0 TPS03 enzyme is slightly more efficient in converting FPP to (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene than the plastidic Ws TPS02 protein and less efficient in producing (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene from GPP (Table II). These differences may reflect substrate preferences arising from the predominant substrate present in the subcellular environment of the enzyme.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Plant Materials and Growth Conditions

*Arabidopsis* (*Arabidopsis thaliana*) seeds of all accessions with the exception of Col-0 and Ws were obtained from Tom Mitchell-Olds. Seeds of *Arabidopsis* T-DNA insertion mutant lines (TPS3KO [SALK\_132694] and TPS2KO [FLAG\_406A04]) were from the *Arabidopsis* Biological Resource Center stock center and INRA, respectively. Wild-type and transgenic/mutant plants were cultivated on soil (Sunshine Growing Mix No.1:sand, 8:1) for 5 to 6 weeks under controlled growth conditions (10-h-light/14-h-dark photoperiod with 150  $\mu$ mol m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> photosynthetically active radiation, 23°C, 55% relative humidity). Kanamycin- or hygromycin-resistant transgenic plants were pre-selected on 1× Murashige and Skoog (Duchefa) plates with 1% Suc and 100  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup> kanamycin or 30  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup> hygromycin prior to being transferred to soil. Hydroponic plants of various accessions were grown from seeds on rock wool support (Gibaut et al., 1997) under the same light and temperature conditions as described above. All plants were used in the prebolting rosette stage.

### Reagents and Radiochemicals

Unlabeled GPP and FPP were purchased from Echelon Biosciences. Tritium-labeled GPP and FPP ([1-<sup>3</sup>H]GPP and [1-<sup>3</sup>H]FPP, both approximately 0.74 TBq mmol<sup>-1</sup>) were purchased from American Radiolabeled Chemicals. All other reagents or solvents were obtained from Fisher Scientific, Sigma-Aldrich, Invitrogen, and Fluka, unless otherwise stated.

### Plant Treatments

For treatment of various accessions with coronalon, hydroponically grown plants were placed with their roots in glass beakers containing 30 mL of hydroponic medium with 33  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup> (100  $\mu$ M) coronalon, 0.1% ethanol (Schuler et al., 2004). Treatment was performed for 30 h. For treatments of detached *Arabidopsis* leaves with coronalon or alamethicin, 16 leaves were cut off from soil-grown plants and transferred with their petioles into glass

beakers filled with 10-mL aqueous solutions of 16.5  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup> (50  $\mu$ M) coronalon, 0.1% ethanol or 10  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup> alamethicin, 0.1% ethanol. Mock solutions for all treatments contained 0.1% ethanol. Treatments were performed for 24 h (coronalon) and 30 h (alamethicin). For inhibitor treatments of detached leaves, leaves were placed in aqueous solutions of fosmidomycin (50  $\mu$ M) and lovastatin (50  $\mu$ M) and incubated for 24 h prior to the addition of coronalon (50  $\mu$ M) and an additional 24-h treatment. Mock treatments were done with 0.2% ethanol. For wounding experiments, fully expanded rosette leaves of intact soil-grown plants were evenly penetrated 20 times by needles and harvested after 30 h. Insect feeding experiments were performed by placing an average of six third- to fourth-instar *Plutella xylostella* larvae on each fully expanded rosette leaf of soil-grown plants and allowing them to feed for 24 h (for RNA extraction and GUS staining) or 30 h (for volatile collection). *P. xylostella* larvae were from a G88 colony and reared on artificial diet with a wheat germ base at 27°C with an 18-h-light/6-h-dark cycle.

### Volatile Collection and Analysis

Volatile collection from detached leaves or intact hydroponic plants was performed in 1-L bell jars using the closed-loop stripping method (Donath and Boland, 1995) under controlled growth conditions as described previously (Chen et al., 2003b). If not indicated otherwise in the figure legends, volatiles were collected in the light for 8 h during 22 to 30 h from the beginning of the treatment. Collections were performed during this time period because of higher volatile emissions in comparison with earlier time points of treatment. Volatiles emitted from inhibitor-treated rosette leaves were collected between 40 and 48 h of incubation with the inhibitor (i.e. between 16 and 24 h of coronalon treatment). For the *P. xylostella* treatment, plants were placed with their root balls wrapped in aluminum foil in 3-L bell jars and volatiles were collected during 21 to 30 h from the start of larval feeding. Volatiles were trapped on 25 mg of Super-Q (hydroponic plants, insect feeding; Tholl et al., 2006) or 5 mg of activated charcoal (detached leaves) and eluted with 100  $\mu$ L (Super-Q) or 40  $\mu$ L (charcoal) of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> containing 120 ng of nonyl acetate or 80 ng of 1-bromodecane, respectively, as an internal standard. No major differences in the volatile profiles were observed between the different trapping materials.

The eluted samples (1  $\mu$ L) were injected in splitless mode into a GC-2010 gas chromatograph (Shimadzu) coupled with a QP2010S mass spectrometer (Shimadzu). Separation was performed on an Rxi-XLB column (Restek) of 30 m × 0.25 mm i.d. × 0.25  $\mu$ m film thickness. Helium was used as the carrier gas (1.4 mL min<sup>-1</sup> flow rate), and a temperature gradient of 5°C min<sup>-1</sup> from 40°C (hold for 2 min) to 220°C was applied. Samples collected from hydroponically grown accessions were analyzed in 2- $\mu$ L volumes on a Hewlett-Packard 6890 gas chromatograph coupled to a Hewlett-Packard 5973 quadrupole mass detector. Compounds were separated at a flow rate of 2 mL min<sup>-1</sup> on a 5% phenyl-methyl-polysiloxane (DB5) column (J&W Scientific) of the same dimensions as described above. Qualitative analysis of volatile products of the TPS02 and TPS03 recombinant enzymes was performed using an AOC-5000 Shimadzu autosampler with automated solid-phase microextraction. Compounds were thermally desorbed in a 2:1 split for 5 min at 240°C in the gas chromatograph injector.

The identities of volatile compounds were confirmed by comparison of their retention times and mass spectra with those of authentic standards (individual compounds or components of essential oils) and with mass spectra in the National Institute of Standards and Technology and Wiley libraries. For absolute quantification of MeSA and TMTT, the primary ion peaks of each compound were integrated (single ion method) and the amounts were calculated in relation to the response of nonyl acetate at mass-to-charge ratio (*m/z*) 69. Response curves for the quantified compounds relative to the internal standard were generated by injecting a mixture of equal amounts of authentic standards and internal standard. Absolute quantification of (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene and (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene was performed using a flame ionization detector. For relative quantification of volatiles, primary ion peaks [*m/z* 93 for MeSA, (*E*)- $\beta$ -ocimene, and (*E,E*)- $\alpha$ -farnesene; *m/z* 69 for TMTT] were integrated and normalized against 1-bromodecane (at *m/z* 135).

### Genotyping of Plant Material

Homozygous mutants in the Col-0 and Ws backgrounds carrying a T-DNA insertion in the TPS03 and TPS02 genes, respectively, were identified in the insertional mutant population (Sessions et al., 2002). Genomic DNA was isolated using the method of Edwards et al. (1991). The T-DNA insertion in Ws TPS02 and Col-0 TPS03 was confirmed by PCR, using primers P1 to P3 and P4 to P6, respectively (Supplemental Table S2).

## Generation of Ws *TPS02* RNAi Lines

To prepare an RNAi construct for targeting Ws *TPS02*, first, a DNA fragment spanning a portion of the last exon of *TPS02*, the downstream intergenic region, and a portion of the first exon of *TPS03* was amplified by PCR using primers P7 and P8 and Ws genomic DNA. The PCR product was cloned into the pCR2.1-TOPO vector (Invitrogen) and used as a template for a second PCR to amplify a 106-bp fragment spanning 29 bp of the last exon and 77 bp of the 3' UTR of Ws *TPS02* with primers P9 and P10. The amplicon was cloned into pENTR-TOPO-D (Invitrogen) and transferred to pHELLSGATE8 (Wesley et al., 2001) using the LR recombination reaction (Invitrogen). The resulting construct was transformed into *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* (strain GV3101) using chemical transformation (An, 1987), and Ws plants were transformed with the vacuum infiltration method (Bechtold et al., 1993). Transgenic plants were selected on kanamycin resistance as described above. Experiments were performed with plants in the T3 generation.

## Determination of *TPS* Gene Expression by Semiquantitative RT-PCR

Total RNA was isolated from treated and untreated leaves of Col-0 and Ws wild-type and mutant lines as well as from roots and flowers of both accessions using the Trizol reagent (Invitrogen). One microgram of total RNA was treated with RQ1 RNase-free DNase (Promega). The DNA-free total RNA was reverse transcribed into cDNA using SuperScript II reverse transcriptase (Invitrogen) in a total volume of 20  $\mu$ L following the manufacturer's instructions. PCRs were performed with primers P11 and P12 for *TPS02* (At4g16730), P13 and P14 for *TPS03* (At4g16740), P15 and P16 for *TPS10* (At2g24210), and P17 and P18 for *Actin8* (At1g49240), as listed in Supplemental Table S2. PCRs were conducted with 0.5  $\mu$ M of each primer, 0.2 mM of each deoxynucleotide triphosphate, 0.5 units of Taq DNA polymerase (New England Biolabs), and 30 cycles for each reaction. Reactions for *Actin8* were applied to judge the equality of cDNA template concentrations. RT-PCRs were performed in three replicates with similar results using RNA extracted from three individual plants. Expression of the *TPS03* gene in Ws was probed with seven pairs of gene-specific primers (P19–P32; Supplemental Table S2) designed to amplify small fragments of a putative *TPS03* transcript.

## Genomic and cDNA Cloning of *TPS02* and *TPS03* by RT-PCR

To obtain genomic sequence information of the *TPS03* gene from accession Ws, PCR primers P19 and P33 were used to amplify a *TPS03* genomic fragment, and 5' and 3' UTRs were amplified using primer pairs P34/P35 and P36/P37, respectively. The *TPS03* amplicon was cloned into the pGEM-T Easy vector (Promega) and sequenced.

For cloning of *TPS02* and *TPS03* cDNAs from accessions Ws and Col-0, respectively, total RNA was extracted from alamethicin-treated leaves and reverse transcribed as described above. Primer P38, which binds 123 nucleotides downstream of the start codon of *TPS02*, and P39, which corresponds to the end of the *TPS02* coding region, were used for RT-PCR amplification of the *TPS02* cDNA from Ws. For amplification of a truncated version of *TPS02* from Col-0, primer P40, binding 153 bp downstream of the start codon, and P39 were employed. To remove the AT insertion of the Col-0 *TPS02* pseudogene, site-directed mutagenesis was performed with primer P41 and the Col-0 *TPS02* full-length cDNA cloned in the pCR-T7/CT vector (Invitrogen) using the Stratagene QuikChange Site-Directed Mutagenesis Kit (Stratagene).

The entire open reading frame of *TPS03* from Col-0 was amplified using primers P42 and P43. Both reverse primers (P39 and P43) allowed a translational fusion to a C-terminal His<sub>6</sub> tag. The amplified *TPS02* and *TPS03* cDNA products were inserted by directional cloning into the protein expression vector pET101-TOPO (Invitrogen). Correctness of cDNA clones was confirmed by sequencing.

## Heterologous Protein Expression and Purification of Ws *TPS02* and Col-0 *TPS03* in *Escherichia coli*

The pET101-TOPO plasmids containing Ws *TPS02* or Col-0 *TPS03* cDNA were transformed into *E. coli* BL21 DE3 competent cells (Invitrogen) for recombinant protein expression. Transformed cells were incubated in 500-mL cultures, started with an overnight culture, at 18°C until an optical density at

600 nm of 0.6 was reached. Protein expression was induced by adding 1 mM isopropyl- $\beta$ -D-thiogalactopyranoside followed by additional incubation for 16 h at 18°C. Cells were extracted and the TPS proteins were partially purified on 0.5-mL nickel-nitrilotriacetic acid agarose columns (Qiagen) as described by Tholl et al. (2005) and according to the manufacturer's protocol. Following desalting into assay buffer (10 mM 3-N-morpholino-2-hydroxypropanesulfonic acid, pH 7.0, 1 mM dithiothreitol, and 10% [v/v] glycerol), fractions with the highest enzyme activity were used for determination of enzyme kinetic parameters. Protein concentrations were determined by the Bradford method (Bradford, 1976) using reagents obtained from Bio-Rad and bovine serum albumin as the calibration standard. The specific amount of TPS protein in the active fraction was determined by SDS-PAGE separation of the partially purified protein and quantitative comparison of the intensity of the Coomassie Brilliant Blue-stained TPS protein band with those of bovine serum albumin standards.

## TPS Enzyme Assay and Kinetic Characterization

For qualitative analysis of TPS enzyme products via solid-phase micro-extraction, enzyme assays were performed in screw-capped 10-mL glass vials in a total volume of 250  $\mu$ L containing 10  $\mu$ L (*TPS02*) or 150  $\mu$ L (*TPS03*) of partially purified enzyme, 20 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.2 mM NaWO<sub>4</sub>, 0.1 mM NaF, 1 mM dithiothreitol, and 60  $\mu$ M GPP or FPP. The assay was incubated in the presence of a polydimethylsiloxane fiber at 30°C for 10 min prior to volatile analysis by gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS) as described above. For enzyme characterization, assays were carried out for 5 min (*TPS03* with FPP) or 20 min in 50- $\mu$ L reaction volumes with 0.35 to 4.5  $\mu$ g of partially purified Ws *TPS02* or Col-0 *TPS03* enzyme under the same buffer conditions described above. Reaction products were extracted with 300  $\mu$ L of hexane, and total radioactivity was determined by scintillation counting. For evaluation of the  $K_m$  values for GPP and FPP, five different concentrations of [1-<sup>3</sup>H]GPP (35.2 MBq  $\mu$ mol<sup>-1</sup>) and [1-<sup>3</sup>H]FPP (35.2 MBq  $\mu$ mol<sup>-1</sup>) were applied. Assays were conducted in three replicates, and apparent  $K_m$  values were determined by Hanes plot analysis using the Hyper 1.01 program (J.S. Easterby, University of Liverpool). To determine a possible activation of the TPS enzymes by K<sup>+</sup> ions, assays were performed with 5  $\mu$ M [1-<sup>3</sup>H]GPP or [1-<sup>3</sup>H]FPP in the presence or absence of 50 mM KCl.

## Construction and Analysis of *TPS02* and *TPS03* Promoter-*GUS* Reporter Gene Fusions

A 2.1-kb promoter fragment of Ws *TPS02* was isolated from genomic DNA of Ws via PCR using the forward primer P44, containing a *Hind*III site, and the reverse primer P45, containing the *TPS02* start codon and a *Bam*HI site. The PCR product was inserted into the *Hind*III and *Bam*HI cloning sites of the *uidA* (*GUS*) gene-containing binary vector pDW137 (Blazquez et al., 1997) according to Chen et al. (2004). A 1.8-kb Col-0 *TPS03* promoter-*GUS* fusion construct was obtained accordingly using primers P46 and P47. Transformation of the Ws *TPS02* and Col-0 *TPS03* promoter-fusion constructs into Ws and Col-0 plants, respectively, selection of transformed lines, and *GUS* enzyme assays were conducted as described previously (Chen et al., 2003b, 2004). At least four independent transformed lines were analyzed. For histochemical analysis of insect-induced *GUS* activity, *P. xylostella* larvae were allowed to feed for 24 h. Coronalon-induced *GUS* activity was determined after 24 h of treatment.

## Construction of Ws *TPS02*- and Col-0 *TPS03*-GFP Reporter Fusions and Subcellular Localization

A 105-bp fragment encoding a 35-amino acid N-terminal peptide of Ws *TPS02* was amplified by PCR with primers P48, carrying a *Nco*I site, and P49, which contains a *Spe*I site, and cloned into pCR-TOPO4 (Invitrogen). The fragment was cut out of the vector with *Nco*I and *Spe*I and subsequently cloned downstream of a cauliflower mosaic virus 35S promoter in the vector pCambia 1302 (Hajdukiewicz et al., 1994) to generate a C-terminal fusion to mGFP5 (Siemering et al., 1996). The same procedure was applied to clone a 150-bp fragment encoding a 50-amino acid N-terminal peptide of the Col-0 *TPS03* protein using primers P50 and P51 for initial PCR amplification. Following confirmation of error-free constructs by sequencing, constructs were transformed in *A. tumefaciens*, and Ws and Col-0 plants were transformed as described above. Transgenic plants were screened on agar plates for hygromycin resistance, and genomic insertion of the corresponding fusion

constructs was confirmed by genomic PCR. Two-week-old plantlets of at least four independent lines were used for observation by confocal laser scanning microscopy using a LSM 510 microscope (Carl Zeiss) equipped with a HeNe laser. Tissue autofluorescence was excited at 458 nm and GFP fluorescence at 488 nm. Band pass was set to 500 to 550 nm, and long pass was set to 560 nm. Bright-field images were acquired with the differential interference contrast channel. Images were processed from optical sections taken along the optical axis and projected into one image using the Zeiss LSM Image Browser 3.2.0.

## Phylogenetic Analysis

Amino acid sequence alignment of plant TPS proteins was produced with ClustalW (Lasergene 8) and exported as a Nexus file. Phylogenetic analysis of the data set was conducted using maximum parsimony in PAUP\* (Swofford, 2002). Maximum parsimony analyses were conducted using heuristic tree searches with tree bisection-reconnection branch swapping and 1,000 random addition sequence replicates. Support for the clades was obtained by performing bootstrap (Felsenstein, 1985) searches with 1,000 replicates and 10 random sequence replicates. Trees were compiled using TreeGraph2 (Stover and Muller, 2010).

## Statistical Analysis

Correlations of induced volatile emissions were determined with a Pearson correlation hypothesis test using the SAS program.

The deduced amino acid sequences of cited TPS genes from gymnosperms and angiosperms can be found in the GenBank database with the following accession numbers: Arabidopsis multiproduct monoterpene synthase (AtTPS24, At3g25810), NP\_001031651; Arabidopsis 1,8-cineole synthase (AtTPS23 and AtTPS24, At3g25820 and At3g25830), NP\_189212; Arabidopsis myrcene/(E)- $\beta$ -ocimene synthase (AtTPS10, At2g24210), NP\_179998; *Malus domestica*  $\alpha$ -farnesene synthase, AAS01424; *Pyrus communis*  $\alpha$ -farnesene synthase, ABC25002; *Lotus japonicus* (E)- $\beta$ -ocimene synthase, AAT86042; *Cucumis sativus* (E,E)- $\alpha$ -farnesene synthase, AAU05951; *Antirrhinum majus* (E)- $\beta$ -ocimene synthase, AAO42614; *Pinus taeda*  $\alpha$ -farnesene synthase, AAO61226; *Picea abies* (E,E)- $\alpha$ -farnesene synthase, AAS47697; *Actinidia deliciosa* (E,E)- $\alpha$ -farnesene/(E)- $\beta$ -ocimene synthase, ACO40485.

## Supplemental Data

The following materials are available in the online version of this article.

**Supplemental Figure S1.** Induced emission of (E)- $\beta$ -ocimene, MeSA, and TMTT from leaves of accession Ws upon insect feeding.

**Supplemental Figure S2.** Nucleotide sequence alignment of RT-PCR products of Col-0 *TPS02* amplified from RNA isolated from coronalon-treated Col-0 leaves.

**Supplemental Figure S3.** RT-PCR analysis of partial transcripts of the *TPS03* gene in coronalon-treated leaves of accession Ws.

**Supplemental Figure S4.** Expression of *TPS02* and volatile emission in detached leaves of Ws wild-type plants and two *TPS02* RNAi lines treated with the fungal elicitor alamethicin.

**Supplemental Figure S5.** Phylogenetic tree illustrating the relationship of Arabidopsis Ws *TPS02* and Col-0 *TPS03* to other selected Arabidopsis monoterpene synthases and to other plant  $\alpha$ -farnesene and (E)- $\beta$ -ocimene synthases of different TPS subfamilies.

**Supplemental Table S1.** Pearson correlation coefficients determined for emission of the four main volatile compounds induced in leaves of 27 Arabidopsis accessions.

**Supplemental Table S2.** Primer sequences.

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