

# The Coronatine Toxin of *Pseudomonas syringae* Is a Multifunctional Suppressor of *Arabidopsis* Defense<sup>WJCA</sup>

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**The phytotoxin coronatine (COR) promotes various aspects of *Pseudomonas syringae* virulence, including invasion through stomata, growth in the apoplast, and induction of disease symptoms. COR is a structural mimic of active jasmonic acid (JA) conjugates. Known activities of COR are mediated through its binding to the F-box-containing JA coreceptor CORONATINE INSENSITIVE1. By analyzing the interaction of *P. syringae* mutants with *Arabidopsis thaliana* mutants, we demonstrate that, in the apoplastic space of *Arabidopsis*, COR is a multifunctional defense suppressor. COR and the critical *P. syringae* type III effector HopM1 target distinct signaling steps to suppress callose deposition. In addition to its well-documented ability to suppress salicylic acid (SA) signaling, COR suppresses an SA-independent pathway contributing to callose deposition by reducing accumulation of an indole glucosinolate upstream of the activity of the PEN2 myrosinase. COR also suppresses callose deposition and promotes bacterial growth in *coi1* mutant plants, indicating that COR may have multiple targets inside plant cells.**

## INTRODUCTION

Successful bacterial pathogens overcome plant immune responses. Contributions to defense suppression come from phytotoxins and type III effectors, which are bacterial proteins injected into host cells via the type III secretion system (Büttner and Bonas, 2002; He et al., 2004; Chisholm et al., 2006). Coronatine (COR) is a phytotoxin produced by several strains of *Pseudomonas syringae*, including *P. syringae* pv tomato strain DC3000 (Pto). Two moieties, coronafacic acid and coronamic acid, are conjugated by an amide linkage to form COR (Brooks et al., 2004), which is the predominantly active molecule in plant tissues (Uppalapati et al., 2005). COR is a structural and functional mimic of JA-Ile, the bioactive conjugate of jasmonic acid (JA) and Ile (Fonseca et al., 2009). JA signaling regulates plant growth and development and also plays essential roles in plant defense (Ballaré, 2011). The F-box protein CORONATINE INSENSITIVE1 (COI1) is a key component of the JA signaling pathway (Feys et al., 1994; Xie et al., 1998). JA-Ile interacts with a complex of COI1 and a jasmonate ZIM-domain (JAZ) transcriptional repressors protein and promotes the SCF<sup>COI1</sup> ubiquitin E3 ligase complex to induce proteasome-mediated degradation of the JAZ protein (Thines et al., 2007; Sheard et al., 2010). JA-responsive gene expression is activated by elimination of inhibitory JAZ proteins (Chini et al., 2007). Remarkably, COR is ~1000 times more active than JA-Ile, in vitro, at stabilizing interactions between JAZ

proteins and tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum*) COI1 (Katsir et al., 2008).

COR promotes multiple aspects of *P. syringae* virulence, including reopening of stomata to facilitate invasion, proliferation in the apoplast, and development of disease symptoms (Bender et al., 1987, 1999; Brooks et al., 2004, 2005; Cui et al., 2005; Melotto et al., 2006; Uppalapati et al., 2008; Freeman and Beattie, 2009; Ishiga et al., 2009). The reduced virulence of Pto mutants unable to produce COR (hereafter referred to as Pto<sup>cor-</sup>) correlates with enhanced defense responses of the plant. The defense suppressing activity of COR, as well as endogenous JA conjugates, is at least partially dependent on their ability to antagonize salicylic acid (SA) signaling via COI1 activation. COR inhibits SA accumulation by differentially regulating the transcription of genes involved in its biosynthesis and metabolism (Zheng et al., 2012). *coi1* mutant plants, which display enhanced resistance against Pto and other biotrophs, accumulate more SA at early stages of Pto infection (Kloek et al., 2001). Also, the impaired growth of Pto<sup>cor-</sup> is restored in SA signaling-deficient mutant plants (Brooks et al., 2005; Melotto et al., 2006; Zeng and He, 2010). COR also may function independent of suppressing SA signaling. The COR-dependent symptoms induced by Pto are not restored when Pto<sup>cor-</sup> infects tomato plants deficient in SA signaling (Brooks et al., 2005; Uppalapati et al., 2005). Also, pathogen-associated molecular pattern (PAMP)-induced callose deposition in *Arabidopsis thaliana* roots, which does not require SA signaling, is suppressed by COR (Millet et al., 2010).

COR may promote bacterial virulence through regulation of secondary metabolism. When *Arabidopsis* is challenged by Pto, COR affects the expression of genes involved in the synthesis of anthocyanin as well as Trp- and Met-derived glucosinolates (Thilmony et al., 2006). Trp-derived indole glucosinolates contribute to the elicitation of *Arabidopsis* defenses in response to PAMPs and non-host-adapted fungi, with the hydrolysis of

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4-methoxy-indol-3ylmethylglucosinolate (4MI3G) by the atypical myrosinase, PENETRATION2 (PEN2), playing a key role (Bednarek et al., 2009; Clay et al., 2009). *PEN2* is required for callose deposition induced by flg22 (a peptide PAMP from bacterial flagellin) in the cotyledons of liquid-grown *Arabidopsis* seedlings, and, notably, exogenous JA suppresses the response (Clay et al., 2009).

In addition to COR, Pto also deploys type III effectors to promote its virulence. *HopM1* and *AvrE1* are key type III effector genes within the conserved effector locus (CEL), a region flanking the genes encoding the structural components of the type III pilus (Alfano et al., 2000). A Pto mutant lacking the CEL (Pto $\Delta$ CEL) displays reduced virulence on tomato and *Arabidopsis* (DebRoy et al., 2004; Badel et al., 2006). Pto $\Delta$ CEL grows less well and induces stronger cell wall reinforcement, as measured by callose deposition, than wild-type Pto on *Arabidopsis* plants competent in SA signaling. These defenses are suppressed by either *HopM1* or *AvrE1*, indicating that HopM1 and AvrE1 proteins suppress SA-dependent defense (DebRoy et al., 2004). Curiously, despite the ability of COR to suppress SA signaling, Pto $\Delta$ CEL still elicits SA-dependent defense. Thus, in the context of a Pto $\Delta$ CEL infection, COR may promote virulence independent of suppressing SA signaling.

Here, we analyzed defense responses elicited when Pto or Pto mutants lacking the CEL, unable to produce COR, or both are introduced into the leaves of soil-grown *Arabidopsis* plants with compromised defense signal transduction, including single and multiple mutants disrupting SA production, SA signaling, JA perception, and glucosinolate metabolism (see Supplemental Table 1 online). To focus on postinvasive defense, the experiments were done following infiltration of bacteria into the interior of plant leaves. Our results indicate that the activity of COR can be obscured by partially overlapping functions of type III effectors of the CEL. By examining the activity of COR in the Pto $\Delta$ CEL strain, we show that, in addition to suppressing SA signaling, COR also suppresses callose deposition and promotes bacterial growth in a manner independent of suppressing SA signaling. We show that COR inhibits accumulation of an indole glucosinolate involved in the callose response. Additionally, we show that COR inhibits callose deposition in a *coi1* mutant, indicating a COI1-independent function of COR. These findings significantly extend our understanding of the relationship between COR and type III effectors in suppressing plant immunity and indicate that COR is a multifunctional toxin that likely has a plant target(s) in addition to COI1.

## RESULTS

### COR Suppresses SA-Dependent and SA-Independent Defense Responses

COR suppresses SA accumulation via COI1 activation (Kloek et al., 2001; Uppalapati et al., 2005, 2007), and yet the Pto $\Delta$ CEL mutant, which produces COR, elicits SA-dependent defense responses that promote callose deposition and restrict bacterial growth (DebRoy et al., 2004). To understand the effect of COR on SA-dependent and SA-independent defense responses against Pto, we examined the interaction of *Arabidopsis* with

Pto, Pto $\Delta$ CEL (Alfano et al., 2000), Pto $\Delta$ cor- (Brooks et al., 2004), and a Pto $\Delta$ CEL cor- double mutant (see Supplemental Figure 1A online).

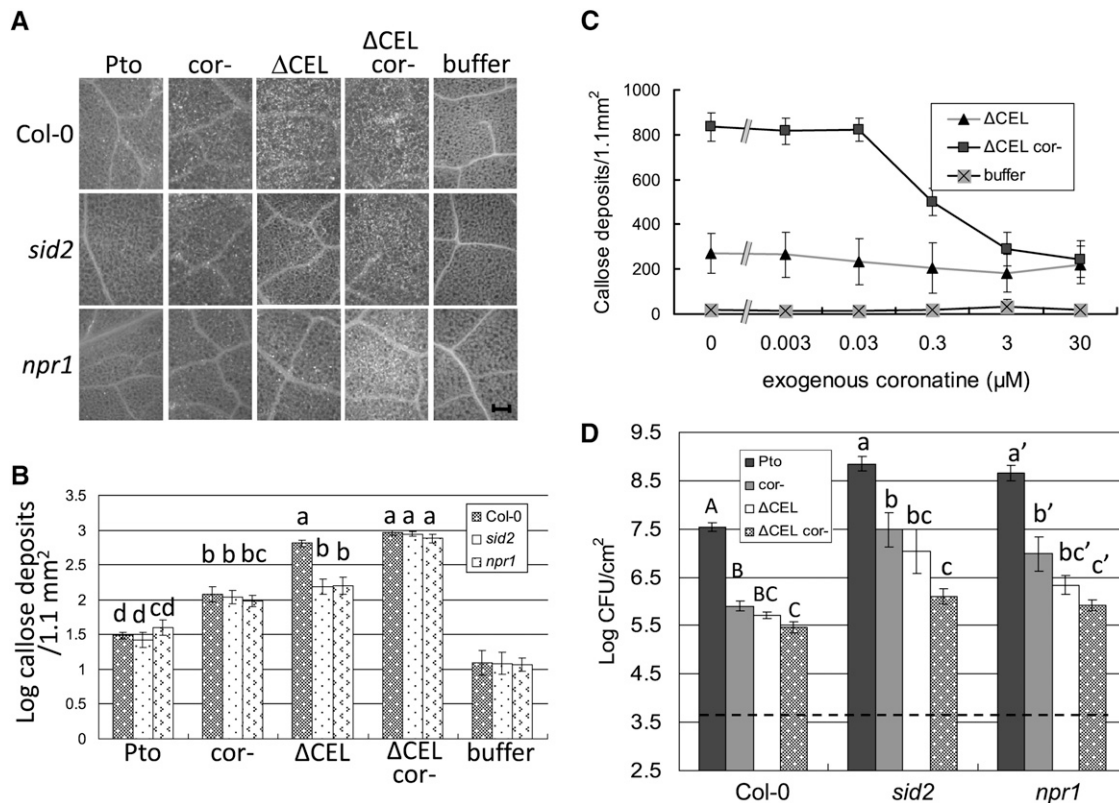
We first measured expression of the *PATHOGENESIS RELATED1* (*PR-1*) gene, which is a marker of SA-dependent defense. *PR1* transcript and protein accumulation was monitored after infiltration of Columbia-0 (Col-0) plants with a high-titer suspension of all four strains (see Supplemental Figure 2 online). While all four strains induced significantly more *PR-1* transcript than buffer, Pto and Pto $\Delta$ CEL induced less transcript than Pto $\Delta$ cor- and Pto $\Delta$ CEL cor-. Additionally, Pto $\Delta$ CEL cor- induced more *PR-1* protein accumulation than did Pto $\Delta$ CEL after 48 and 72 h. Collectively, these data confirm previous findings that COR suppresses Pto-induced *PR-1* expression, an effect that has been attributed to COR mimicking JA-Ile and antagonizing SA signaling. Free SA levels were not higher after challenge with the COR-deficient strains than the COR-producing strains (see Supplemental Figure 3 online). Thus, COR may suppress Pto-induced *PR-1* expression independent of suppressing SA levels.

Next, we examined the elicitation of callose in wild-type Col-0 and plants deficient in SA production and SA signaling (Figures 1A and 1B). *SA-induction deficient-2* (*SID2*) encodes an isochorismate synthase required for defense-associated SA production (Wildermuth et al., 2001). In *sid2* mutant plants, neither Pto nor any of our mutant strains induced detectable levels of SA (see Supplemental Figure 3 online). Nonexpressor of pathogenesis related genes 1 (*NPR1*) encodes a protein that makes key contributions to SA signaling, including the activation of *PR-1* expression (Cao et al., 1997). Pto $\Delta$ CEL elicited high levels of callose deposition in Col-0 plants and reduced levels in *sid2* and *npr1* mutant plants, consistent with the findings of DebRoy et al. (2004) in other *Arabidopsis* mutant plants that do not accumulate SA (*eds5* mutant and *nahG* expressing). Thus, although COR suppresses SA-dependent *PR-1* expression elicited by Pto $\Delta$ CEL, it fails to suppress SA-dependent callose deposition.

COR did suppress SA-independent callose deposition during Pto infection. Pto $\Delta$ cor- elicited more callose than Pto in Col-0 and *sid2* plants (Figure 1B). Thus, the inhibition of callose deposition by COR cannot be accounted for by suppression of SA signaling. This observation was reinforced by the observation that Pto $\Delta$ CEL cor- elicited more callose than Pto $\Delta$ CEL in *sid2* and *npr1* plants. Thus, COR suppresses a pathway that contributes to callose deposition in plants deficient in SA accumulation or signaling.

To determine if the increased callose response against COR-deficient strains of Pto resulted from their inability to produce COR, we tested for complementation by exogenous COR. Pto $\Delta$ CEL or Pto $\Delta$ CEL cor- alone or in combination with various concentrations of COR were infiltrated into the leaves of *sid2* plants (Figure 1C). The increased callose deposition elicited by Pto $\Delta$ CEL cor- relative to Pto $\Delta$ CEL was inhibited by exogenous COR in a dose-dependent manner, with partial suppression by 0.3  $\mu$ M COR and full suppression by 3 and 30  $\mu$ M COR. Thus, COR suppresses callose deposition in response to Pto.

The results for *PR-1* expression and callose induction indicate that COR suppresses both SA-dependent and SA-independent *Arabidopsis* defense responses. Next, we measured the contribution of COR to Pto growth in both wild-type and SA



**Figure 1.** COR Promotes Bacterial Virulence in SA Signaling-Deficient Plants.

(A) Callose deposition in Col-0, *sid2*, and *npr1* *Arabidopsis* leaves after infiltration with the indicated bacterial strains or buffer. Shown are representative fluorescence microscopy images of aniline blue-stained leaves. Bar = 0.2 mm.

(B) Quantification of callose deposits following treatments as in (A). Shown are the mean and SE of combined data from two independent biological replicates. Statistical analyses of log-transformed data of the indicated samples were by one-way ANOVA and Tukey HSD test with significant differences ( $P < 0.05$ ) indicated by lowercase letters.

(C) Effect of exogenous COR on callose deposition elicited by  $\Delta$ CEL *cor-* in *sid2* mutant plants. Shown are the mean and SD of combined data from two independent biological replicates.

(D) Growth of the indicated strains 4 d after inoculation into Col-0, *sid2*, and *npr1* *Arabidopsis* leaves. The dashed line indicates the starting inoculum of bacteria. Shown are the mean and SE of four biological replicates. Different letter types (uppercase, lowercase, and lowercase') indicate significant differences ( $P < 0.05$ ) by one-way ANOVA and Tukey HSD test of comparisons between the different bacterial strains on individual plant genotypes.

signaling-deficient plants. Col-0, *sid2*, and *npr1* plants were infiltrated with a low-titer inoculum of Pto or Pto*cor-*, and bacterial numbers were measured after 4 d (Figure 1D). Consistent with earlier reports that COR promotes Pto growth when the bacteria are directly infiltrated into the apoplast at a low concentration (Zeng and He, 2010), we found that Pto*cor-* grew to lower levels than Pto in Col-0. And, as expected, *sid2* and *npr1* plants showed enhanced disease susceptibility (eds) relative to Col-0 plants. Notably, Pto grew to significantly higher levels than Pto*cor-* in *sid2*, *npr1*, and *sid2 npr1* mutant plants. (Figure 1D; see Supplemental Figure 4B online). Thus, COR promotes Pto growth in SA signaling-deficient plants.

#### COR and Type III Effectors of the CEL Make Overlapping Contributions to the Virulence of Pto

We also measured the growth of Pto $\Delta$ CEL and Pto $\Delta$ CEL *cor-* in wild-type and SA signaling-deficient plants. The Pto*cor-* and

Pto $\Delta$ CEL single mutant strains grew to similar levels to one another and both strains grew significantly less than Pto in both Col-0 and SA signaling-deficient mutants (Figure 1D). The Pto $\Delta$ CEL *cor-* double mutant strain consistently grew less than either the Pto $\Delta$ CEL or Pto*cor-* single mutant. Although not supported by analysis of variance (ANOVA) on the composite data set in Figure 1D, the reduced growth of Pto $\Delta$ CEL *cor-* relative to Pto $\Delta$ CEL was significant ( $P < 0.05$ ) by two-tailed *t* test in 11 of 12 comparisons of the two bacteria in Col-0, *sid2*, or *npr1* from the four biological replicates comprising the data. Thus, COR and type III effectors from the CEL promote bacterial growth in the apoplastic space in a manner that (1) is at least partially independent of suppressing SA signaling and (2) is overlapping but not entirely redundant.

DebRoy et al. (2004) found that HopM1 suppresses SA-dependent defense signaling elicited by Pto $\Delta$ CEL. Our results indicate that (1) both SA-dependent and SA-independent pathways contribute to callose elicitation by Pto $\Delta$ CEL and (2)

COR suppresses the SA-independent pathway. To examine the defense suppressing activity of HopM1 in the context of our findings, we analyzed strains of Pto $\Delta$ CEL and Pto $\Delta$ CEL co-expressing *HopM1* from a plasmid, called Pto $\Delta$ CEL (HopM1) and Pto $\Delta$ CEL *cor*- (HopM1), respectively. Callose induction by and growth of these strains were measured in Col-0 and *sid2* plants. HopM1 suppressed callose deposition induced by Pto $\Delta$ CEL and Pto $\Delta$ CEL *cor*- in Col-0 as well as that induced by Pto $\Delta$ CEL *cor*- in *sid2* (Figure 2A). Consistent with the findings of DebRoy et al. (2004), Pto $\Delta$ CEL (HopM1) grew to higher levels than Pto $\Delta$ CEL (Figure 2B). Though this conclusion is not supported by ANOVA, the differences in Col-0 and *sid2* were significant ( $P < 0.05$ ) by two-tailed *t* test. Notably, we also observed that Pto $\Delta$ CEL *cor*- (HopM1) grew significantly better than Pto $\Delta$ CEL *cor*- in both plant backgrounds. The ability of HopM1 to suppress callose deposition and enhance bacterial growth in

*sid2* plants indicates that its virulence activity is not mediated by suppression of SA signaling per se.

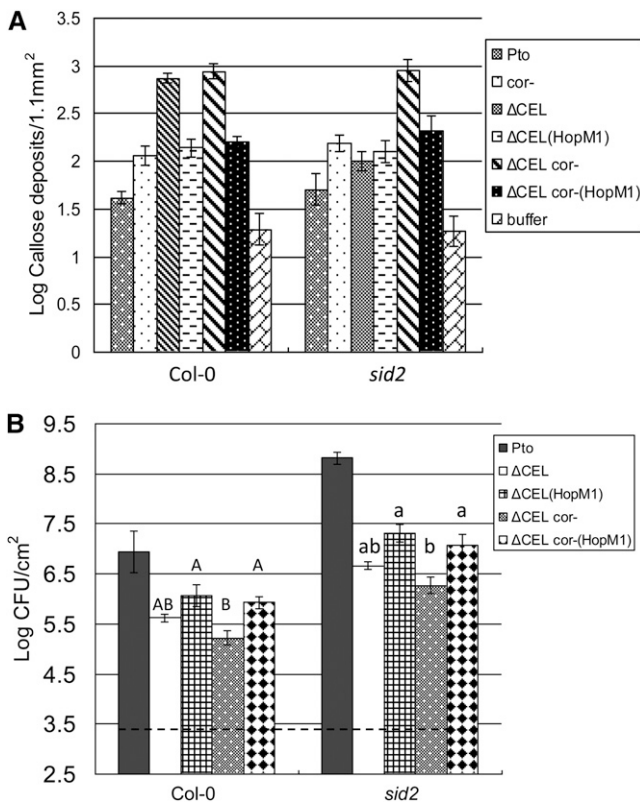
### COI1 Suppresses SA-Dependent and SA-Independent Defense Responses Effective against Pto

We examined the role of *COI1* in *Arabidopsis* defense against Pto and activity of COR. We tested if suppression of callose deposition by COR is dependent on *COI1* (Figure 3A). Pto-elicited more callose than did Pto in wild-type Col-0. However, although overall levels of callose were elevated, Pto and Pto $\Delta$ CEL elicited similar amounts of callose in *coi1* plants. These results indicate that the ability of COR to suppress callose induction by Pto is dependent on *COI1* (at least in plants with intact SA signaling; see below). Furthermore, these results indicate that, even if the bacteria do not produce COR, *COI1*-dependent signaling suppresses the levels of callose deposition, likely by responding to increases in plant-derived JA conjugates. Callose levels are similar in Col-0 and *coi1* plants following challenge with Pto $\Delta$ CEL and Pto $\Delta$ CEL *cor*-, indicating that the lack of COR or the *coi1* mutation does not significantly increase callose deposition beyond the high level induced by Pto $\Delta$ CEL in Col-0.

Next, we tested the role of *COI1* in mediating the growth enhancement provided by COR to Pto. Consistent with other *coi1* alleles (Feys et al., 1994; Kloek et al., 2001), we observed that *coi1-16* plants displayed an enhanced disease resistance (*edr*) phenotype against wild-type Pto (Figure 4C; see Supplemental Figure 4B online). The significant reduction in growth of Pto $\Delta$ CEL relative to Pto in Col-0 plants was not apparent in *coi1*, and, similarly, growth of Pto $\Delta$ CEL *cor*- was not reduced relative to Pto $\Delta$ CEL in *coi1* plants (Figure 4C; see Supplemental Figure 4B online). Thus, COR fails to enhance the growth of Pto in *coi1* plants, indicating that, in SA signaling-competent plants, COR requires *COI1* to promote Pto growth.

The *edr* phenotype of *coi1* mutant plants to Pto is hypothesized to result from elevated SA signaling due to the lack of inhibitory crosstalk from *COI1* (Feys et al., 1994; Kloek et al., 2001). However, our findings that COR also suppresses SA-independent defense raises the possibility that *COI1* suppresses both SA-dependent and SA-independent defense responses. To explore this possibility, we generated *sid2 coi1* and *npr1 coi1* double mutant and *sid2 npr1 coi1* triple mutant plants. We observed that each of our Pto strains induced elevated SA accumulation in *coi1* relative to Col-0 and that this increase was statistically significant for all but wild-type Pto (see Supplemental Figure 3 online). No SA accumulation is detected in the *sid2 coi1* double mutant, excluding the possibility that the *coi1* mutation stimulates *SID2*-independent SA production. Thus, the *sid2* and *sid2 coi1* mutants are SA accumulation deficient in response to the examined Pto strains.

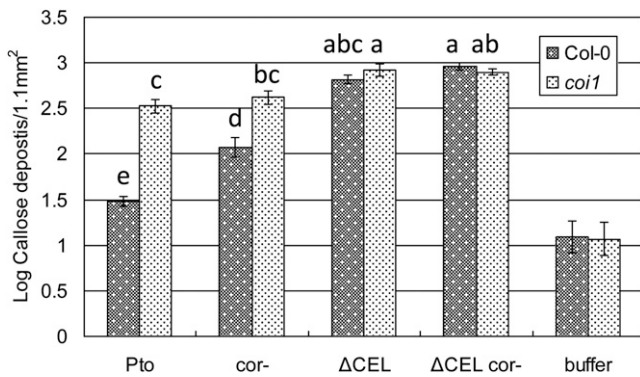
Pto strains grew better in multiple mutant plants deficient in both SA and JA signaling than in *coi1* plants deficient in just JA signaling (Figure 4C; see Supplemental Figure 4B online). Thus, *COI1*-mediated suppression of SA signaling does contribute to restricting Pto growth. However, Pto strains grew less well in the SA and JA signaling-deficient plants than in *sid2*, *npr1*, and *sid2 npr1* plants only deficient in SA signaling (Figures 1D and 4C; see Supplemental Figure 4B online). Thus, the *edr* phenotype of



**Figure 2.** HopM1 Promotes Bacterial Virulence in SA Signaling-Deficient Plants.

**(A)** Quantification of callose deposits following infiltration of the indicated strains into Col-0 and *sid2* leaves. Shown are the mean and SE of combined data from two independent biological replicates.

**(B)** Growth of the indicated strains 4 d after inoculation into Col-0 and *sid2* plants. The dashed line indicates the starting inoculum of bacteria. Shown are the mean and SE of four biological replicates. Different letter types indicate significant differences ( $P < 0.05$ ) by one-way ANOVA and Tukey HSD test of comparisons between the indicated bacterial strains on individual plant genotypes.



**Figure 3.** COR Promotes Bacterial Virulence by Targeting COI1.

Quantification of callose deposits following infiltration of the indicated strains into Col-0 and *coi1* leaves. Shown are the mean and SE of combined data from two independent biological replicates. Statistical analyses of log-transformed data of indicated samples were by one-way ANOVA and Tukey HSD test ( $P < 0.05$ ).

*coi1* is apparent in SA signaling-deficient plants; therefore, COI1 also suppresses SA-independent defenses important for restricting the growth of Pto.

### COR Promotes Pto Virulence Independent of Targeting COI1

From the results described so far, an activity of COR independent of targeting COI1 is not apparent. However, we speculated that the *edr* phenotype of *coi1* might be dominant over the virulence promoting function of COR because (1) SA-mediated defense is activated in the *coi1* mutant, (2) COR suppresses the SA-dependent defenses through its interaction with COI1, and (3) the SA-mediated defense is dominant over the putative COI1-independent virulence activity of COR. Thus, to test for COI1-independent activity of COR, we examined COR function in *coi1* plants that are also deficient in SA signaling. We observed that PtoΔCEL *cor-* elicits more callose than PtoΔCEL in *sid2 coi1*, *npr1 coi1*, and *sid2 npr1 coi1* plants (Figure 4A; see Supplemental Figure 4A online). This finding is consistent with COR suppressing callose deposition independent of targeting COI1. However, an alternate possibility is that *coi1-16* (a missense mutation in the Leu-rich repeats of COI1) is leaky and the potent activity of COR, relative to JA-Ile, overcomes a reduction of COI1 protein activity in *coi1-16*. To examine this possibility, we inoculated PtoΔCEL *cor-* along with various concentrations of COR into *sid2* and *sid2 coi1* plants (Figure 4B). The dose response for suppression of callose by COR was similar in both backgrounds, indicating that leakiness of the *coi1-16* allele is unlikely to account for the COI1-independent suppression of callose deposition by COR. Furthermore, Pto grew to significantly higher levels than Pto*cor-* in *npr1 coi1* (Figure 4C) and *sid2 npr1 coi1* (see Supplemental Figure 4B online) and PtoΔCEL grew to significantly higher levels than PtoΔCEL *cor-* in *sid2 coi1* (Figure 4C). Collectively, these results reveal a COI1-independent function of COR that suppresses callose deposition and promotes bacterial multiplication. A target of COR, other than COI1, has not been described.

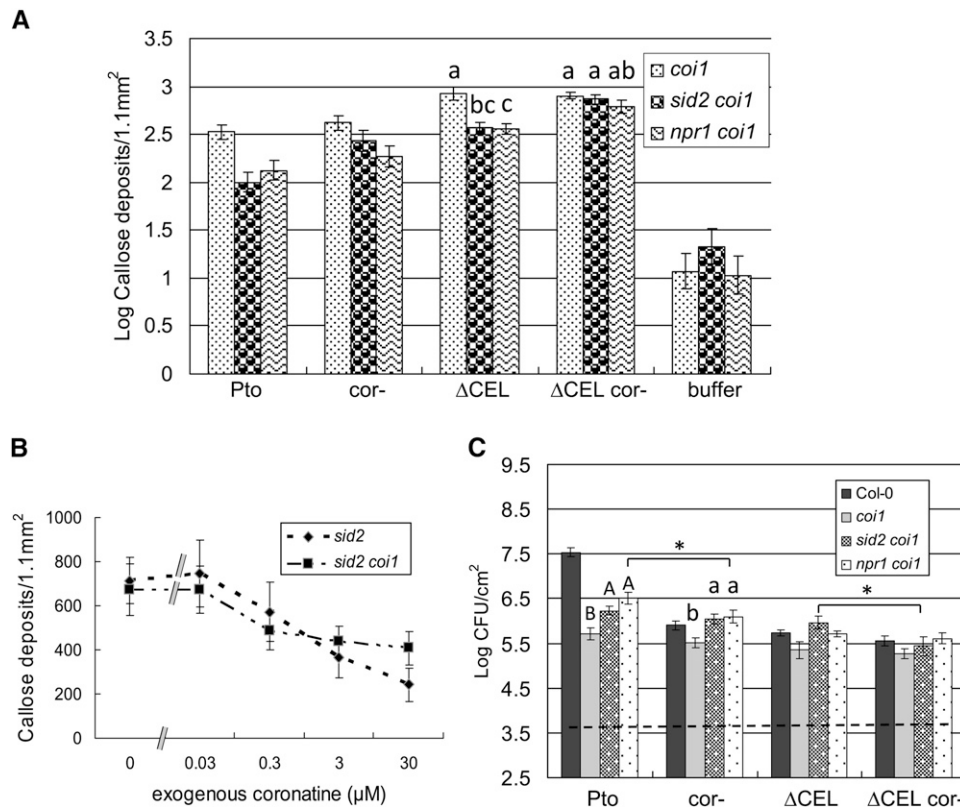
### COR Inhibits the PEN2-Dependent Branch of a Pathway Contributing to Callose Deposition in Response to Pto

The atypical myrosinase PEN2 (Bednarek et al., 2009) is required for flg22-induced callose deposition in the cotyledons and roots of liquid-grown *Arabidopsis* seedlings (Clay et al., 2009; Millet et al., 2010). However, the *pen2* mutant did not differ from wild-type Col-0 in flg22-induced callose deposition in the leaves of soil-grown plants (see Supplemental Figure 5A online), although we did reproduce the finding that flg22-induced callose deposition is dependent on *pen2* and is not dependent on *sid2* in liquid-grown seedlings (see Supplemental Figure 5B online). In the liquid-grown seedling assay, pretreatment with exogenous SA rescued callose deposition in *pen2* mutant plants (Clay et al., 2009). Based on these results, we hypothesize that (1) in the liquid-grown seedling assay, diffusion of endogenous SA renders the plants effectively SA accumulation deficient and thus dependent on PEN2; and (2) in soil-grown plants, the PAMP-induced accumulation of SA (Tsuda et al., 2008) permits callose deposition in the *pen2* mutant background.

We further hypothesized that COR suppresses callose deposition elicited by PtoΔCEL in SA signaling-deficient plants by targeting the PEN2-dependent pathway. To examine the relationship between COR, PEN2-dependent signaling, and SA-dependent signaling, we compared callose deposition induced by PtoΔCEL and PtoΔCEL *cor-* in wild-type, *sid2*, *pen2*, and *sid2 pen2* mutant plants (Figure 5A). In Col-0 and *pen2* mutant plants, callose deposition was strong in response to both strains. In *sid2* single mutant plants, callose deposition was strong in response to PtoΔCEL *cor-* and was reduced in response to PtoΔCEL. In *sid2 pen2* double mutant plants, callose deposition was reduced in response to both PtoΔCEL and PtoΔCEL *cor-*. Thus, the high level of callose elicited by PtoΔCEL *cor-* in *sid2* mutant plants is PEN2 dependent and COR suppresses the PEN2-dependent pathway. Interestingly, PtoΔCEL *cor-* elicited more callose than PtoΔCEL in the *sid2 pen2* double mutant plants. This result indicates that the *pen2* mutant is not completely penetrant, perhaps due to other myrosinases that can substitute for PEN2, and that COR suppresses the residual activity in the *pen2* mutant background.

### COR Suppresses Indole Glucosinolate Metabolism Upstream of PEN2

Next, we sought to ascertain the effect of COR on the PEN2-dependent pathway. Pathogen or PAMP elicitation induces expression of numerous enzymes, including cytochrome P450s, that mediate the multistep conversion of Trp into 4MI3G (Bednarek et al., 2009; Clay et al., 2009). PEN2 then hydrolyzes 4MI3G into an as yet unidentified substrate that is crucial for the eventual deposition of callose. 4MI3G levels do not fluctuate significantly following defense elicitation in wild-type plants, presumably because it is efficiently processed by PEN2. However, 4MI3G levels increase following elicitation in *pen2* mutant plants. We reasoned that COR would prevent the accumulation of 4MI3G in *pen2* mutant plants if it functions upstream of PEN2 enzyme activity, but not if it inhibits PEN2 activity or downstream events. Infiltration of flg22, PtoΔCEL, or PtoΔCEL *cor-* each elicited



**Figure 4.** COR Promotes Bacterial Virulence in SA Signaling-Deficient Plants Independent of Targeting COI1.

**(A)** Quantification of callose deposits following infiltration of the indicated strains into *coi1*, *sid2 coi1*, and *npr1 coi1*. Shown are the mean and  $\pm$  SE of combined data from two independent biological replicates. Statistical analyses of log transformed data of indicated samples were by one-way ANOVA and Tukey HSD test ( $P < 0.05$ ). See also Supplemental Figure 4 online.

**(B)** Effect of exogenous COR on callose deposition elicited by PtoΔCEL *cor-* in *sid2* and *sid2 coi1* mutant plants. Shown are the mean and  $\pm$  SD of combined data from two independent biological replicates.

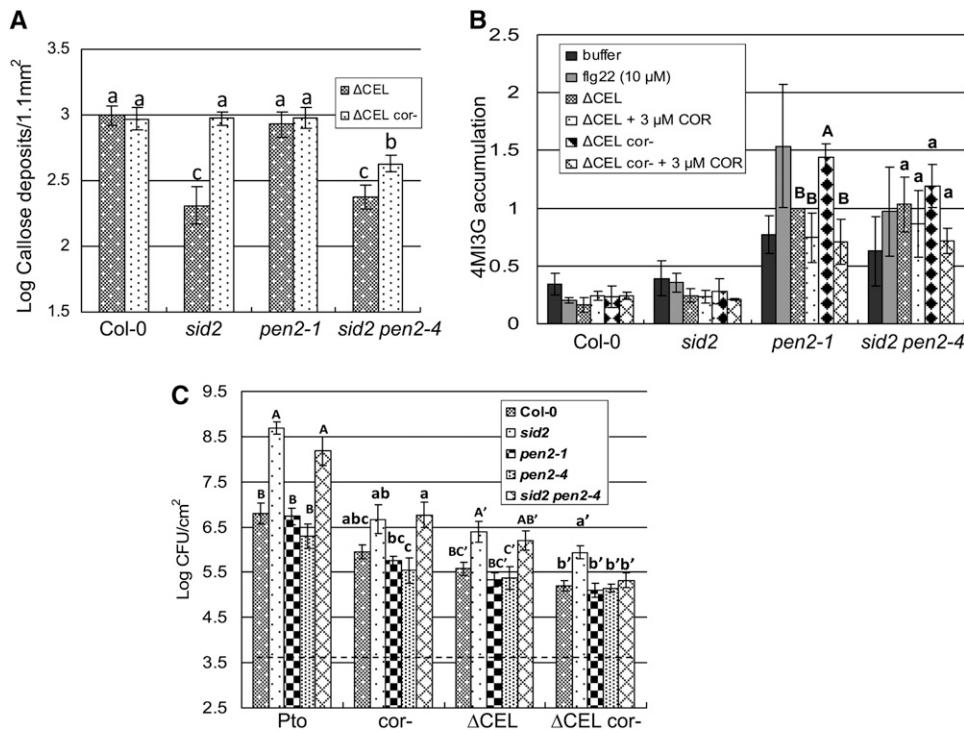
**(C)** Growth of the indicated strains 4 d after inoculation into Col-0, *coi1*, *sid2 coi1*, and *npr1 coi1* plants. The dashed line indicates the starting inoculum of bacteria. Shown are the mean and  $\pm$  SE of four biological replicates. Different letter types indicate significant differences ( $P < 0.05$ ) by one-way ANOVA and Tukey HSD test of comparisons between the indicated plant genotypes with individual bacterial strains. Asterisks indicate significant differences between indicated samples as determined by two-tailed  $t$  test with \*  $P < 0.05$ . See also Supplemental Figure 4 online.

elevated accumulation of 4MI3G in *pen2* mutant plants relative to Col-0 (Figure 5B). Notably, in *pen2*, PtoΔCEL *cor-* elicited significantly more 4MI3G than did PtoΔCEL. Also, exogenous COR (3  $\mu$ M) suppressed 4MI3G accumulation elicited by PtoΔCEL *cor-*. The precursor indol-3ylmethylglucosinolate (I3G) is first hydroxylated then converted by a methyltransferase into 1-methoxy-indol-3ylmethylglucosinolate (1MI3G) and 4MI3G (Pfalz et al., 2011). Infiltration with flg22 also induced elevated accumulation of 1MI3G in *pen2* relative to Col-0 plants (see Supplemental Figure 6A online). And similar to 4MI3G, 1MI3G accumulation induced by PtoΔCEL *cor-* was suppressed by exogenous COR. Though not supported by ANOVA, this difference was significant ( $P < 0.05$ ) by two-tailed  $t$  test. Levels of I3G in *pen2* plants did not vary significantly with any of the tested infiltrations (see Supplemental Figure 6B online). Collectively, these data indicate that COR suppresses glucosinolate metabolism upstream of 1MI3G and 4MI3G accumulation.

We sought to determine the relationship between SA signaling and the suppression of glucosinolate metabolism by COR. In

each of three biological replicates, flg22 elicited significantly higher levels of 4MI3G and 1MI3G in *pen2* than *sid2 pen2* plants (composite data shown in Figure 5B and Supplemental Figure 6A online). This observation, along with the elicitation of SA by flg22 (Tsuda et al., 2008), indicates that SA promotes indole glucosinolate metabolism. On the contrary, PtoΔCEL elicited similar levels of 4MI3G and 1MI3G in both *pen2* and *sid2 pen2*. Thus, COR may limit glucosinolate metabolism upstream of PEN2 function by inhibiting SA signaling. However, COR also suppresses glucosinolate metabolism independent of suppressing SA signaling. In *sid2 pen2* plants, accumulation of 4MI3G and 1MI3G induced by PtoΔCEL *cor-* was suppressed by exogenous COR. Though not supported by ANOVA, this conclusion is in both cases significant ( $P < 0.05$ ) by two-tailed  $t$  test. Thus, in SA signaling-deficient plants, COR suppresses both glucosinolate metabolism and callose deposition.

COR might suppress 4MI3G and 1MI3G accumulation by preventing the expression of enzymes required for glucosinolate metabolism. In roots, COR suppresses the expression of *MYB51*



**Figure 5.** COR Inhibits Indole Glucosinolate Accumulation Upstream of *PEN2*.

**(A)** Quantification of callose deposits following infiltration of Pto $\Delta$ CEL or Pto $\Delta$ CEL cor- into Col-0, *sid2*, *pen2-1*, and *sid2 pen2-4* leaves. Shown are the mean and SE of combined data from two independent biological replicates. Statistical analyses of log-transformed data were by one-way ANOVA and Tukey HSD test ( $P < 0.05$ ).

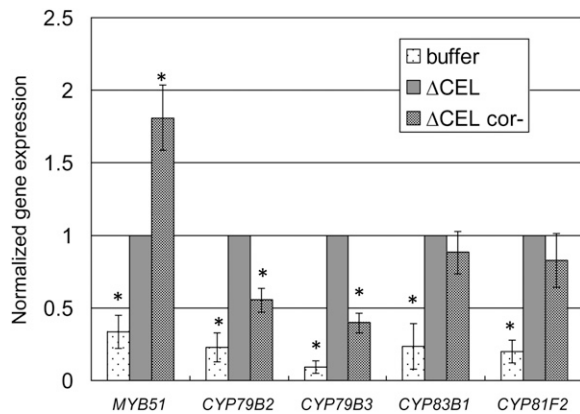
**(B)** Accumulation of 4MI3G after infiltration of buffer, flg22, or the indicated bacterial strains, with or without 3  $\mu$ M COR, into Col-0, *sid2*, *pen2-1*, and *sid2 pen2-4* leaves. Quantities of 4MI3G were calculated relative to sinigrin (spiked into each sample) and normalized with the amount elicited by Pto $\Delta$ CEL in *pen2-1* set to 1. Shown are the means and SE from three biological replicates. Different letter types indicate significant differences ( $P < 0.05$ ) by one-way ANOVA and Tukey HSD test of comparisons between the indicated bacterial strains on individual plant genotypes. See also Supplemental Figure 6 online.

**(C)** Growth of the indicated strains 4 d after inoculation into Col-0, *sid2*, *pen2-1*, *pen2-4*, and *sid2 pen2-4* plants. The dashed line indicates the starting inoculum of bacteria. Shown are the mean and SE of five biological replicates, except *pen2-4* data, which are from two biological replicates. Different letter types indicate significant differences ( $P < 0.05$ ) by one-way ANOVA and Tukey HSD test of comparisons between plant genotypes with individual bacterial strains.

(Millet et al., 2010), which is an R2R3 MYB family transcription factor that promotes the expression of numerous cytochrome P450 monooxygenases involved in glucosinolate metabolism (Gigolashvili et al., 2007) and is required for PAMP-induced callose deposition in liquid-grown seedlings (Clay et al., 2009). *CYP79B2* and *CYP79B3* encode cytochrome P450 monooxygenases that convert Trp into indol-3ylacetaldoxime (Hull et al., 2000). *CYP83B1* and *CYP81F2* participate in the multistep conversion of indol-3ylacetaldoxime into 4MI3G (Bak et al., 2001; Bednarek et al., 2009). PAMP-induced expression of *CYP79B2*, *CYP79B3*, and *CYP83B1*, but not *CYP81F2*, are *MYB51* dependent in liquid-grown seedlings (Bednarek et al., 2009; Clay et al., 2009). In soil-grown plants, Pto $\Delta$ CEL induced expression of all five genes between approximately threefold and  $\sim$ 10-fold relative to a buffer infiltration (Figure 6). The complex effect of COR on expression of these genes was revealed by comparing Pto $\Delta$ CEL to Pto $\Delta$ CEL cor-. Relative to Pto $\Delta$ CEL cor-, Pto $\Delta$ CEL induced less expression of *MYB51*, comparable expression of *CYP83B1* and *CYP81F2*, and

increased expression of *CYP79B2* and *CYP79B3*. Thus, bacterially produced COR has variable effects on the expression of genes involved in indole glucosinolates metabolism. *MYB51* may act as a master regulator responsible for the ultimate reduction in 4MI3G accumulation (Clay et al., 2009), but how it does so remains unclear.

*PEN2* is important for antifungal defense (Bednarek et al., 2009). To test whether *PEN2* contributes to defense against Pto, we tested bacterial growth in Col-0, *sid2*, *pen2*, and *sid2 pen2* mutant plants (Figure 5C). The growth of Pto, Pto $\Delta$ CEL, and Pto $\Delta$ CEL cor- does not differ significantly between Col-0 and *pen2*, indicating that *PEN2* does not play a major role in defense against these strains of Pto. Interestingly, the eds phenotype of *sid2 pen2* relative to *pen2*, which is apparent for Pto, Pto $\Delta$ CEL, and Pto $\Delta$ CEL cor-, is not apparent for Pto $\Delta$ CEL cor-. Thus, *PEN2* contributes to the susceptibility of SA-deficient plants to Pto severely compromised by the lack of key type III effectors from the CEL and an inability to produce COR.



**Figure 6.** Bacterially Produced COR Variably Affects Expression of Genes Involved in Indole Glucosinolate Metabolism.

qRT-PCR analysis of *MYB51*, *CYP79B2*, *CYP79B3*, *CYP83B1*, and *CYP81F2* expression 6 h after infiltration of Col-0 leaves with buffer, PtoΔCEL, or PtoΔCEL cor-. Shown are the average and SE of normalized data from of four (*MYB51*) or three (*CYP79B2*, *CYP79B3*, *CYP83B1*, and *CYP81F2*) biological repeats with the level of each transcript induced by PtoΔCEL set to 1. Asterisks indicate significant differences between the indicated samples and ΔCEL sample as determined by two-tailed *t* test with \**P* < 0.005.

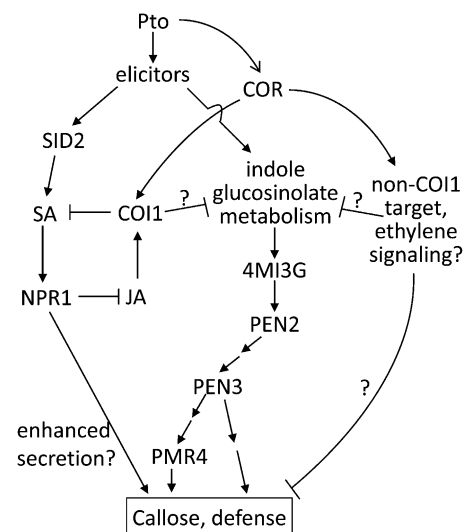
## DISCUSSION

Our results support a model integrating the contributions of SA signaling, JA signaling, and indole glucosinolate metabolism and the suppressive activities of COR to *Arabidopsis* defense against Pto (Figure 7). COR and type III effectors from the CEL both make significant contributions to suppressing callose and promoting Pto growth. Although these virulence activities are largely overlapping with respect to bacterial growth, COR and HopM1 differ in their modes of action. COR suppresses callose deposition mediated by a *PEN2*-dependent pathway but cannot block callose deposition in SA signaling-competent plants. HopM1, on the other hand, suppresses callose deposition mediated through the SA-dependent and *PEN2*-dependent pathways. Thus, HopM1 does not suppress SA signaling per se, but instead may suppress a signaling step upstream or downstream of the requirements for SA and *PEN2*.

COR suppresses SA signaling. The ability of COR to suppress SA-dependent *PR-1* expression has been shown here and elsewhere (Kloek et al., 2001) and is thought to occur through suppression of SA accumulation by activated COI1 (Spoel and Dong, 2008). However, SA measurements did not reveal increased SA accumulation in response to COR-deficient strains. Furthermore, COR fails to suppress SA-mediated callose deposition elicited by PtoΔCEL. Thus, differences may exist between the quantitative requirement for and qualitative nature of SA signaling in callose deposition versus *PR-1* expression. SA signaling promotes various aspects of *Arabidopsis* defense against *P. syringae*, including activation of *PR* genes by NPR1 in association with TGA transcription factors and genes involved in vesicle secretion by NPR1 through TL1 elements in their promoters (Fan and Dong, 2002; Wang et al., 2005). Notably,

vesicle secretion is required for efficient cell wall fortification, including callose deposition (Assaad et al., 2004; Hardham et al., 2007). Thus, the activation of secretion by SA could contribute to its support of callose deposition, perhaps downstream or independent of *PEN2*. The reduced accumulation of 4MI3G and 1MI3G following PAMP elicitation in *sid2 pen2*, compared with *pen2*, indicates that SA signaling also supports callose deposition by promoting indole glucosinolate metabolism upstream of *PEN2*. This activity of SA may result from its ability to suppress the accumulation of JA, which, similar to COR, may antagonize 4MI3G accumulation. 4MI3G accumulation was not compromised in SA signaling-deficient plants in response to aphid feeding, perhaps because JA signaling is already strongly induced (Kim and Jander, 2007).

COR also suppresses *Arabidopsis* defense independent of suppressing SA signaling. The enhanced callose deposition elicited by and the reduced growth of COR-deficient strains was apparent in SA signaling-deficient plants. In fact, the contribution of COR to suppressing callose induction by PtoΔCEL is only apparent in SA signaling-deficient mutants. Defense suppressing activities of COR in SA signaling-deficient mutant plants are apparent in both *COI1* and *coi1* backgrounds. Of particular note is the ability of COR to suppress callose deposition and promote the growth of *P. syringae* in *coi1* plants. An activity of COR, other than targeting COI1, has not been described. One possibility is that, in functioning as a JA mimic, COR stimulates COI1-independent



**Figure 7.** Model: Suppression of the *Arabidopsis* Immune Response by COR.

Unknown elicitors from Pto (PAMPs and/or T3Es) activate SA signaling and indole glucosinolate metabolism. SA signaling and JA signaling are antagonistic, with COR activating COI1 to suppress SA accumulation. COR also suppresses indole glucosinolate metabolism upstream of 4MI3G accumulation. SA signaling promotes indole glucosinolate metabolism, perhaps by suppressing JA accumulation, and also promotes callose deposition independent of COI1 through an unknown pathway. COR suppresses defense in a COI1-independent manner through an unknown pathway.



responses. JA induces COI1-independent transcriptional reprogramming in *Arabidopsis* (Devoto et al., 2005). Alternatively, COR may have a function other than acting as a JA mimic. The coronamic acid component of COR is a structural mimic of ACC and COR has been shown to elicit de novo production of ethylene from Met (Ferguson and Mitchell, 1985; Kenyon and Turner, 1992). Ethylene signaling contributes to the expression of *MYB51* and plays a key role in callose deposition (Clay et al., 2009; Millet et al., 2010). Thus, it is reasonable to speculate that COR perturbs ethylene signaling.

COR regulates secondary metabolism. Glucosinolates are a class of thioglucosides produced by the Capparales, including *Arabidopsis*, which play significant roles in defense against insects and microorganisms (Halkier and Gershenzon, 2006; Bednarek et al., 2009; Clay et al., 2009). Trp-derived indole glucosinolates, including 4MI3G, are key in defense against microorganisms. Our and previous findings indicate that COR activates the expression of *CYP79B2* and *CYP79B3*, the gene products of which convert Trp into indol-3ylacetaldoxime (Zhao et al., 2002; Thilmony et al., 2006). In another interesting result, spraying *Arabidopsis* leaves with 5  $\mu$ M COR induces the expression of *ST5a*, which synthesizes I3G (Piotrowski et al., 2004), which is subsequently converted by *CYP81F2* and indole glucosinolate methyltransferases into 4MI3G and 1MI3G (Bednarek et al., 2009; Pfalz et al., 2011). We observed here that bacterially produced and/or exogenous COR suppressed *MYB51* expression 6 h and 4MI3G and 1MI3G accumulation upstream of the PEN2 myrosinase 9 h after bacterial challenge. Thus, the effects of COR on gene expression and glucosinolate metabolism are complex.

SA signaling and COI1-dependent signaling are antagonistic to one another (Spoel and Dong, 2008). Here, we demonstrate that, in addition to antagonizing one another, both regulate *Arabidopsis* defense against *P. syringae* independent of the other. The eds phenotype of SA signaling mutants is still apparent in the *coi1* background, and the *edr* phenotype of the *coi1* mutant is still apparent in SA signaling mutant backgrounds. The virulence activity of COR can be mediated in three ways: (1) activation of COI1 to suppress SA signaling, (2) activation of COI1 to suppress SA-independent defense responses, and (3) through an unknown mechanism that is independent of targeting COI1 and may be independent of mimicking JA. Thus, COR is a multifunctional suppressor of plant immunity.

## METHODS

### Plants

*Arabidopsis thaliana* plants used in this work were of the Col-0 ecotype and were grown under 8 h (115  $\mu$ mol m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>), 23°C days, and 16 h, 16°C nights. The following mutants were used: *sid2-2* has a deletion from amino acid 439 to 455 (Wildermuth et al., 2001); *npr1-1* has a mutation of conserved His into Tyr at amino acid 334 (Cao et al., 1997); *coi1-16* has a mutation of Leu to Phe at amino acid 245 (Ellis and Turner, 2002); *pen2-4* has a mutation of Gly to Asp at amino acid 150 (Westphal et al., 2008); *pen2-1* has a mutation at amino acid 48 Trp to stop codon (Lipka et al., 2005). The original line carrying *coi1-16* also harbored the *pen2-4* mutant allele (Westphal et al., 2008). The *coi1-16* and *pen2-4* single mutants and the various double and triple mutants described in the work were

produced by crossing and marker-assisted selection (see Supplemental Figures 1B to 1E and Supplemental Tables 1 and 2 online).

### Bacteria

Pto and mutant strains were grown at 28°C on King's B (KB) plates containing the appropriate antibiotics for selection. Mutant strains used are Pto $\Delta$ CEL (Alfano et al., 2000) and Pto $\Delta$ cor- (DB4G3) (Brooks et al., 2004). To construct the Pto $\Delta$ CEL *cor*- double mutant, homologous recombination was used to introduce the *cfa6* mutation into Pto $\Delta$ CEL. Plasmid pDB29, which is a derivative of pRK415 (Tc<sup>r</sup>) containing a 7.8-kb genomic fragment from strain DB4G3 including the 3.2-kb Tn5 insertion in *cfa6* and 4.5-kb of flanking DNA (*cfa6*::Tn5 *uidA* Km<sup>r</sup>) (Brooks et al., 2004), was transformed into Pto $\Delta$ CEL (Sm/Sp<sup>r</sup>). Selection of kanamycin and tetracycline resistance clones isolated cells carrying pDB29. These were then propagated for 4 d in liquid KB media (diluting the saturated culture 1:1000 into fresh media every day) containing kanamycin (50  $\mu$ g/mL) but lacking tetracycline to allow: (1) homologous recombination between the wild type, chromosomal *cfa6*, and plasmid-borne, *cfa6*::Tn5 and (2) subsequent loss of the pRK415 plasmid. The final bacterial culture was diluted and plated on KB containing kanamycin. Individual clones were then replica plated onto Sp Km and Sp Km Tc to identify Sp<sup>r</sup> Km<sup>r</sup> Tc<sup>s</sup> clones as candidate pRK415-free double mutants. PCR screening of individual clones for insertion of Tn5 into *cfa6* identified the Pto $\Delta$ CEL *cor*- double mutant. Primers used for screening are shown in Supplemental Table 2 online. The plasmid pORF43, which carries *HopM1-ShcM* (DebRoy et al., 2004), was transformed into Pto $\Delta$ CEL and Pto $\Delta$ CEL *cor*- by electroporation to generate Pto $\Delta$ CEL (HopM1) and Pto $\Delta$ CEL *cor*- (HopM1).

Bacterial growth assays were conducted by infiltrating 10<sup>5</sup> colony-forming units (CFU)/mL (OD<sub>600</sub> = 0.0002) in 10 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub> into the underside of the leaves of 5-week-old plants using a needleless 1cc syringe. After the infiltrated leaves were dry, plants were returned to the growth room. After 4 d, nine leaf discs were separated into three technical replicates containing three leaf discs each. The bacterial titer in each technical replicate was determined by grinding leaf discs to homogeneity in 10 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, serially diluting the samples in a 96-well plate, and transferring with a multiplating tool onto KB plates with appropriate selection (Kim and Mackey, 2008). Colonies were counted and used to calculate the mean CFU/cm<sup>2</sup> for each treatment, and the values were log transformed. The log-transformed means from individual biological replicates, as single data points, were then combined from multiple independent biological replicates and used to calculate the mean and standard error. Minitab 16 statistical software was used to determine significant differences by one-way ANOVA and Tukey honestly significant difference (HSD) test (P < 0.05), either between bacteria in the same plant background or between plants infiltrated with the same bacterial strain. Where indicated by brackets, the two-tailed *t* test was used to compare the indicated pairs of treatments.

### Protein Immunoblotting

Five-week-old leaves of Col-0 plants were hand-infiltrated with 10<sup>8</sup> CFU/mL (OD<sub>600</sub> = 0.2) of bacteria in 10 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>. After infiltrated leaves were dry, the plants were covered with the transparent lid for the remainder of the experiment. Protein extracts were prepared and quantified as previously described (Kim et al., 2005). Samples containing 20  $\mu$ g of protein were resolved on 12% SDS-PAGE gels, transferred to polyvinylidene difluoride membrane, and blotted with Anti-PR-1 sera (Kliebenstein et al., 1999) at 1:10,000.

### Callose Staining

Callose detection was conducted as previously described (Kim and Mackey, 2008). Briefly, leaves of 4-week-old plants were hand-infiltrated

with  $10^8$  CFU/mL of bacteria in 10 mM  $MgCl_2$  or 30  $\mu$ M flg22. At 15 h after infiltration, leaves were collected, cleared with lactophenol, washed with 50% ethanol and then with water, stained with 0.01% aniline blue dissolved in 150 mM  $K_2HPO_4$ , pH 9.5, mounted on slides in 50% glycerol, and examined with a Nikon Eclipse 80i epifluorescent microscope. At least four to five individual leaves were analyzed for each treatment. Images were captured from the similar middle area of each leaf, and the number of callose deposits was calculated using ImageJ software (<http://rsbweb.nih.gov/ij>). Except where noted in Supplemental Figure 5 online, similar results for all callose experiments were observed in three or more independent biological replicates. Statistical analyses of log-transformed data were by one-way ANOVA and Tukey HSD test ( $P < 0.05$ ) using Minitab 16 statistical software.

Callose staining of 10-d-old liquid-grown seedlings was done after seedlings were exposed to 1  $\mu$ M flg22 or water for 18 h. Cotyledons were cleared and stained as described (Clay et al., 2009).

### Quantitative Real-Time PCR

*MYB51*, *CYP79B2*, *CYP79B3*, *CYP83B1*, *CYP81F2*, and *PR1* transcript levels were measured using quantitative real-time PCR (qRT-PCR). Leaves of 5-week-old Col-0 plants were hand-infiltrated with buffer or  $10^8$  CFU/mL of Pto $\Delta$ CEL or Pto $\Delta$ CEL cor-. At 6 h after infiltration, leaves were frozen in liquid nitrogen and ground by mortar and pestle. Total RNA was prepared using the Plant RNeasy Mini Prep Kit (Qiagen). One microgram of total RNA was treated with DNaseI (Invitrogen) and then cDNA synthesis was done using the reverse transcription system (Promega). For individual biological replicates, each cDNA sample was tested by three technical replicates. qRT-PCR reactions were set up using iQ SYBR green supermix (Bio-Rad) and run in an iQ5 real-time PCR detection system (Bio-Rad). Gene expression data were analyzed using the  $\Delta C_T$  (cycle threshold) method with the relative quantification to *ACTIN2* as the reference gene. The specificity of PCR products was verified on 1.5% agarose gels and by melt curves in the iQ5. Primers used for RT-PCR are shown in Supplemental Table 3 online. Statistical analysis for the combined data from biological replicates was done using one-way ANOVA and Tukey HSD test ( $P < 0.05$ ) by Minitab 16 statistical software.

### SA Extraction and Quantification

Leaves of 5-week-old plants were hand-infiltrated with buffer or  $10^8$  CFU/mL of bacteria in 10 mM  $MgCl_2$ . At 15 h after infiltration, leaves were collected and ground in liquid  $N_2$  and 0.2 g of grindate was extracted twice overnight in 350  $\mu$ L of 100% methanol in the dark at 4°C. The supernatants were removed after centrifugation at 13K rpm for 10 min, pooled, and stored at -20°C until HPLC analyses. HPLC fluorescence analyses were performed using an Alliance 2690 separation module (Waters) equipped with an autosampler and a 474 fluorescence detector (Waters). The autosampler and column temperatures were set to 4 and 30°C, respectively. Chromatographic separation of methanolic extracts was performed using a Waters Xterra RP18 analytical column (3.9  $\mu$ m) coupled with a 3.0  $\times$  20-mm guard column. The binary mobile phase consisted of water/acetic acid (A) (98:2, v/v) and methanol/acetic acid (B) (98:2, v/v) with a flow rate of 1 mL/min. The gradient was as follows (percentages refer to proportions of eluant B): 0 to 10% (0 to 2 min), 10 to 50% (20 to 30 min), 50 to 80% (30 to 32 min), and 80 to 100% (32 to 34 min). The injection volume for all samples was 15  $\mu$ L. Quantification of SA was achieved using fluorescence detection set to  $\lambda_{em} = 400$  nm. Identification of SA was done by matching chromatographic profiles of individual samples to an external standard of SA. Individual peak areas of SA were quantified against an external standard of SA. Statistical analysis for the combined data from three biological replicates was done using one-way ANOVA and Fisher LSD test ( $P < 0.05$ ) by Minitab 16 statistical software.

### Glucosinolate Extraction and Measurement

Leaves of 5-week-old plants were infiltrated with buffer, 10  $\mu$ M flg22, or  $10^8$  CFU/mL of bacteria in 10 mM  $MgCl_2$  with or without 3  $\mu$ M COR. After 9 h, 100 mg of leaves was frozen in liquid nitrogen and ground by mortar and pestle. The ground tissue was combined with 600  $\mu$ L 80% HPLC-grade methanol, vortexed well, and spiked with 30  $\mu$ L of 1.25 mM sinigrin (Sigma-Aldrich) as an internal standard. After incubating at 75°C for 15 min to deactivate myrosinases, the extraction mixture was centrifuged at 15K rpm for 10 min at 4°C and 400  $\mu$ L of supernatant was collected.

4MI3G, 1MI3G, and I3G were detected as previously described (Cataldi et al., 2007). Then, 30- $\mu$ L samples were run on liquid chromatograph-mass spectrometer (Varian) in a negative ion electrospray mode. The samples were separated by HPLC fitted with a C18-A column (A2001150X046). The mobile phases were A - water and B - 90% acetonitrile (Fisher Scientific) at room temperature. Column linear gradient was 0 to 18 min, 85% A, 15% B; 18 to 25 min, 45% A, 55% B; 25 to 28 min, 100% B; 28 to 30 min, 85% A, 15% B, with a flow rate of 300  $\mu$ L/min. The internal standard sinigrin, 4MI3G, 1MI3G and I3G were observed as mass-to-charge ratios of 358, 477, 477, and 447, respectively. For all four compounds, the retention times as well as masses of daughter ions match published values (Cataldi et al., 2007). Statistical analysis for the combined data from three biological replicates was done using one-way ANOVA and Tukey HSD test ( $P < 0.05$ ) by Minitab 16 statistical software.

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Sequence data from this article can be found in the Arabidopsis Genome Initiative or GenBank/EMBL databases under the following accession numbers: SID2 (AT1G74710), NPR1 (AT1G64280), COI1 (AT2G39940), PEN2 (AT2G44490), ACTIN2 (AT3G18780), MYB51 (AT1G18570), CYP79B2 (AT4G39950), CYP79B3 (AT2G22330), CYP83B1 (AT4G31500), CYP81F2 (AT5G57220), and PR-1 (AT2G14610).

### Supplemental Data

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

**Supplemental Figure 1.** DNA Analysis of Mutant Bacteria and Plants.

**Supplemental Figure 2.** COR Inhibits *PR-1* Expression.

**Supplemental Figure 3.** SA Accumulation after Bacterial Infiltration.

**Supplemental Figure 4.** COR Promotes Bacterial Virulence in *sid2 npr1* Plants Independent of Targeting COI1.

**Supplemental Figure 5.** *PEN2* Is Not Required for flg22-Induced Callose Deposition in Soil-Grown Plants.

**Supplemental Figure 6.** COR Inhibits Indole Glucosinolate Accumulation Upstream of *PEN2*.

**Supplemental Table 1.** Phenotype of *Arabidopsis* Types Used in This Study.

**Supplemental Table 2.** Primers Used for Screening Mutant Plants and Bacteria.

**Supplemental Table 3.** Primers Used for qRT-PCR.

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