A BLASTP Parameters:

Expect Threshold: 10 Word size: 3 Max matches in a query range: 0 Matrix: BLOSUM62 Gap Costs: existence 10, extension 1* Compositional Adjustments: Conditional compositional score matrix adjustment

*Default values are: existence 11, extension 1.



Identities = 80/345 (23%), Positives = 118/345 (34%), Gaps = 92/345 (26%) Msh 3 SKVTILDGGMGRELLRNGAPFROPEWSALSLIEAPEFVKMAHDAFVAAGAEVITTNSYAL 62 + + LDG M EL G + WSA L+E PE+++ H + AGA+ T SY Mmum 14 QDILLLDGAMATELEARGCNLADSLWSAKVLVENPELIREVHLDYYRAGAQCAITASYQA 73 Msh 63 VPFHIGDQALPH---MGLLSPIYPAARSCRRA-----EGTTVCTG-99 + L P L+ AR RA GT + G Mmum 74 TPAGFAARGLDEAQSKALIGKSVELARKAREAYLAENPQAGTLLVAGSVGPYGAYLADGS 133 Msh 100 -----CRLSA-----PRLRLL---PARFVRCRQGACHSRYPRQSPKLLTSISGSPRP 143 C + APR+ L A ++ C S + L ++ PR Mmum 134 EYRGDYHCSVEAFQAFHRPRVEALLDAGADLLACETLPNFS----EIEALAELLTAYPRA 189 Msh 144 RAPSRRSKOIRNDIGLRLRGPAVGFLYARRTTKSVADVICLVSVPTLVSG--EAVAORRS 201 RA F + R ++ ++D L V L++G + V Mmum 190 RA------ WFSFTLRDSEHLSDGTPLRDVALLAGYPOVV----- 223 Msh 202 QSSAACAGALLFNCSQAEIMEAGVKSANQALKADNLDIPIGVYANAFVPKPETEESLAAN 261 AL NC E +A Q L + +P+ VY N+ Mmum 224 -----ALGINCIALE----NTTAALQHLHGLTV-LPLVVYPNSGEHYDAVSKTWHHH 270

Msh 262 DGLSGLRDDLNPSGYLQFAQRWVSAGATIIGGCCGIGPEHIAELK 306 D P +W +AGA +IGGCC P IA LK Mmum 271 GEHCAQLADYLP-----QWQAAGARLIGGCCRTTPADIAALK 307 **Supplementary Figure S1** Endto-end sequence similarity between Msh and the MmuM protein of *E. coli*. (A) BLAST parameters. (B) Msh and Mmum amino acid sequence alignment. (C) Scatter plot of the amino acid comparison between Msh and MmuM.



Supplementary Figure S2. Detection of octopine and sulfonopine by ESI-MS/MS in the Ocs enzymatic reaction. The enzymatic reactions contain 150 mM PIPES pH6.6 buffer, 10 mM of pyruvate, 10 mM of NADPH and 10 mM of amino acid (arginine or SMM) and 0.08 uM Ocs. (A) Control enzymatic reaction- no amino acid. (B) Reaction with arginine. (C) Reaction with SMM. X-axis molecular weight and y-axis peak intensity. Peaks 93, 115 and 207 are compounds from the enzymatic reaction.



Molecular Mass

Supplementary Figure S3. Authentication of sulfonopine production: (A) chemically synthesized, (B) enzymatically synthesized, (C) *Arabidopsis* tissue, (D) tobacco seedling tissue and (E) in tobacco seedling exudates. The authentication of sulfonopine was done by fragmenting it and comparing the fragments with the authentic compound chemically synthesized. Sulfonopine has two fingerprint fragments, which have a molecular weight of 174 and 128.



Supplementary Figure S4. ¹H NMR spectrum of Sulfonopine in D₂0. x-axis parts per Million. y-axis abundance.



Supplementary Figure S5. Induction of *occ* operon by octopine-type opines and amino acids. β -glucoronidase specific activity of *ooxA-uidA* strain KYC16 cultured in the presence of cultured in the presence of (A) exudates or (B) tissue homogenates from infected tobacco seedlings or in the presence of amino acids (C). Mean \pm SD of n=3. *P<0.001, *t* test relative to none sample.



Supplementary Figure S6. Induction of *occ* operon by octopine-type opines. (A) β -galactosidase activity of *A. tumefaciens* KYC1203 (pKYC148) (Δ *occ*R) cultured in the presence of different opines. pKYC148 contains an *occ*Q-lacZ translational fusion. (B) β -glucoronidase specific activity of *ooxA-uidA* strain KYC16 cultured in the presence of SMM and Sulfonopine. Mean \pm SD of n=3. *P<0.001, *t* test relative to none sample.

Strains or plasmids	Relevant features	References
BL21/DE3	<i>E. coli</i> P _{lac} -gene 1 of bacteriophage T7	(Studier et al., 1990)
S17-1/λpir	RK2, tra regulon, pir, host for pir-dependent plasmid	(Simon et al., 1983)
R10	A. tumefaciens R10	(S. K. Farrand)
KYC55	A. tumefaciens R10, Ti plasmid less	(Cho et al. 1997)
KYC16	R10 (<i>oox</i> A::Tn5gusA7), Km ^R	(Cho et al. 1996)
ALFM20	R10::pAFM110, ocs-lacZ, Km ^R	This study
ALFM21	R10::pAFM111, virD4-lacZ, Km ^R	This study
Plasmids		
pVIK107	lacZY for translational fusions, Km ^R	(Kalogeraki and Winans, 1996)
pMCSG19	P _{T7} -MBP-TVMV-his ₆₋ TEV, Amp ^R	(Donnelly et al. 2005)
PT7-groE	P_{T7} - <i>gro</i> ESL, ColE1; Cm ^R	(Yasukawa et al., 1995)
pRK1037	P _L -tetO-TVMV protease, Km ^R	(Donnelly et al. 2005)
pAFM04	ocs cloned into pMCSG19, Amp ^R	This study
pAFM11	<i>msh</i> cloned into pMCSG19, Amp ^R	This study
pAFM110	pVIK107, ocs internal fragment, in-frame translational fusion	This study
pAFM111	pVIK107, virD4 internal fragment, in-frame translational fusion	This study

Table S1. Bacterial Strains and plasmid used in this study

Oligonucleotide Name	DNA Sequence
ALFM21	5'-CGCGGATCCATGTCATCGAAAGTC-3'
ALFM27	5'-ATA GTTTAGCGGCCGCTC AGGCTGCGG C-3'
ALFM28	5'-TACTTCCAATCCAATGCAATGGCTAAAGTGGCA-3'
ALFM29	5'-TTATCCACTAATTCAAACTCCATTGAG-3'
ALFM218	5'-GGGGTACCTCGGTCCTCGTAGCATTGCCC-3'
ALFM219	5'-CGCGGATCCTCTTGGAGTTTCGATATCAGC-3'
ALFM220	5'-GGGGTACCATTGGCGAAATGCAGCATGCT-3'
ALFM221	5'-CGCGGATCCTAGGCTTTCCTCCGCGAGTTG-3'

Table S2. Oligonucleotides used in this study