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29 The reaction mix contained 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 6.5, 0.5 mM EDTA, 5 mM GSH, 0.25 mM
30 NADPH, 0.6 unit/ml glutathione reductase, 2.5-10 μ M TNT and 5 and 30 μ g of enzyme for
31 GST-U25 and GST-U24 respectively in a final volume of 190 μ l. The reaction was initiated

32 by the addition of cumene hydroperoxide and glutathione peroxidase activity monitored
33 spectrophotometrically using an NADPH-linked assay. Results are mean of three technical
34 replica \pm SD.

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36 **Figure S6.** Conjugation activity in protein extracts from Arabidopsis rosette leaves using 1-
37 chloro-2,4,-dinitrobenzene substrate. Wild type (WT), GST-U24 and GST-U25
38 overexpressing lines, results are mean of three biological replica \pm SD.

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40 **Figure S7.** Rate of TNT uptake and TNT-conjugate formation by Arabidopsis in liquid
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42 Arabidopsis lines were grown in flasks containing $\frac{1}{2}$ MS, 20 mM sucrose and 200 mM TNT.
43 NPC, no plant control. Results are mean of five biological replica \pm SE. (C) Levels of TNT-
44 conjugates in the tissues of plants after one day. Results are mean of three biological replica \pm
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46 **Supplemental Table I**

47 Root surface area of GST-U24 overexpressing lines relative to wild type. Plants were grown
 48 vertically on agar plates containing ½ MS medium plus a range of TNT concentrations. Each
 49 ratio is derived from the mean of three replicate plates containing 12-15 seedlings per plate.

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Age of seedlings (days after germination)	TNT conc ⁿ in the agar (µM)	Root surface area relative to wild type at the same concentration and time point						
		GST-U24 overexpression lines						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9 days	2	1.04	1.62	1.04	1.16	1.24	1.39	1.17
	7	1.08	1.13	1.18	1.45	1.31	1.27	1.18
	15	1.10	1.07	1.24	1.15	1.16	0.94	1.16
14 days	2	1.20	1.40	1.00	1.18	1.49	1.70	1.44
	7	1.10	1.40	1.77	1.74	2.03	2.37	2.04
	15	2.49	2.01	2.95	1.33	2.49	1.31	2.17
20 days	2	1.34	1.23	0.91	1.26	1.08	1.22	1.27
	7	1.44	1.22	1.45	1.41	1.45	1.61	1.63
	15	2.40	2.04	2.37	1.93	1.95	1.26	1.93

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54 **Supplemental Table II**

55 Root surface area of GST-U25 overexpressing lines relative to wild type. Plants were grown
 56 vertically on agar plates containing ½ MS medium plus a range of TNT concentrations. Each
 57 ratio is derived from the mean of three replicate plates containing 12-15 seedlings per plate.

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Age of seedlings (days after germination)	TNT conc ⁿ in the agar (µM)	Root surface area relative to wild type at the same concentration and time point						
		GST-U25 overexpression lines						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9 days	2	0.84	0.63	1.10	0.79	1.26	0.89	1.13
	7	0.84	0.84	1.29	1.11	1.49	1.26	1.02
	15	1.24	1.12	1.35	1.49	1.52	1.20	1.20
14 days	2	1.05	0.61	1.12	1.05	1.54	1.11	1.24
	7	0.85	0.46	1.30	1.16	1.74	1.64	0.88
	15	1.18	0.69	1.24	1.03	1.38	1.17	0.60
20 days	2	2.18	1.55	1.54	1.61	1.55	1.46	1.80
	7	1.39	2.17	1.84	1.48	1.73	1.54	2.21
	15	3.34	1.84	2.66	2.28	3.04	2.18	2.01

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61 **Supplemental Table III**

62 Primer sequences used during cloning of GSTs for expression in *E. coli* and Arabidopsis.
 63 Regions in italics are the Ligation Independent Cloning-specific overhangs for cloning into
 64 pET YSBLIC (Bonsor et al., 2006). Regions in bold represent enzyme restriction sites used to
 65 clone into pART7 (Gleave, 1992).

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GSTU1LICF	<i>CCAGGGACCAGCAATGGCGGAGAAAGAAGAGAGTGTGAAG</i>
GSTU1LICR	<i>GAGGAGAAGGCGCGTTAGGCAGACTTAATTGTCTCTGCAATTTTGGT</i>
GSTU3LICF	<i>CCAGGGACCAGCAATGGCCGAGAAAGAAGAGGGTGTGAA</i>
GSTU3LICR	<i>GAGGAGAAGGCGCGTTAGACCGCTTTGATTCGTCCTACAATTTTCAT</i>
GSTU4LICF	<i>CCAGGGACCAGCAATGGCGGAGAAAGAAGAGGATGTGAAG</i>
GSTU4LICR	<i>GAGGAGAAGGCGCGTTAGGCTGATTTGATTCTTTCTACAACCTTCTTC</i>
GSTU7LICF	<i>CCAGGGACCAGCAATGGCGGAGAGATCAAATTCAGAGGAAG</i>
GSTU7LICR	<i>GAGGAGAAGGCGCGTTATCAAGCAGATTTGATATTGAGTTTCTCCATACG</i>
GSTU12LICF	<i>CCAGGGACCAGCAATGGCTCAAATGGTTCGAATACTACTGTG</i>
GSTU12LICR	<i>GAGGAGAAGGCGCGTTACTAAACACTGAATTTCTTTTTGGCAAACCTCGAT</i>
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GSTU22LICR	<i>GAGGAGAAGGCGCGTTAGACACAGTATATCTTCCTAATCTTATAGGC</i>
GSTU24LICF	<i>CCAGGGACCAGCAATGGCAGATGAGGTGATTCTTCTGGATTTC</i>
GSTU24LICR	<i>GAGGAGAAGGCGCGTTACTCCAACCCAAGTTTCTTCCTACGTTC</i>
GSTU25LICF	<i>CCAGGGACCAGCAATGGCAGACGAGGTGATTCTTCTTGATTTC</i>
GSTU25LICR	<i>GAGGAGAAGGCGCGTTACTATTCGATTTTCGATCCCAAGTTTTTTCCTTAG</i>
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GSTU1R	GGATCC TTAGGCAGACTTAATTGTC

GSTU1F	GAATTCATGGCGGAGAAAGAAGAGAG
GSTU1R	GGATCCTTAGGCAGACTTAATTGTC
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GSTU4F	GAATTCATGGCGGAGAAAGAAGAGG
GSTU4R	GGATCCTTAGGCTGATTTGATTC
GSTU7F	GAATTCATGGCGGAGAGATCAA
GSTU7R	GGATCCTCAAGCAGATTTGATATTG
GSTU22F	GAATTCATGGCGGATGAAGTG
GSTU22R	GGATCCTTAGACACAGTATATCTTCC
GSTU24F	GGTACCATGGCAGATGAGGTGATTCTT
GSTU24R	TCTAGATTACTCCAACCCAAGTTTGTT
GSTU25R	GGATCCCTATTCGATTTGATCC
GSTU25F	GAATTCATGGCAGACGAGGTGA

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68 **Supplemental Table IV**

69 Primer sequences used for qPCR of GSTs in Arabidopsis.

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RTU1R	TTCTTGTGAAGCGGGTTTAGC
RTU3F	ACCAAACATGGACAAACAATCCT
RTU3R	CGACAAATTTGGCCCAGAA
RTU4F	AAGCCCTTTTACTCGTAGAGTTGAGA
RTU4R	TTTGTAGACAAGAACCGGAACCTT
RTU7F	TCCGGTTCTTGTTCATAATGGTA
RTU7R	TCATCGACGAATTTAGACCAGAAT
RTU22F	TCGAAGCATCAGAGAACTAGCTAAC
RTU22R	CCTCTTAGCCGAAGCCATCA
RTU24F	TCCCTCCGATCCTTACAAGAGA
RTU24R	TCGCCGTAACATTCACCTTTT
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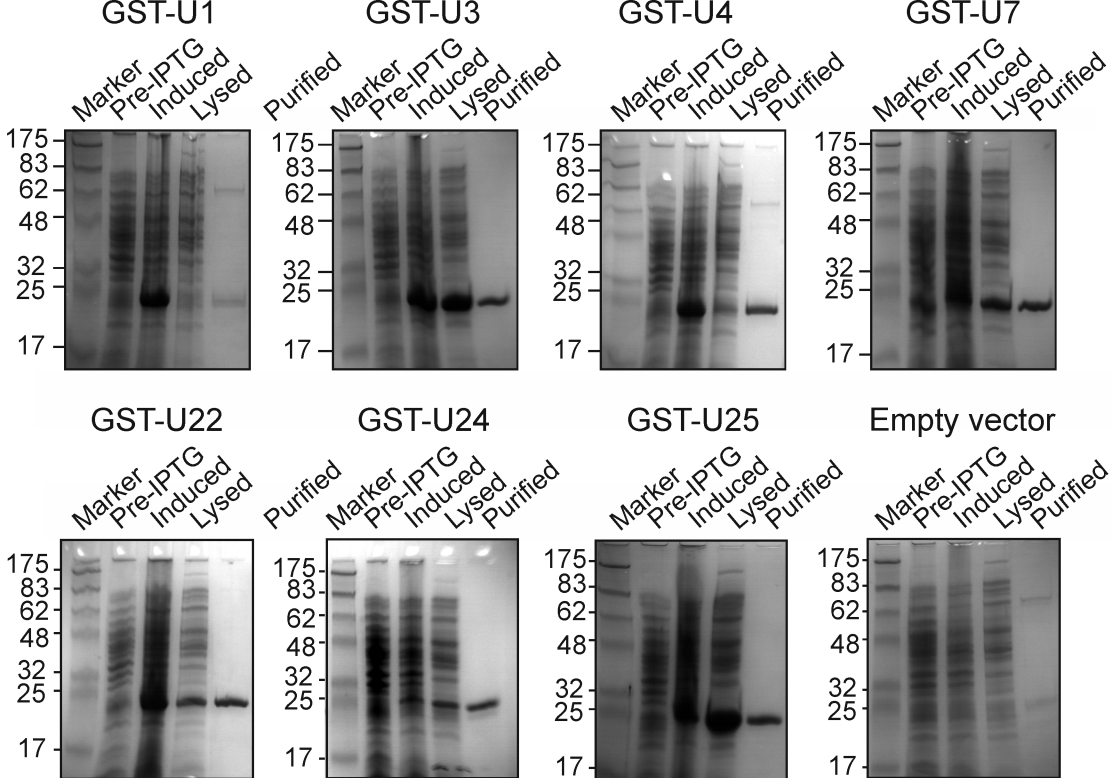


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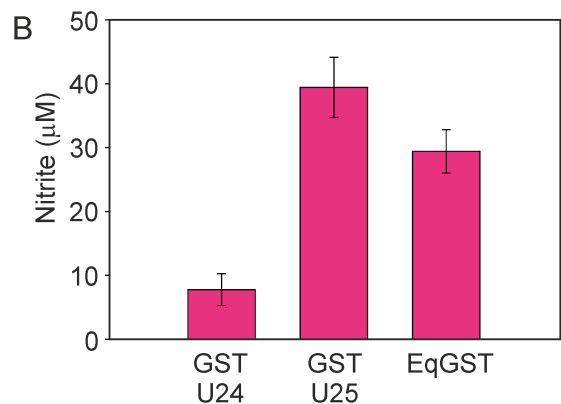
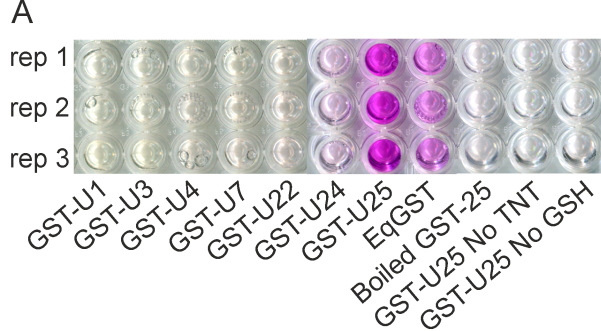


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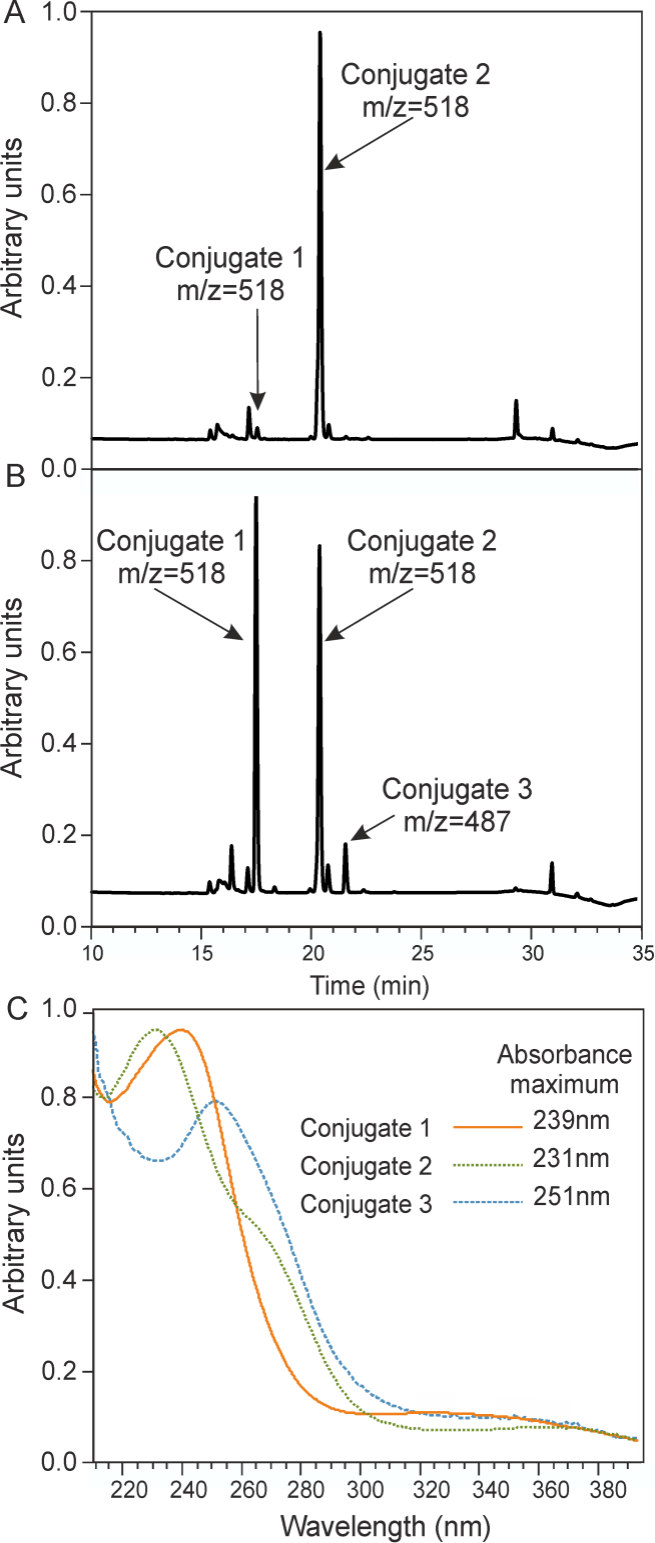


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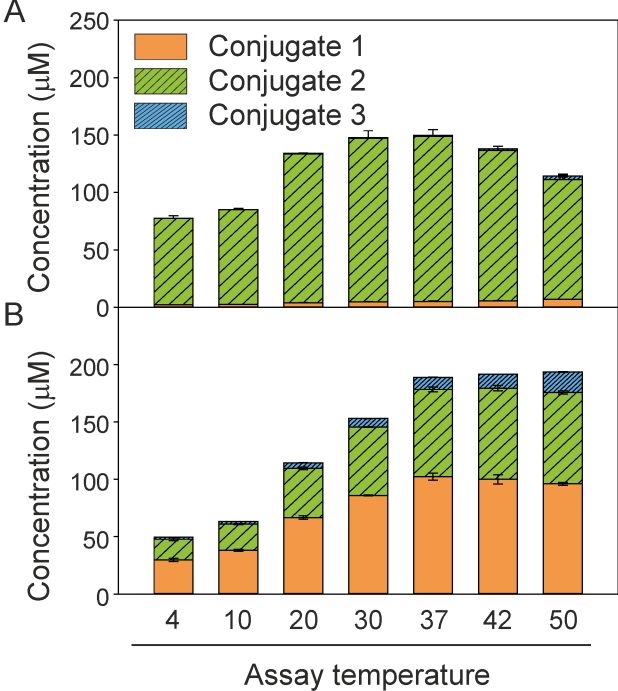


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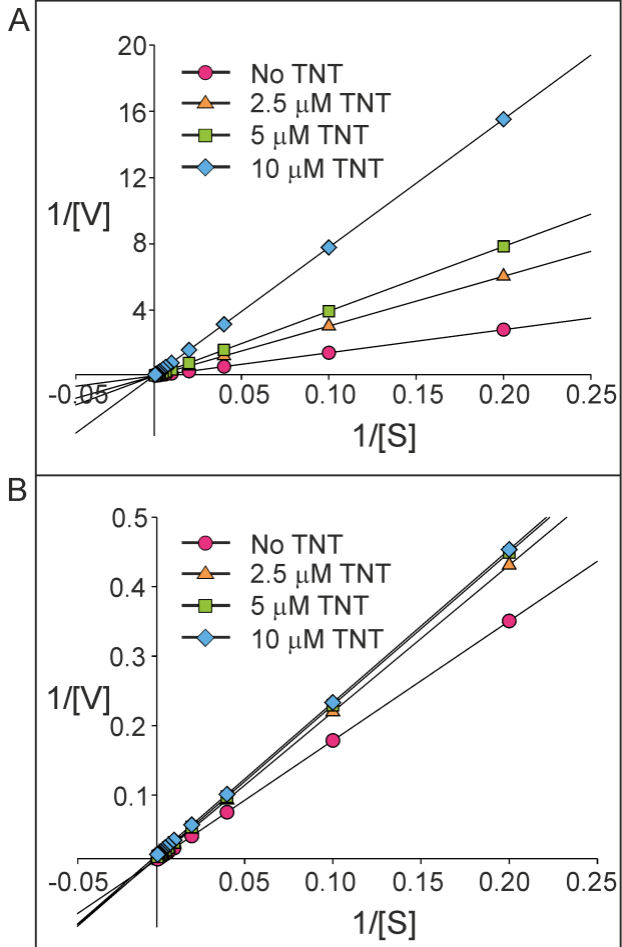


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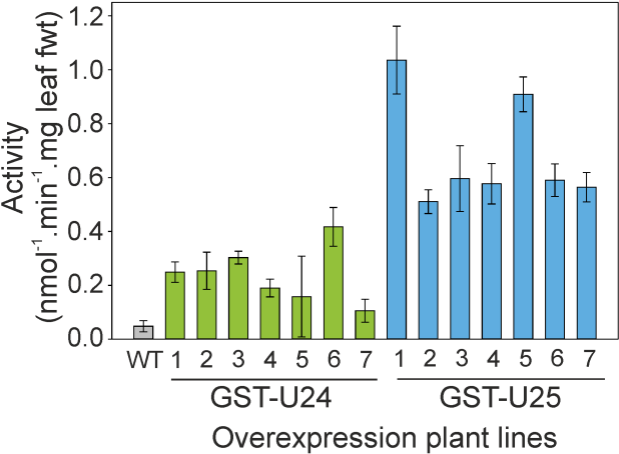


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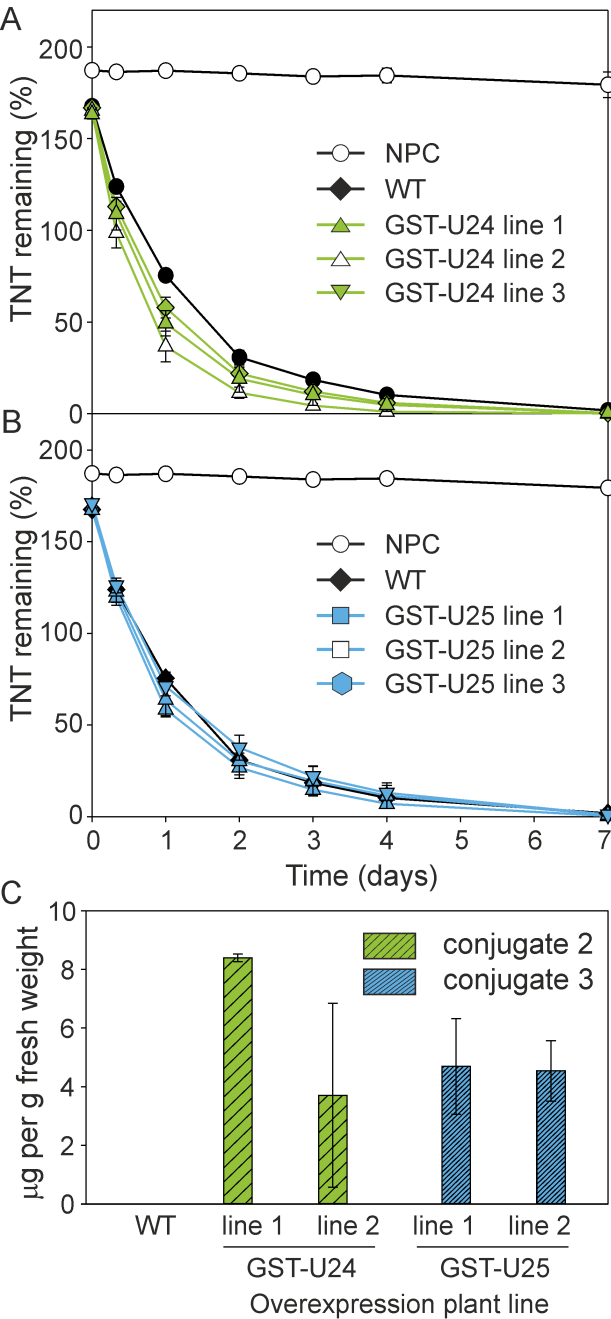


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