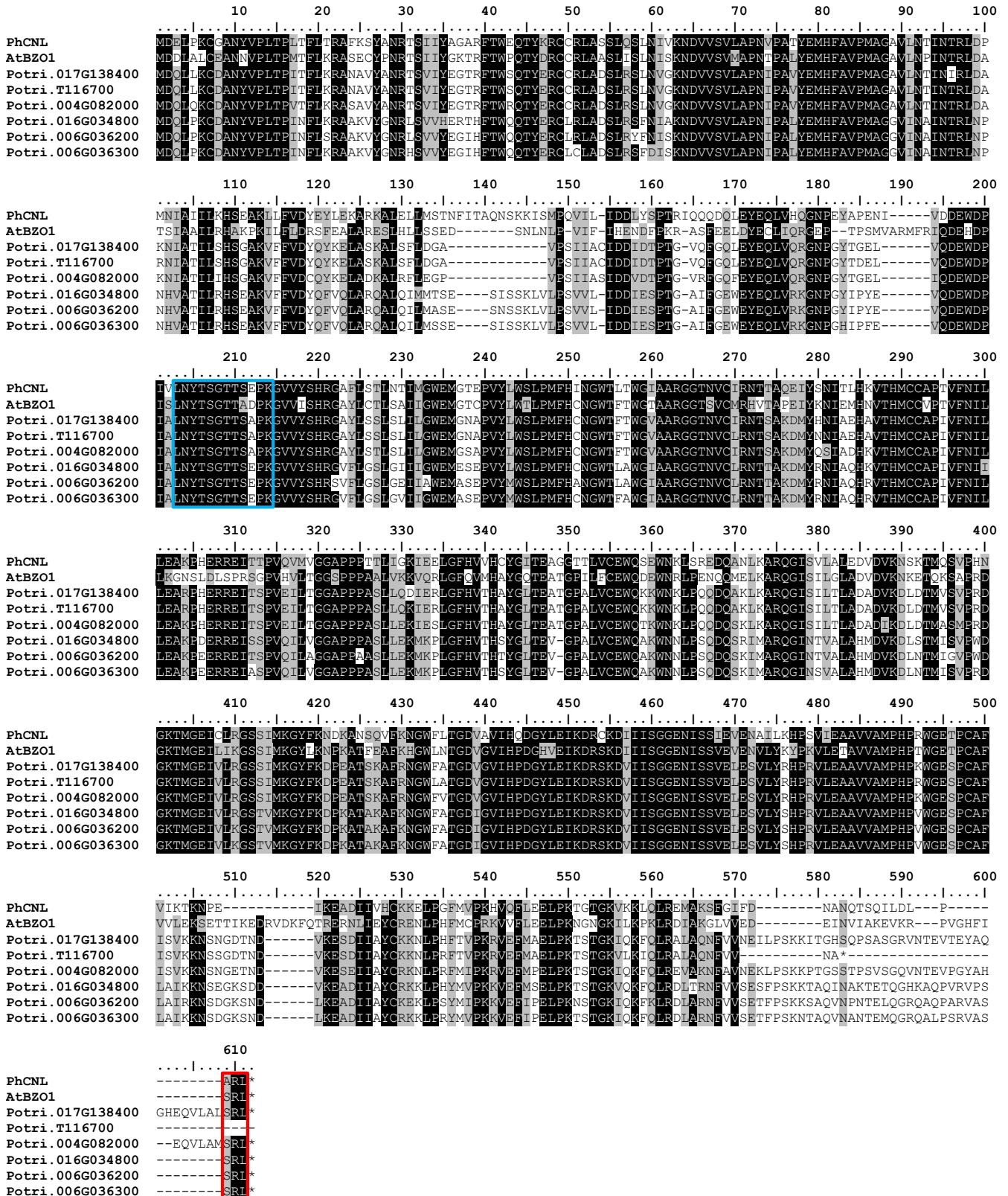
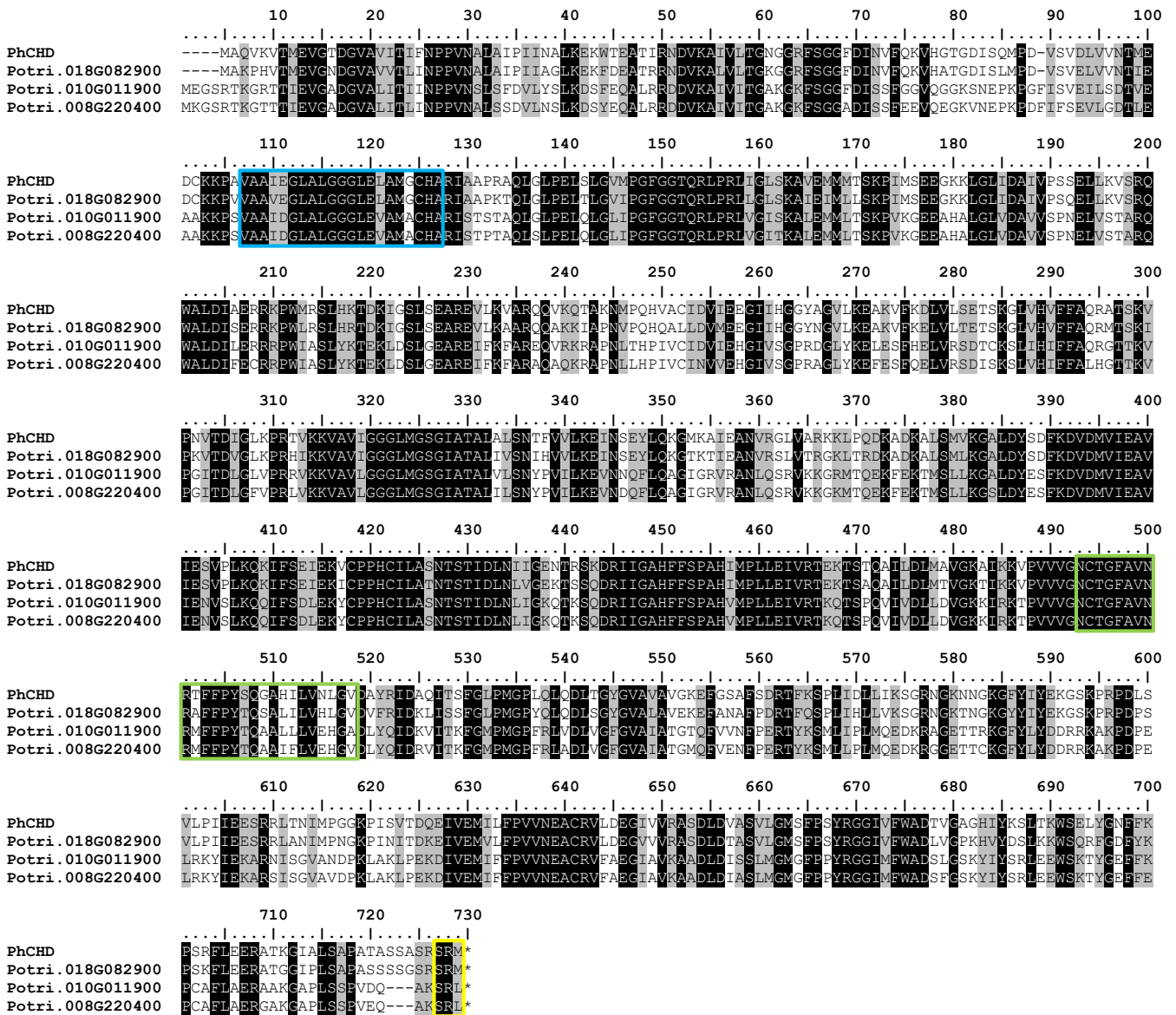


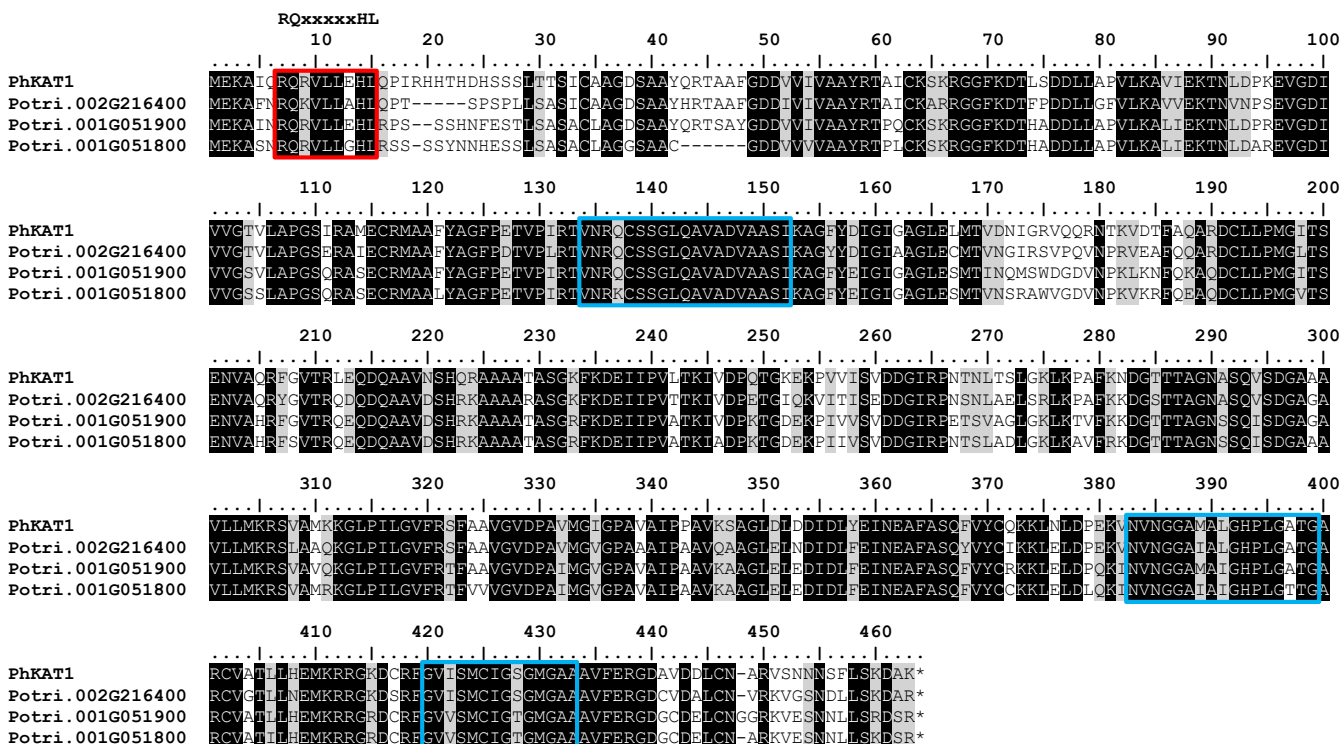
Supplemental Figure S1. Cladogram analysis of putative poplar *cinnamate-CoA ligase (CNL)* genes, characterized poplar *4-coumarate-CoA ligase (4CL)* genes, and characterized *cinnamate-CoA ligase* genes from other plants. The tree was inferred by using the Maximum Likelihood method based on the Tamura 3-parameter model implemented in MEGA6 (Tamura et al., 2013). Bootstrap values ($n = 1000$) are shown next to each node. The tree is drawn to scale, with branch lengths measured in the number of substitutions per site. Codon positions included were 1st+2nd+3rd+Noncoding. All positions with less than 80% site coverage were eliminated. *Pt4CL3*, EU603298 (Shi et al. 2010); *Pt4CL5*, EU603299 (Shi et al. 2010); *Pt4CL17*, EU603300 (Shi et al. 2010); *AtBZO1*, NM_105260 (Lee et al. 2012); *PhCNL*, JN120848 (Klempien et al. 2012).



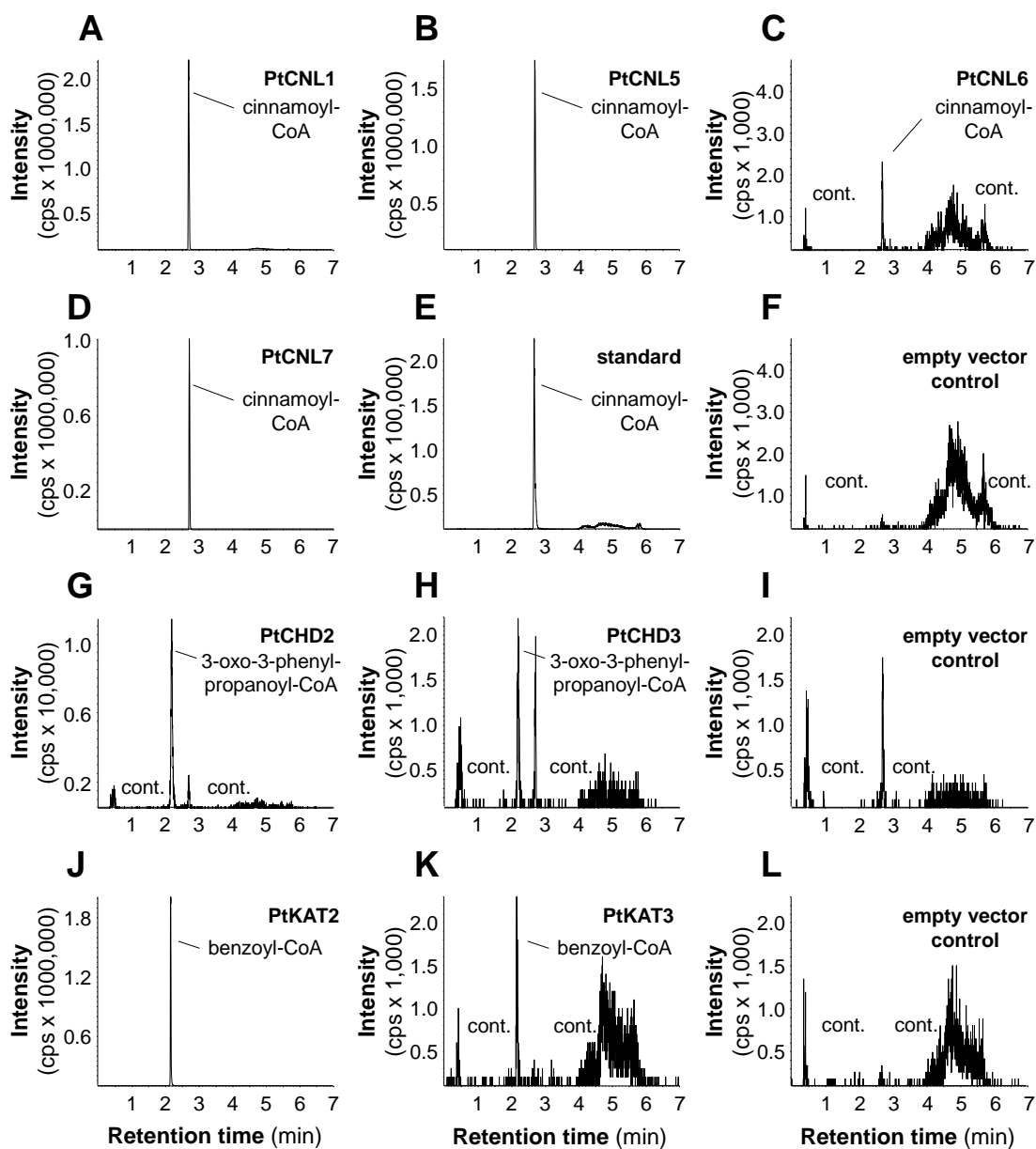
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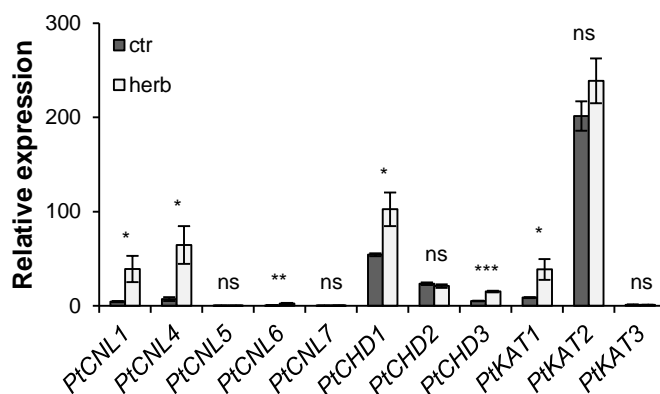
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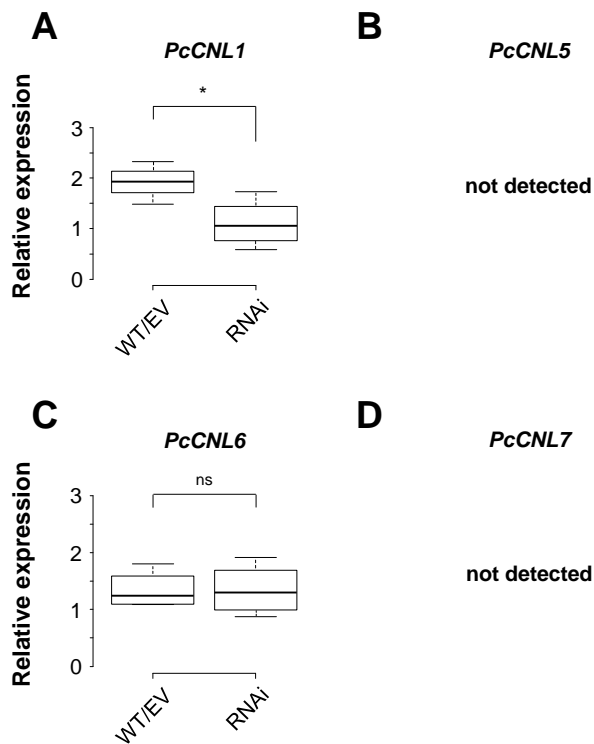
Supplemental Figure S4. Amino acid sequence comparison of putative *Populus trichocarpa* 3-ketoacyl-CoA thiolases (KAT) Potri.002G216400 (PtKAT1), Potri.001G051900 (PtKAT2), and Potri.001G051800 (PtKAT3) with the characterized KAT1 from *Petunia hybrida* (Ph). The amino acid alignment was computed using the MUSCLE algorithm implemented in MEGA6 (Tamura et al., 2013) and visualized with the program BioEdit (<http://www.mbio.ncsu.edu/bioedit/bioedit.html>). Black boxes mark conserved residues and gray boxes mark similar amino acids. The peroxisomal targeting sequence II (PTS II) as described by Reumann, 2004 is highlighted in red. Putative conserved regions involved in thiolase activity predicted by ProSite (<https://prosite.expasy.org/scanprosite/>) are highlighted in blue. PhKAT1, ACV70032 (Van Moerkercke et al. 2009).



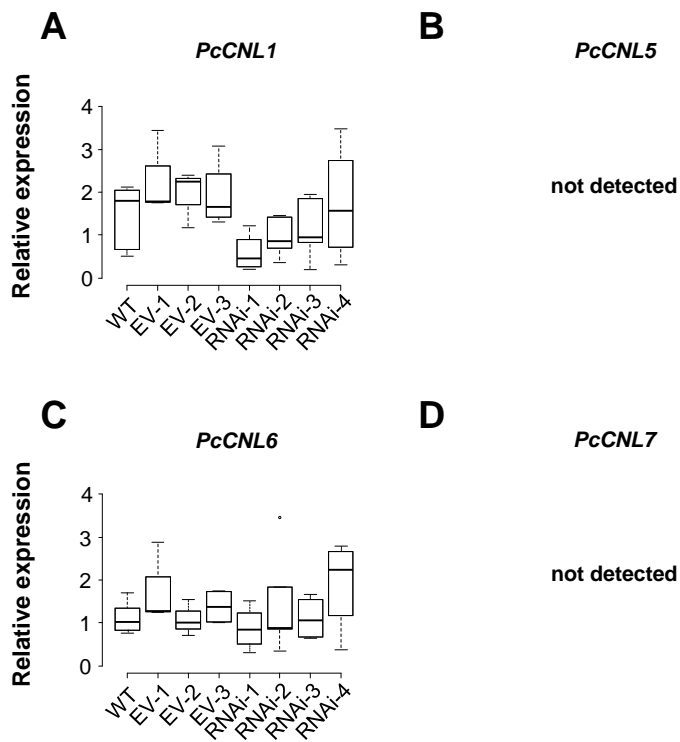
Supplemental Figure S5. Enzymatic activity of *Populus trichocarpa* cinnamate-CoA ligases (PtCNL), cinnamoyl-CoA hydratase/dehydrogenases (PtCHD), and 3-ketoacyl-CoA thiolases (PtKAT). Putative poplar *PtCNL*, *PtCHD*, and *PtKAT* genes were heterologously expressed in *Escherichia coli* as His₆-tag fusion proteins and recombinant proteins were purified using affinity chromatography. Purified proteins were incubated with the potential substrates *trans*-cinnamic acid (PtCNL), cinnamoyl-CoA (PtCHD), cinnamoyl-CoA (+ PtCHD1) (PtKAT) and the respective cosubstrates ATP, CoA (PtCNL); NAD⁺ (PtCHD); CoA, NAD⁺ (PtKAT). Reaction products were analyzed using liquid chromatography/tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS). cont., contamination; cps, counts per second.



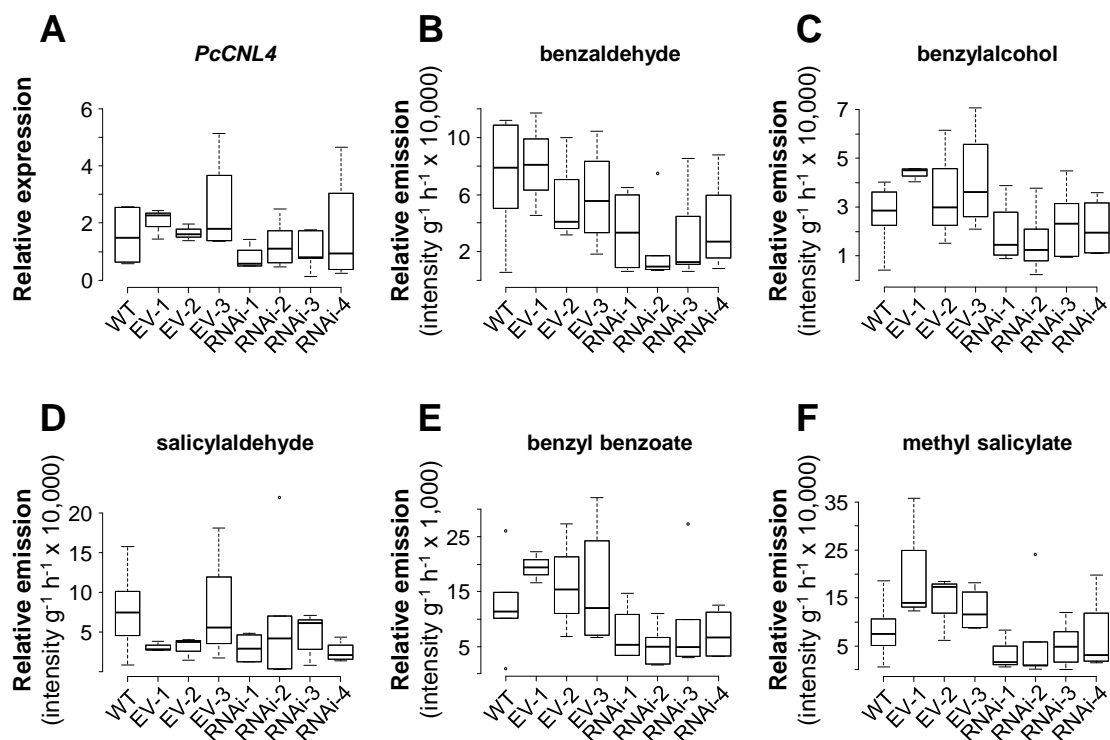
Supplemental Figure S6. Gene expression analysis of poplar *cinnamate-CoA ligases (CNL)*, *cinnamoyl-CoA hydratases/dehydrogenases (CHD)*, and *3-ketoacyl-CoA thiolases (KAT)*. Transcript accumulation of *PtCNL1/4-7*, *PtCHD1-3*, and *PtKAT1-3* was measured in undamaged and *Chrysomela populi*-damaged *Populus trichocarpa* leaves using RT-qPCR with *tubulin* (Wang et al. 2014) as housekeeping gene. Means and SE are shown (n = 4). Asterisks indicate statistical significance as assessed by Student's *t*-test (ST) or Mann-Whitney Rank Sum Test (MW) (* $P < 0.05$; ** $P < 0.01$; *** $P < 0.001$). *PtCNL1* ($P = 0.029$, $T = 10.000$, (MW)); *PtCNL4* ($P = 0.029$, $t = -2.849$, (ST)); *PtCNL5* ($P = 0.067$, $t = -2.330$, (ST)); *PtCNL6* ($P = 0.002$, $t = -5.447$, (ST)); *PtCNL7* ($P = 0.141$, $t = -1.990$, (ST)); *PtCHD1* ($P = 0.029$, $T = 10.000$, (MW)); *PtCHD2* ($P = 0.272$, $t = 1.208$, (ST)); *PtCHD3* ($P < 0.001$, $t = -10.939$, (ST)); *PtKAT1* ($P = 0.029$, $T = 10.000$, (MW)); *PtKAT2* ($P = 0.235$, $t = -1.319$, (ST)); *PtKAT3* ($P = 0.367$, $t = 0.976$, (ST)).



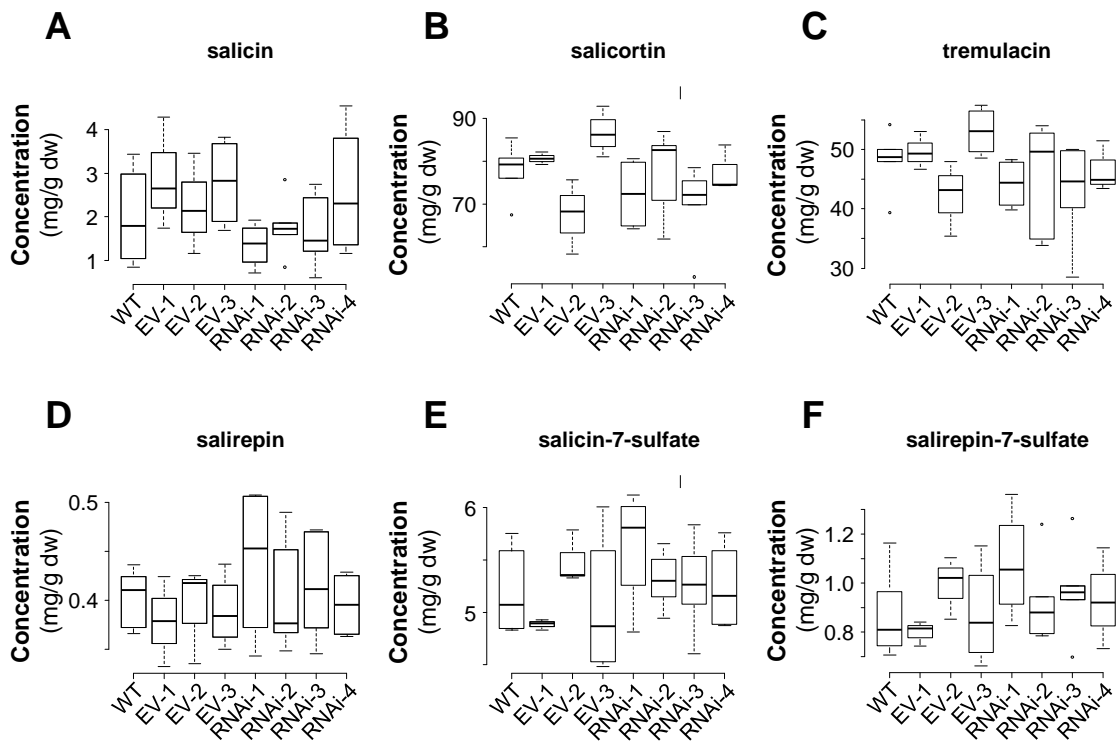
Supplemental Figure S7. RNAi-mediated knockdown of the *cinnamate-CoA ligases (CNL1 and 4)* in *Populus x canescens*. Transcript accumulation of *P. x canescens* *CNL1*, *CNL5*, *CNL6*, and *CNL7* in *Chrysomela populi*-damaged wild-type and transgenic *P. x canescens* trees are shown. Gene expression was measured using RT-qPCR with *ubiquitin* (Ramírez-Carvajal et al., 2007) as housekeeping gene. Medians \pm quartiles and outliers are shown ($n = 4$ biological replicates). EV, empty vector; ns, not significant; WT, wild-type. Asterisks indicate statistical significance as assessed by Student's *t*-test (ST) ($*P < 0.05$). *PcCNL1* ($P = 0.032$, $t = -2.779$, (ST)); *PcCNL6* ($P = 0.996$, $t = 0.00543$, (ST)).



Supplemental Figure S8. RNAi-mediated knockdown of the *cinnamate-CoA ligases (CNL1 and 4)* in *Populus x canescens*. Transcript accumulation of *P. x canescens* *CNL1*, *CNL5*, *CNL6*, and *CNL7* in *Chrysomela populi*-damaged wild-type and transgenic *P. x canescens* trees are shown. Gene expression was measured using RT-qPCR with *ubiquitin* (Ramírez-Carvajal et al., 2007) as housekeeping gene. Medians \pm quartiles and outliers are shown (n = 3-6 technical replicates). EV, empty vector; WT, wild type.



Supplemental Figure S9. Effect of RNAi-mediated knockdown of the *cinnamate-CoA ligases* (*CNL1* and *4*) in *Populus x canescens* on the emission of aromatic compounds. Transcript accumulation of *P. x canescens CNL4* (A), and the relative emission of benzaldehyde (B), benzylalcohol (C), salicylaldehyde (D), benzyl benzoate (E), and methyl salicylate (F) of *Chrysomela populi*-damaged wild-type and transgenic *P. x canescens* trees are shown. Gene expression was measured using RT-qPCR, with *ubiquitin* (Ramírez-Carvajal et al., 2007) as housekeeping gene. Volatiles were analyzed using GC-MS. Medians \pm quartiles, and outliers are shown ($n = 3$ -6 technical replicates). EV, empty vector; WT, wild type.



Supplemental Figure S10. Effect of RNAi-mediated knockdown of the *cinnamate-CoA ligases* (*CNL1* and *4*) in *Populus x canescens* on the formation of salicinoids. Concentration of salicin (A), salicortin (B), tremulacin (C), salirepin (D), salicin-7-sulfate (E), and salirepin-7-sulfate (F) in leaves of *Chrysomela populi*-damaged wild-type and transgenic *P. x canescens* trees are shown. Compounds were extracted with methanol from freeze-dried leaf material and analyzed using LC-MS/MS and HPLC-UV. Medians \pm quartiles, and outliers are shown ($n = 3-6$ technical replicates). EV, empty vector; dw, dry weight; WT, wild type.

Supplemental Table S1. Volatiles (ng g⁻¹ h⁻¹ fw) emitted from undamaged (control) and *Chrysomela populi*-damaged (herbivory) *Populus trichocarpa* leaves. Compounds were collected for 6 h using a push-pull system and Poropak filter. Eluates were analyzed using GC-MS and quantified by GC-FID. Means and SE (n = 8) are given. Differences between treatments were analyzed by Student's *t*-test (ST) or Mann-Whitney Rank Sum Test (MW). fw, fresh weight, (*E*)-DMNT, (*E*)-4,8-dimethylnona-1,3,7-triene; (*E,E*)-TMTT, (*E,E*)-4,8,12-trimethyltrideca-1,3,7,11-tetraene. Compounds marked with # were identified by comparison of retention time and mass spectrum to those of authentic standards. Other compounds were identified by database comparisons.

compound	control	herbivory	<i>P</i> -value	<i>t</i> -value/ <i>T</i> -value
Aromatics				
benzaldehyde [#]	0.28 ± 0.10	20.22 ± 9.07	<0.001	36.000 (MW)
benzylalcohol [#]	2.13 ± 0.40	21.13 ± 3.59	<0.001	36.000 (MW)
2-phenylethanol [#] / <i>(E)</i> -DMNT	0.00 ± 0.00	85.01 ± 10.63	<0.001	36.000 (MW)
salicylaldehyde [#]	3.11 ± 1.17	20.23 ± 7.91	0.007	43.000 (MW)
methyl salicylate [#]	0.62 ± 0.16	1.37 ± 0.27	0.031	-2.398 (ST)
salicylalcohol	0.00 ± 0.00	17.55 ± 4.03	<0.001	36.000 (MW)
eugenol	0.46 ± 0.13	1.35 ± 0.24	0.006	-3.258 (ST)
isoamyl benzoate	0.00 ± 0.00	0.44 ± 0.06	<0.001	36.000 (MW)
<i>cis</i> -3-hexenyl benzoate [#]	0.47 ± 0.11	5.37 ± 1.36	<0.001	36.000 (MW)
hexenyl benzoate/ <i>(E,E)</i> -TMTT	0.39 ± 0.19	14.58 ± 3.18	<0.001	36.000 (MW)
benzyl benzoate [#]	0.91 ± 0.25	2.91 ± 0.92	0.036	-2.315 (ST)
Nitrogenous compounds				
<i>(E)</i> -3-methylbutyraldoxime	0.00 ± 0.00	39.19 ± 7.87	<0.001	36.000 (MW)
<i>(Z)</i> -3-methylbutyraldoxime	0.00 ± 0.00	23.75 ± 3.55	<0.001	36.000 (MW)
<i>(E)</i> -2-methylbutyraldoxime	0.00 ± 0.00	45.44 ± 7.10	<0.001	36.000 (MW)
<i>(Z)</i> -2-methylbutyraldoxime	0.00 ± 0.00	12.03 ± 1.79	<0.001	36.000 (MW)
benzyl cyanide	0.49 ± 0.16	50.71 ± 7.62	<0.001	36.000 (MW)
<i>(E)</i> -phenylacetaldoxime	0.00 ± 0.00	5.16 ± 0.80	<0.001	36.000 (MW)
<i>(Z)</i> -phenylacetaldoxime	0.00 ± 0.00	4.77 ± 0.83	<0.001	36.000 (MW)
indole	0.15 ± 0.08	27.33 ± 4.27	<0.001	36.000 (MW)
2-phenylnitroethane	0.00 ± 0.00	11.00 ± 1.84	<0.001	36.000 (MW)
Green leaf volatiles				
1-hexanol	0.00 ± 0.00	22.55 ± 4.27	<0.001	36.000 (MW)

Supplemental Table S1. continued

compound	control	herbivory	P-value	t-value/T-value
<i>Monoterpenoids</i>				
α -pinene [#]	8.97 \pm 2.31	10.91 \pm 2.18	0.442	60.000 (MW)
sabinene	5.84 \pm 1.43	9.77 \pm 2.09	0.130	53.000 (MW)
β -pinene [#]	2.79 \pm 0.72	4.24 \pm 0.91	0.105	52.000 (MW)
<i>p</i> -cymene	1.72 \pm 0.38	3.48 \pm 0.49	0.012	-2.876 (ST)
limonene [#]	3.51 \pm 1.08	5.54 \pm 1.14	0.217	-1.294 (ST)
1,8-cineole	24.08 \pm 6.06	58.75 \pm 11.38	0.018	-2.690 (ST)
(<i>Z</i>)- β -ocimene	0.00 \pm 0.00	19.79 \pm 4.29	<0.001	36.000 (MW)
(<i>E</i>)- β -ocimene [#]	6.66 \pm 2.44	355.94 \pm 86.77	<0.001	36.000 (MW)
α -terpineol [#]	3.13 \pm 0.81	9.01 \pm 2.12	0.021	-2.589 (ST)
<i>Sesquiterpenoids</i>				
α -copaene	3.60 \pm 1.10	5.98 \pm 1.12	0.083	51.000 (MW)
calarene	1.24 \pm 0.35	2.16 \pm 0.43	0.116	-1.676 (ST)
β -cubebene	1.23 \pm 0.40	2.12 \pm 0.40	0.141	-1.561 (ST)
α -amorphene	4.19 \pm 1.18	7.62 \pm 1.42	0.065	50.000 (MW)
(<i>Z,E</i>)- α -farnesene	2.14 \pm 0.41	16.91 \pm 2.64	<0.001	36.000 (MW)
γ -cadinene	3.41 \pm 0.96	6.02 \pm 1.17	0.065	50.000 (MW)
δ -cadinene	8.07 \pm 2.34	14.90 \pm 3.03	0.065	50.000 (MW)
cadinol	1.86 \pm 0.37	4.30 \pm 0.81	0.016	-2.751 (ST)
(<i>E,E</i>)- α -farnesene	64.79 \pm 15.02	1192.88 \pm 192.07	<0.001	36.000 (MW)

Supplemental Table S2. Content of non-polar benzenoid compounds ($\mu\text{g/g}$ fresh weight) in undamaged (control) and *Chrysomela populi*-damaged (herbivory) *Populus trichocarpa* leaves. Compounds were extracted with hexane from fresh plant material and analyzed using GC-MS/GC-FID. Means and SE (n = 8) are given. Differences between treatments were analyzed by Student's *t*-test (ST) or Mann-Whitney Rank Sum Test (MW).

compound	control	herbivory	<i>P</i>-value	t-value/<i>T</i>-value
benzaldehyde	0.14 \pm 0.01	0.18 \pm 0.01	0.028	47.000 (MW)
benzylalcohol	0.51 \pm 0.10	0.80 \pm 0.12	0.038	48.000 (MW)
salicylaldehyde	18.49 \pm 2.33	27.82 \pm 3.07	0.030	-2.419 (ST)
benzyl benzoate	0.50 \pm 0.08	1.53 \pm 0.25	<0.001	36.000 (MW)

Supplemental Table S3. Aromatic amino acid and aromatic carboxylic acid content ($\mu\text{g/g}$ dry weight) in undamaged (control) and *Chrysomela populi*-damaged (herbivory) *Populus trichocarpa* leaves. Compounds were extracted with methanol from freeze-dried plant material and analyzed using LC-MS/MS. NA, not available; nd, not detected. Means and SE (n = 8) are given. Differences between treatments were analyzed by Student's *t*-test (ST) or Mann-Whitney Rank Sum Test (MW).

compound	control	herbivory	P-value	t-value/T-value
phenylalanine	19.80 \pm 1.21	32.69 \pm 2.29	<0.001	-4.969 (ST)
tyrosine	7.37 \pm 0.53	8.60 \pm 0.69	0.176	-1.425 (ST)
tryptophan	10.76 \pm 1.32	71.67 \pm 7.75	<0.001	36.000 (MW)
<i>trans</i> -cinnamic acid	37.59 \pm 5.19	38.79 \pm 4.03	0.857	-0.813 (ST)
2-hydroxycinnamic acid	nd	nd	NA	NA
4-hydroxycinnamic acid	2.96 \pm 0.24	5.00 \pm 0.23	<0.001	-6.161 (ST)
caffeic acid	1.73 \pm 0.10	3.40 \pm 0.38	<0.001	36.000 (MW)
ferulic acid	0.45 \pm 0.02	0.71 \pm 0.04	<0.001	-5.285 (ST)
gallic acid	1.29 \pm 0.07	1.42 \pm 0.07	0.205	-1.330 (ST)
benzoic acid	nd	nd	NA	NA
3-hydroxybenzoic acid	3.80 \pm 0.29	4.02 \pm 0.30	0.600	-0.536 (ST)
4-hydroxybenzoic acid	1.38 \pm 0.08	3.30 \pm 0.41	<0.001	36.000 (MW)
2,3-dihydroxybenzoic acid	0.00 \pm 0.00	0.56 \pm 0.24	0.010	44.000 (MW)
2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid	0.00 \pm 0.00	0.50 \pm 0.18	<0.001	36.000 (MW)

Supplemental Table S4. Phytohormone content (ng/g dry weight) in undamaged (control) and *Chrysomela populi*-damaged (herbivory) *Populus trichocarpa* leaves. Compounds were extracted with methanol from freeze-dried plant material and analyzed using LC-MS/MS. Means and SE (n = 8) are given. Differences between treatments were analyzed by Student's *t*-test (ST) or Mann-Whitney Rank Sum Test (MW).

compound	control	herbivory	P-value	t-value/T-value
salicylic acid	624.33 ± 118.65	969.23 ± 176.28	0.105	-1.735 (ST)
jasmonic acid	125.56 ± 22.90	855.31 ± 122.91	<0.001	36.000 (MW)
abscisic acid	94.88 ± 6.40	130.78 ± 8.81	0.003	-3.524 (ST)
(-)-jasmonoyl-L- isoleucine	1.23 ± 0.22	15.23 ± 1.87	<0.001	36.000 (MW)
(+)-7- <i>iso</i> -jasmonoyl-L- isoleucine	3.38 ± 0.57	72.25 ± 8.19	<0.001	36.000 (MW)
12-oxophytodienoic acid	194.40 ± 30.57	503.30 ± 69.88	<0.001	-4.330 (ST)
12-hydroxyjasmonic acid	252.04 ± 64.33	6908.47 ± 1396.15	<0.001	36.000 (MW)
12-hydroxyjasmonic acid- isoleucine	8.61 ± 1.50	213.18 ± 32.68	<0.001	36.000 (MW)
12-carboxyjasmonic acid- isoleucine	0.00 ± 0.00	16.04 ± 2.27	<0.001	36.000 (MW)

Supplemental Table S5. Incorporation of D₇-cinnamic acid (D₇-CA) into aromatic carboxylic acids in *Chrysomela populi*-damaged *Populus trichocarpa* leaves. Compounds were extracted with methanol from freeze-dried plant material and analyzed using LC-MS/MS. The amount of each compound, labeled and unlabeled, is given as the percentage of the total amount of that compound. nd, not detected. Means and SE (n = 3 - 4) are given.

compound	H₂O control (%)	D₇CA feeding (%)
cinnamic acid	100 ± 0.0	3.9 ± 1.6
D ₇ -cinnamic acid	nd	96.1 ± 1.6
2-hydroxycinnamic acid	nd	nd
D ₆ -2-hydroxycinnamic acid	nd	nd
4-hydroxycinnamic acid	100 ± 0.0	39.3 ± 19.4
D ₆ -4-hydroxycinnamic acid	nd	60.7 ± 19.4
caffeic acid	100 ± 0.0	74.2 ± 10.9
D ₅ -caffeic acid	nd	25.8 ± 10.9
ferulic acid	100 ± 0.0	78.7 ± 4.2
D ₅ -ferulic acid	nd	21.3 ± 4.2
benzoic acid (BA)	nd	nd
D ₅ -benzoic acid	nd	nd
salicylic acid	100 ± 0.0	95.3 ± 1.3
D ₄ -salicylic acid	nd	4.7 ± 1.3
3-hydroxy BA	nd	nd
D ₄ -3-hydroxy BA	nd	nd
4-hydroxy BA	nd	nd
D ₄ -4-hydroxy BA	nd	nd
2,3 dihydroxy BA	nd	nd
D ₃ -2,3 dihydroxy BA	nd	nd
2,5 dihydroxy BA	100 ± 0.0	94.5 ± 1.1
D ₃ -2,5 dihydroxy BA	nd	5.5 ± 1.1
gallic acid	100 ± 0.0	100 ± 0.0
D ₂ -gallic acid	nd	nd

Supplemental Table S6. Predicted subcellular localization of poplar cinnamate-CoA ligases (PtCNL). ¹ <https://rostlab.org/services/loctree3/>; ² <http://www.cbs.dtu.dk/services/DeepLoc-1.0/>, (Almagro Armenteros et al. 2017); ³ <https://mendel.imp.ac.at/pts1/>, (Neuberger et al. 2003a, Neuberger et al. 2003b); ⁴ <http://ppp.gobics.de/>, (Reumann et al. 2012); ⁵ <http://www.cbs.dtu.dk/services/TargetP-2.0/>, (Almagro Armenteros et al. 2019); ⁶ <http://www.csbio.sjtu.edu.cn/bioinf/plant-multi/>, (Chou, 2004; Chou and Shen, 2007, 2008, 2010; Shen and Chou, 2006).

Prediction software	Predicted location					
	PtCNL1	PtCNL3	PtCNL4	PtCNL5	PtCNL6	PtCNL7
LocTree3 ¹	Peroxisome (Expected accuracy: 88%)	Peroxisome (Expected accuracy: 88%)	Peroxisome (Expected accuracy: 88%)	Peroxisome (Expected accuracy: 88%)	Peroxisome (Expected accuracy: 87%)	Peroxisome (Expected accuracy: 87%)
DeepLoc-1.0 ²	Peroxisome (Likelihood 0.60)	Peroxisome (Likelihood 0.52)	Peroxisome (Likelihood 0.57)	Peroxisome (Likelihood 0.57)	Peroxisome (Likelihood 0.56)	Peroxisome (Likelihood 0.58)
PTS1 Predictor ³	PTS1 targeting (score 8.59)	No PTS1 targeting (score -40.00)	PTS1 targeting (score 6.49)	PTS1 targeting (score 13.27)	PTS1 targeting (score 13.79)	PTS1 targeting (score 13.88)
PredPlantPTS1 ⁴	PTS1 domain	No PTS1 domain	PTS1 domain	PTS1 domain	PTS1 domain	PTS1 domain
TargetP-2.0 ⁵	No mitochondrial transfer peptide/No chloroplast transfer peptide/No signal peptide					
Plant-mPLOC ⁶	Peroxisome	Peroxisome	Peroxisome	Peroxisome	Peroxisome	Peroxisome

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Prediction software	Predicted location					
	PtCHD1	PtCHD2	PtCHD3	PtKAT1	PtKAT2	PtKAT3
LocTree3 ¹	Peroxisome (Expected accuracy: 89%)	Peroxisome (Expected accuracy: 96%)	Peroxisome (Expected accuracy: 95%)	Peroxisome (Expected accuracy: 95%)	Peroxisome (Expected accuracy: 96%)	Peroxisome (Expected accuracy: 96%)
DeepLoc-1.0 ²	Peroxisome (Likelihood 0.98)	Peroxisome (Likelihood 0.98)	Peroxisome (Likelihood 0.98)	Peroxisome (Likelihood 0.61)	Peroxisome (Likelihood 0.59)	Peroxisome (Likelihood 0.60)
PTS1 Predictor ³	PTS1 targeting (score 9.04)	PTS1 targeting (score 13.27)	PTS1 targeting (score 12.13)	No PTS1 targeting (score -42.79)	No PTS1 targeting (score -35.04)	No PTS1 targeting (score -34.84)
PredPlantPTS1 ⁴	PTS1 domain	PTS1 domain	PTS1 domain	No PTS1 domain	No PTS1 domain	No PTS1 domain
TargetP-2.0 ⁵	No mitochondrial transfer peptide/No chloroplast transfer peptide/No signal peptide					
Plant-mPLoc ⁶	Peroxisome	Peroxisome	Peroxisome	Peroxisome	Peroxisome	Peroxisome

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Supplemental Table S8. Enzymatic activity of *Populus trichocarpa* cinnamate-CoA ligases (PtCNL) assayed with different substrates. Putative poplar PtCNL were heterologously expressed in *Escherichia coli* as His₆-tag fusion proteins and recombinant proteins were purified using affinity chromatography. Purified proteins were incubated with the potential substrates listed plus CoA and ATP. Reaction products were analyzed using liquid chromatography/tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS). Enzymatic activity is displayed as percentage of used substrate. Means and SE are given (n = 3).

substrate	PtCNL1	PtCNL4	PtCNL5	PtCNL6	PtCNL7
<i>trans</i> -cinnamic acid	98.5 ± 0.6	98.5 ± 0.7	51.0 ± 3.0	0.2 ± 0.2	41.1 ± 3.0
2-hydroxycinnamic acid	99.6 ± 0.3	98.1 ± 0.9	42.2 ± 1.0	1.6 ± 1.1	46.8 ± 3.5
4-hydroxycinnamic acid	42.7 ± 1.2	38.9 ± 1.9	56.2 ± 0.4	1.4 ± 1.4	75.0 ± 3.7
caffeic acid	11.0 ± 0.7	8.0 ± 0.7	16.9 ± 1.0	0.2 ± 0.1	4.7 ± 0.5
ferulic acid	8.1 ± 0.6	7.0 ± 1.0	21.4 ± 0.5	2.0 ± 0.7	10.1 ± 0.6
benzoic acid	1.8 ± 0.4	3.1 ± 1.2	21.0 ± 1.2	5.0 ± 1.8	7.5 ± 0.5

Supplemental Table S9. Enzymatic activity of *Populus trichocarpa* cinnamoyl-CoA hydratases/dehydrogenases (PtCHD) assayed with different substrates. Putative poplar PtCHD were heterologously expressed in *Escherichia coli* as His₆-tag fusion proteins and recombinant proteins were purified using affinity chromatography. Purified proteins were incubated with its potential substrates listed and NAD⁺. Reaction products were analyzed using liquid chromatography/tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS). Enzymatic activity is displayed as percentage of used substrate. Means and SE are given (n = 3).

substrate	PtCHD1	PtCHD2	PtCHD3
cinnamoyl-CoA	78.2 ± 1.7	8.5 ± 0.9	2.0 ± 1.0
2-hydroxycinnamoyl-CoA	98.1 ± 0.1	6.9 ± 0.4	33.6 ± 0.6
4-hydroxycinnamoyl-CoA	97.2 ± 0.1	2.5 ± 0.7	1.8 ± 1.2

Supplemental Table S10. Enzymatic activity of *Populus trichocarpa* 3-ketoacyl-CoA thiolases (PtKAT) assayed with different substrates. Putative poplar PtKAT were heterologously expressed in *Escherichia coli* as His₆-tag fusion proteins and recombinant proteins were purified using affinity chromatography. Purified proteins were incubated in combined assays with PtCHD1, its potential substrates listed, and the cosubstrates CoA and NAD⁺. Reaction products were analyzed using liquid chromatography/tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS). Enzymatic activity is displayed as intensity of the produced acetyl-CoA. Means and SE are given (n = 3). nd, not detected.

substrate	PtKAT1	PtKAT2	PtKAT3
cinnamoyl-CoA + PtCHD1	3.51E+06 ± 5.56E+04	3.61E+06 ± 7.12E+04	8.52E+03 ± 2.66e+02
2-hydroxycinnamoyl-CoA + PtCHD1	nd	nd	nd
4-hydroxycinnamoyl-CoA + PtCHD1	2.65E+06 ± 5.29E+04	2.59E+06 ± 5.97E+04	nd

Supplemental Table S11. Enzymatic activity of *Populus trichocarpa* 3-ketoacyl-CoA thiolases (PtKAT) assayed with different substrates. Putative poplar PtKAT were heterologously expressed in *Escherichia coli* as His₆-tag fusion proteins and recombinant proteins were purified using affinity chromatography. Purified proteins were incubated in combined assays with PtCHD1, its potential substrates listed, and the cosubstrates CoA and NAD⁺. Reaction products were analyzed using liquid chromatography/tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS). Enzymatic activity is displayed as intensity of the produced aromatic CoA ester product. Means and SE are given (n = 3). nd, not detected.

substrate	PtKAT1	PtKAT2	PtKAT3
cinnamoyl-CoA + PtCHD1	2.50E+06 ±	2.56E+06 ±	4.45E+03 ±
	2.91E+04	6.39E+04	3.17E+02
2-hydroxycinnamoyl-CoA + PtCHD1	nd	nd	nd
4-hydroxycinnamoyl-CoA + PtCHD1	1.34E+05 ±	1.32E+05 ±	nd
	9.56E+02	2.27E+03	

Supplemental Table S12. Volatiles (ng g⁻¹ h⁻¹ fresh weight) emitted from *Chrysomela populi*-damaged *Populus x canescens* leaves of *cinnamate-CoA ligase (CNL1 and 4)* knockdown (RNAi), empty vector (EV), and wild-type (WT) trees. Compounds were collected for 6 h using a push-pull system and Poropak filter. Eluates were analyzed using GC-MS and quantified by GC-FID. Means and SE (n = 4 biological replicates) are given. Differences between WT/EV and RNAi knockdown lines were analyzed by Student's *t*-test (ST) or Mann-Whitney Rank Sum Test (MW).

compound	WT/EV	RNAi	P-value	t-value/T-value
<i>Nitrogenous compounds</i>				
benzyl cyanide	11.17 ± 1.59	6.67 ± 1.39	0.082	-2.087 (ST)
indole	11.89 ± 2.21	7.76 ± 1.65	0.185	-1.499 (ST)
<i>Green leaf volatiles</i>				
<i>cis</i> -3-hexenyl acetate	19.71 ± 3.72	12.51 ± 1.98	0.139	-1.706 (ST)
<i>Monoterpenoids</i>				
(<i>E</i>)-β-ocimene	41.27 ± 5.57	20.01 ± 3.41	0.017	-3.258 (ST)
<i>Sesquiterpenoids</i>				
germacrene D	92.08 ± 8.39	81.56 ± 10.65	0.467	-0.776 (ST)
(<i>E</i>)-β-caryophyllene	20.70 ± 2.07	14.45 ± 2.04	0.075	-2.149 (ST)
(<i>E,E</i>)-α-farnesene	86.51 ± 8.77	47.20 ± 4.16	0.029	10.000 (MW)
unidentified sesquiterpene 1	1.74 ± 0.10	1.61 ± 0.26	0.650	-0.477 (ST)
unidentified sesquiterpene 2	1.14 ± 0.04	0.94 ± 0.10	0.103	-1.920 (ST)
unidentified sesquiterpene 3	3.58 ± 0.31	2.62 ± 0.35	0.084	-2.067 (ST)

Supplemental Table S13. Volatiles (ng g⁻¹ h⁻¹ fresh weight) emitted from *Chrysomela populi*-damaged *Populus x canescens* leaves of *cinnamate-CoA ligase (CNL1 and 4)* knockdown (RNAi), empty vector (EV), and wild-type (WT) trees. Compounds were collected for 6 h using a push-pull system and Poropak filter. Eluates were analyzed using GC-MS and quantified by GC-FID. Means and SE (n = 3-6 technical replicates) are given.

line	benzyl cyanide	indole	<i>cis</i> -3-hexenyl acetate	(<i>E</i>)- β -ocimene	germacrene D
WT	12.16 \pm 4.38	9.00 \pm 2.60	26.86 \pm 11.72	28.34 \pm 6.48	84.82 \pm 17.31
EV-1	14.43 \pm 4.33	17.90 \pm 0.54	23.98 \pm 11.73	46.28 \pm 15.47	105.64 \pm 4.38
EV-2	11.25 \pm 5.00	12.50 \pm 4.97	10.03 \pm 4.41	36.62 \pm 13.55	106.09 \pm 21.04
EV-3	6.84 \pm 1.16	8.17 \pm 0.78	17.96 \pm 3.95	53.84 \pm 12.88	71.76 \pm 9.73
RNAi-1	10.70 \pm 4.18	12.53 \pm 4.84	9.26 \pm 1.93	16.28 \pm 3.32	75.87 \pm 5.23
RNAi-2	5.54 \pm 3.79	5.08 \pm 3.21	8.99 \pm 3.96	14.87 \pm 6.35	69.37 \pm 28.52
RNAi-3	6.52 \pm 2.15	7.26 \pm 2.35	16.63 \pm 8.04	29.90 \pm 10.54	113.08 \pm 37.19
RNAi-4	4.28 \pm 0.84	6.17 \pm 0.37	15.18 \pm 6.73	18.99 \pm 3.50	67.91 \pm 12.73

Supplemental Table S13. continued

line	(E)-β- caryophyllene	(E,E)-α- farnesene	unidentified sesquiterpene 1	unidentified sesquiterpene 2	unidentified sesquiterpene 3
WT	16.63 \pm 3.37	69.44 \pm 17.17	1.69 \pm 0.31	1.11 \pm 0.19	2.89 \pm 0.57
EV-1	24.55 \pm 5.21	106.21 \pm 11.71	1.88 \pm 0.15	1.21 \pm 0.11	4.33 \pm 0.95
EV-2	17.66 \pm 3.11	74.25 \pm 24.73	1.92 \pm 0.44	1.20 \pm 0.25	3.30 \pm 0.56
EV-3	23.95 \pm 5.35	96.16 \pm 9.46	1.48 \pm 0.18	1.05 \pm 0.13	3.81 \pm 0.87
RNAi-1	10.46 \pm 2.07	37.95 \pm 15.12	1.37 \pm 0.12	0.77 \pm 0.06	1.96 \pm 0.37
RNAi-2	11.81 \pm 4.55	43.68 \pm 32.23	1.25 \pm 0.47	0.81 \pm 0.26	2.19 \pm 0.87
RNAi-3	19.37 \pm 7.36	57.32 \pm 20.66	2.38 \pm 1.03	1.20 \pm 0.36	3.49 \pm 1.28
RNAi-4	16.18 \pm 5.84	49.87 \pm 27.86	1.44 \pm 0.16	0.97 \pm 0.03	2.83 \pm 0.98

Supplemental Table S14. Content of non-polar benzenoid compounds ($\mu\text{g/g}$ fresh weight) in *Chrysomela populi*-damaged *Populus x canescens* leaves of *cinnamate-CoA ligase (CNL1 and 4)* knockdown (RNAi), empty vector (EV), and wild-type (WT) trees. Compounds were extracted with hexane from fresh plant material and analyzed using GC-MS/GC-FID. NA, not available; nd, not detected. Means and SE (n = 4 biological replicates) are given. Differences between WT/EV and RNAi knockdown lines were analyzed by Student's *t*-test (ST).

compound	WT/EV	RNAi	P-value	t-value
benzaldehyde	0.87 \pm 0.18	0.55 \pm 0.08	0.154	-1.633 (ST)
benzylalcohol	0.25 \pm 0.04	0.17 \pm 0.03	0.196	-1.456 (ST)
salicylaldehyde	30.15 \pm 3.19	24.18 \pm 2.63	0.199	-1.444 (ST)
benzyl benzoate	0.56 \pm 0.06	0.35 \pm 0.05	0.037	-2.670 (ST)

Supplemental Table S15. Content of non-polar benzenoid compounds ($\mu\text{g/g}$ fresh weight) in *Chrysomela populi*-damaged *Populus x canescens* leaves of *cinnamate-CoA ligase* (*CNL1* and *4*) knockdown (RNAi), empty vector (EV), and wild-type (WT) trees. Compounds were extracted with hexane from fresh plant material and analyzed using GC-MS/GC-FID. NA, not available; nd, not detected. Means and SE (n = 3-6 technical replicates) are given.

line	benzaldehyde	benzylalcohol	salicylaldehyde	benzyl benzoate
WT	0.70 \pm 0.16	0.22 \pm 0.06	24.84 \pm 7.43	0.43 \pm 0.08
EV-1	0.94 \pm 0.09	0.23 \pm 0.03	28.77 \pm 2.55	0.68 \pm 0.15
EV-2	0.51 \pm 0.08	0.18 \pm 0.04	27.59 \pm 7.79	0.48 \pm 0.12
EV-3	1.32 \pm 0.33	0.36 \pm 0.10	39.41 \pm 9.89	0.66 \pm 0.09
RNAi-1	0.37 \pm 0.10	0.11 \pm 0.03	19.55 \pm 4.37	0.23 \pm 0.05
RNAi-2	0.51 \pm 0.11	0.15 \pm 0.02	23.41 \pm 3.49	0.36 \pm 0.10
RNAi-3	0.58 \pm 0.13	0.17 \pm 0.06	22.07 \pm 5.36	0.35 \pm 0.11
RNAi-4	0.75 \pm 0.23	0.27 \pm 0.09	31.69 \pm 7.88	0.47 \pm 0.15

Supplemental Table S16. Benzenoid carboxylic acid content ($\mu\text{g/g}$ dry weight) in *Chrysomela populi*-damaged *Populus x canescens* leaves of *cinnamate-CoA ligase (CNL1 and 4)* knockdown (RNAi), empty vector (EV), and wild-type (WT) trees. Compounds were extracted with methanol from freeze-dried plant material and analyzed using LC-MS/MS. BA, benzoic acid; NA, not available; nd, not detected; nq, not quantified due to trace amounts. Means and SE (n = 4 biological replicates) are given. Differences between WT/EV and RNAi knockdown lines were analyzed by Student's *t*-test (ST).

compound	WT/EV	RNAi	P-value	t-value
BA	nq	nq	NA	NA
salicylic acid	nq	nq	NA	NA
3-hydroxy BA	nd	nd	NA	NA
4-hydroxy BA	2.30 \pm 0.31	1.69 \pm 0.25	0.175	-1.538 (ST)
2,3- dihydroxy BA	1.71 \pm 0.28	1.29 \pm 0.21	0.28	-1.187 (ST)
2,5- dihydroxy BA	nd	nd	NA	NA
gallic acid	nd	nd	NA	NA

Supplemental Table S17. Benzenoid carboxylic acid content ($\mu\text{g/g}$ dry weight) in *Chrysomela populi*-damaged *Populus x canescens* leaves of *cinnamate-CoA ligase* (*CNL1* and *4*) knockdown (RNAi), empty vector (EV), and wild-type (WT) trees. Compounds were extracted with methanol from freeze-dried plant material and analyzed using LC-MS/MS. BA, benzoic acid; NA, not available; nd, not detected; nq, not quantified due to trace amounts. Means and SE (n = 3-6 technical replicates) are given.

line	BA	salicylic acid	3-hydroxy BA	4-hydroxy BA	2,3-dihydroxy BA	2,5-dihydroxy BA	gallic acid
WT	nq	nq	nd	1.95 \pm 0.41	1.31 \pm 0.28	nd	nd
EV-1	nq	nq	nd	2.66 \pm 0.43	2.02 \pm 0.36	nd	nd
EV-2	nq	nq	nd	1.62 \pm 0.56	1.16 \pm 0.24	nd	nd
EV-3	nq	nq	nd	2.97 \pm 0.40	2.35 \pm 0.43	nd	nd
RNAi-1	nq	nq	nd	1.19 \pm 0.28	0.86 \pm 0.16	nd	nd
RNAi-2	nq	nq	nd	1.55 \pm 0.59	1.25 \pm 0.43	nd	nd
RNAi-3	nq	nq	nd	1.62 \pm 0.37	1.16 \pm 0.28	nd	nd
RNAi-4	nq	nq	nd	2.38 \pm 0.80	1.88 \pm 0.57	nd	nd

Supplemental Table S18. Phenylpropanoid carboxylic acid content ($\mu\text{g/g}$ dry weight) in *Chrysomela populi*-damaged *Populus x canescens* leaves of *cinnamate-CoA ligase (CNL1 and 4)* knockdown (RNAi), empty vector (EV), and wild-type (WT) trees. Compounds were extracted with methanol from freeze-dried plant material and analyzed using LC-MS/MS. NA, not available; nd, not detected. Means and SE (n = 4 biological replicates) are given. Differences between WT/EV and RNAi knockdown lines were analyzed by Student's *t*-test (ST).

compound	WT/EV	RNAi	P-value	t-value
cinnamic acid	4.56 \pm 0.37	5.02 \pm 0.40	0.431	0.845 (ST)
2-hydroxy cinnamic acid	1.56 \pm 0.04	1.39 \pm 0.03	0.015	-3.378 (ST)
4-hydroxy cinnamic acid	1.35 \pm 0.18	1.31 \pm 0.17	0.901	-0.130 (ST)
caffeic acid	2.39 \pm 0.33	1.70 \pm 0.28	0.158	-1.613 (ST)
ferulic acid	nd	nd	NA	NA

Supplemental Table S19. Phenylpropanoid carboxylic acid content ($\mu\text{g/g}$ dry weight) in *Chrysomela populi*-damaged *Populus x canescens* leaves of *cinnamate-CoA ligase (CNL1 and 4)* knockdown (RNAi), empty vector (EV), and wild-type (WT) trees. Compounds were extracted with methanol from freeze-dried plant material and analyzed using LC-MS/MS. NA, not available; nd, not detected. Means and SE (n = 3-6 technical replicates) are given.

line	cinnamic acid	2-hydroxy cinnamic acid	4-hydroxy cinnamic acid	caffeic acid	ferulic acid
WT	4.70 \pm 0.99	1.60 \pm 0.08	0.98 \pm 0.13	1.73 \pm 0.41	nd
EV-1	4.47 \pm 0.17	1.63 \pm 0.14	1.44 \pm 0.19	2.90 \pm 0.54	nd
EV-2	5.43 \pm 1.53	1.45 \pm 0.15	1.14 \pm 0.27	1.93 \pm 0.24	nd
EV-3	3.65 \pm 0.66	1.56 \pm 0.07	1.82 \pm 0.24	3.01 \pm 0.43	nd
RNAi-1	4.43 \pm 0.62	1.34 \pm 0.16	1.19 \pm 0.38	1.08 \pm 0.29	nd
RNAi-2	4.23 \pm 0.40	1.47 \pm 0.09	1.07 \pm 0.33	1.45 \pm 0.53	nd
RNAi-3	5.75 \pm 0.56	1.34 \pm 0.13	1.17 \pm 0.28	1.87 \pm 0.41	nd
RNAi-4	5.68 \pm 1.09	1.41 \pm 0.19	1.82 \pm 0.56	2.38 \pm 0.70	nd

Supplemental Table S20. HPLC gradients used for separation and analysis of metabolites.

gradient	time (min)	solvent A (%)	solvent B (%)
gradient A	0.00	95.0	5.0
	0.50	95.0	5.0
	6.00	62.6	37.4
	6.01	20.0	80.0
	7.50	0.0	100.0
	9.50	0.0	100.0
	9.52	95.0	5.0
	12.00	95.0	5.0
gradient B	0.00	90.0	10.0
	0.50	90.0	10.0
	4.00	10.0	90.0
	4.02	0.0	100.0
	4.50	0.0	100.0
	4.51	90.0	10.0
	7.00	90.0	10.0
gradient C	0.00	95.0	5.0
	0.50	95.0	5.0
	9.50	42.0	58.0
	9.52	0.0	100.0
	11.00	0.0	100.0
	11.10	95.0	5.0
	14.00	95.0	5.0
gradient D	0.00	90.0	10.0
	3.00	60.0	40.0
	3.01	0.0	100.0
	4.50	0.0	100.0
	4.51	90.0	10.0
	7.00	90.0	10.0
gradient E	0.00	98.0	2.0
	1.00	98.0	2.0
	4.00	60.0	40.0
	4.01	0.0	100.0
	5.50	0.0	100.0
	5.51	98.0	2.0
	8.00	98.0	2.0

Supplemental Table S21. Parameters used for LC-MS/MS analysis. Details of the HPLC gradients are given in Supplemental Table S20. CE, collision energy; DP, declustering potential; Q1, quadrupole 1; Q3, quadrupole 3.

compound	Q1 (m/z)	Q3 (m/z)	DP (V)	CE (V)	mode	HPLC gradient
phenylalanine	164	147	-30	-18	neg	A
tyrosine	180	163	-30	-18	neg	A
tryptophan	202.9	186	-30	-19	neg	A
<i>trans</i> -cinnamic acid	147	102.8	-30	-16	neg	A/B
2-hydroxycinnamic acid	163	118.9	-30	-20	neg	A/B
4-hydroxycinnamic acid	163	118.9	-30	-20	neg	A/B
caffeic acid	179	134.9	-30	-22	neg	A/B
ferulic acid	193.1	133.9	-30	-22	neg	A/B
gallic acid	169	125	-30	-18	neg	A/B
benzoic acid	121	121	-30	-5	neg	A/B
salicylic acid	137	93	-30	-22	neg	A/B
3-hydroxybenzoic acid	137	93	-30	-16	neg	A/B
4-hydroxybenzoic acid	137	93	-30	-20	neg	A/B
2,3-dihydroxybenzoic acid	153	108/109	-30	-28	neg	A/B
2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid	153	108	-30	-28	neg	A/B
salicin	331	122.8	-60	-18	neg	A
salicin-7-sulfate	365	97	-60	-25	neg	A
salirepin	301	139	-60	-18	neg	A
salirepin-7-sulfate	381	97	-60	-55	neg	A
salicortin	422.8	123.1	-60	-7,5	neg	A
homaloside D	543	139	-60	-30	neg	A
tremulacin/6-O'-benzoysalicortin	527.1	123.2	-60	-34	neg	A
D ₇ -cinnamic acid	154	110	-60	-16	neg	A
D ₆ -2-hydroxycinnamic acid	169	125	-60	-20	neg	A
D ₆ -4-hydroxycinnamic acid	169	125	-60	-20	neg	A
D ₅ -caffeic acid	184	140	-60	-22	neg	A
D ₅ -ferulic acid	198	139	-60	-22	neg	A
D ₅ -benzoic acid	126	126	-60	-16	neg	A
D ₄ -salicylic acid	141	97	-60	-22	neg	A
D ₄ -3-hydroxybenzoic acid	141	97	-60	-16	neg	A
D ₄ -4-hydroxybenzoic acid	141	97	-60	-20	neg	A
D ₃ -2,3-dihydroxybenzoic acid	156	112	-60	-28	neg	A
D ₃ -2,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid	156	111	-60	-28	neg	A
D ₂ -gallic acid	171	127	-60	-18	neg	A
D ₄ -salicin	335	127	-60	-18	neg	A
D ₄ -salicin-7-sulfate	369	97	-60	-25	neg	A
D ₃ -salirepin	304	142	-60	-18	neg	A
D ₃ -salirepin-7-sulfate	384	97	-60	-55	neg	A
D ₈ -salicortin	431	127	-60	-30	neg	A
D ₁₂ -homaloside D	555	143	-60	-30	neg	A
D ₁₃ -tremulacin/6-O'-benzoysalicortin	540	127	-60	-34	neg	A

Supplemental Table S21. continued

compound	Q1 (m/z)	Q3 (m/z)	DP (V)	CE (V)	mode	HPLC gradient
salicylic acid	136.9	93	-20	-22	neg	C
jasmonic acid	209.1	59	-20	-24	neg	C
abscisic acid	263	153.2	-20	-22	neg	C
(-)-jasmonoyl-L-isoleucine	322.2	130.1	-50	-30	neg	C
(+)-7- <i>iso</i> -jasmonoyl-L-isoleucine	322.2	130.1	-50	-30	neg	C
12-oxophytodienoic acid	290.9	165.1	-20	-24	neg	C
12-hydroxyjasmonic acid	225.1	59	-20	-24	neg	C
12-hydroxyjasmonic acid- isoleucine	338.1	130.1	-50	-30	neg	C
12-carboxyjasmonic acid- isoleucine	352.1	130.1	-50	-30	neg	C
D ₄ -salicylic acid	140.9	97	-20	-22	neg	C
D ₆ -abscisic acid	269	159.2	-20	-22	neg	C
D ₆ -jasmonic acid	215	59	-20	-24	neg	C
D ₆ -jasmonic-acid isoleucine	328.2	130.1	-50	-30	neg	C
cinnamoyl-CoA	896.2	79.0	-30	-110	neg	D
hydroxyl-cinnamoyl-CoA	912.2	79.0	-30	-110	neg	D
caffeoyl-CoA	928.3	79.0	-30	-110	neg	D
feruloyl-CoA	942.2	79.0	-30	-110	neg	D
benzoyl-CoA	870.2	79.0	-30	-110	neg	D
3-oxo-3-phenylpropanoyl-CoA	912.3	79.0	-30	-110	neg	D
3-oxo-3-(2-hydroxy)- phenylpropanoyl-CoA	928.2	79	-30	-110	neg	D
3-oxo-3-(4-hydroxy)- phenylpropanoyl-CoA	928.2	79.0	-30	-110	neg	D
3-oxo-3-(3,4-dihydroxy)- phenylpropanoyl-CoA	944.2	79.0	-30	-110	neg	D
3-oxo-3-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxy)- phenylpropanoyl-CoA	958.2	79.0	-30	-110	neg	D
acetyl-CoA	808.2	79	-30	-110	neg	E

Supplemental Table S22. Oligonucleotides used for the amplification of full-length *Populus trichocarpa* (Pt) cinnamate-CoA ligases (CNL), cinnamoyl-CoA hydratases/dehydrogenases (CHD), and 3-ketoacyl-CoA thiolases (KAT). *, forward (fwd) oligonucleotide used for the amplification of *Potri.017G138400* (*PtCNL1*) and *Potri.T116500* (*PtCNL3*), #, reverse (rev) oligonucleotide used for the amplification of *Potri.006G036200* (*PtCNL6*) and *Potri.006G036300* (*PtCNL7*).

oligonucleotides	gene	sequence 5' – 3'	usage
<i>PtCNL1fwd*</i>	<i>Potri.017G138400</i>	CACCATGGATCAACTACTAAAATGC	cloning/pET100/D-TOPO®
<i>PtCNL4fwd</i>	<i>Potri.004G082000</i>	CACCATGGATCAACTACAAAAATGT	cloning/pET100/D-TOPO®
<i>PtCNL5fwd</i>	<i>Potri.016G034800</i>	CACCATGGATCAACTTCCAAAATGT	cloning/pET100/D-TOPO®
<i>PtCNL6fwd</i>	<i>Potri.006G036200</i>	CACCATGGATCAGCTTCCAAAGTGT	cloning/pET100/D-TOPO®
<i>PtCNL7fwd</i>	<i>Potri.006G036300</i>	CACCATGGATCAGCTTCCAAAATGT	cloning/pET100/D-TOPO®
<i>PtCNL1rev</i>	<i>Potri.017G138400</i>	TCAAAGACGAGATAGAGCAAG	cloning/pET100/D-TOPO®
<i>PtCNL3rev</i>	<i>Potri.T116500</i>	TCATGCATTGACAACAAAATT	cloning/pET100/D-TOPO®
<i>PtCNL4rev</i>	<i>Potri.004G082000</i>	TCAAAGACGAGACATAGCAAG	cloning/pET100/D-TOPO®
<i>PtCNL5rev</i>	<i>Potri.016G034800</i>	TCAAAGACGAGAGGAAGGAAC	cloning/pET100/D-TOPO®
<i>PtCNL6rev#</i>	<i>Potri.006G036200</i>	TCAAAGACGAGACGAAGCAAC	cloning/pET100/D-TOPO®
<i>PtCHD1fwd</i>	<i>Potri.018G082900</i>	CACCATGGCTAAGCCTCACGTCACC	cloning/pET100/D-TOPO®
<i>PtCHD2fwd</i>	<i>Potri.010G011900</i>	CACCATGGAAGGAAGCAGGACTAAG	cloning/pET100/D-TOPO®
<i>PtCHD3fwd</i>	<i>Potri.008G220100</i>	CACCATGAAAGGAAGCAGGACCAAG	cloning/pET100/D-TOPO®
<i>PtCHD1rev</i>	<i>Potri.018G082900</i>	CTACATGCGTGACCTTGACCC	cloning/pET100/D-TOPO®
<i>PtCHD2rev</i>	<i>Potri.010G011900</i>	TTACAGCCGAGACTTTGCTTGG	cloning/pET100/D-TOPO®
<i>PtCHD3rev</i>	<i>Potri.008G220100</i>	TTACAGCCGAGACTTCGCTTGC	cloning/pET100/D-TOPO®
<i>PtKAT1fwd</i>	<i>Potri.002G216400</i>	CACCATGGAGAAGGCATTTAACAGA	cloning/pET100/D-TOPO®
<i>PtKAT2fwd</i>	<i>Potri.001G051900</i>	CACCATGGAGAAAGCAATCAACAGG	cloning/pET100/D-TOPO®
<i>PtKAT3fwd</i>	<i>Potri.001G051800</i>	CACCATGGAGAAAGCAAGCAACAGG	cloning/pET100/D-TOPO®
<i>PtKAT1rev</i>	<i>Potri.002G216400</i>	CTAACGAGCATCTTTTGACAG	cloning/pET100/D-TOPO®
<i>PtKAT2rev</i>	<i>Potri.001G051900</i>	CTATCGTGAATCCCTGGATAA	cloning/pET100/D-TOPO®
<i>PtKAT3rev</i>	<i>Potri.001G051800</i>	CTATCTTGAATCCTTGGATAA	cloning/pET100/D-TOPO®

Supplemental Table S23. Oligonucleotides used for gene expression analysis of *Populus trichocarpa* (Pt) *cinnamate-CoA ligases* (CNL), *cinnamoyl-CoA hydratases/dehydrogenases* (CHD), and *3-ketoacyl-CoA thiolases* (KAT) by RT-qPCR.

oligonucleotides	gene	sequence 5' – 3'	usage
<i>PtCNL1fwd</i>	<i>Potri.017G138400</i>	CTGATATTATCGCTTACTGC	RT-qPCR
<i>PtCNL3fwd</i>	<i>Potri.T116500</i>	CGAAATCACTTCCCCGGTTG	RT-qPCR
<i>PtCNL4fwd</i>	<i>Potri.004G082000</i>	CCACCAGCCTCATTGCTTGA	RT-qPCR
<i>PtCNL5fwd</i>	<i>Potri.016G034800</i>	TTGCTCAGCACAAGGTGACT	RT-qPCR
<i>PtCNL6fwd</i>	<i>Potri.006G036200</i>	CAAACCAGAGGAGCGTAGGG	RT-qPCR
<i>PtCNL7fwd</i>	<i>Potri.006G036300</i>	GGAAAAAGCTTCCCCGTTATATGG	RT-qPCR
<i>PtCNL1rev</i>	<i>Potri.017G138400</i>	TTGCTTGGCAATATCTCATTG	RT-qPCR
<i>PtCNL3rev</i>	<i>Potri.T116500</i>	TCCTGCTGTGGAAGCTTGTT	RT-qPCR
<i>PtCNL4rev</i>	<i>Potri.004G082000</i>	ACTGATCCTGCTGTGGAAGC	RT-qPCR
<i>PtCNL5rev</i>	<i>Potri.016G034800</i>	GGTGCACCACCGACAAGTAT	RT-qPCR
<i>PtCNL6rev</i>	<i>Potri.006G036200</i>	AACCTCCGTGAGGCCATAAG	RT-qPCR
<i>PtCNL7rev</i>	<i>Potri.006G036300</i>	CTTGCAATTTCTGTATTGGCATTAC	RT-qPCR
<i>PtCHD1fwd</i>	<i>Potri.018G082900</i>	ATCTCAGAGAGGCGCAAACC	RT-qPCR
<i>PtCHD2fwd</i>	<i>Potri.010G011900</i>	CGAGCCCCCAATCTAACACA	RT-qPCR
<i>PtCHD3fwd</i>	<i>Potri.008G220100</i>	CAAGTTTGCTAGAGCACAAGC	RT-qPCR
<i>PtCHD1rev</i>	<i>Potri.018G082900</i>	CTTGATGCTGCGGCACATTT	RT-qPCR
<i>PtCHD2rev</i>	<i>Potri.010G011900</i>	AGGTGTCAGAACGCACAAGT	RT-qPCR
<i>PtCHD3rev</i>	<i>Potri.008G220100</i>	GTGGACCAAGCTCTTGCTGA	RT-qPCR
<i>PtKAT1fwd</i>	<i>Potri.002G216400</i>	AGTGCATGACAGTGAACGGC	RT-qPCR
<i>PtKAT2fwd</i>	<i>Potri.001G051900</i>	CAAGAAGTTGGAGCTTGATCCA	RT-qPCR
<i>PtKAT3fwd</i>	<i>Potri.001G051800</i>	GGATTGCCCCAACACATCGT	RT-qPCR
<i>PtKAT1rev</i>	<i>Potri.002G216400</i>	CGCCATAACGCTGAGCAACA	RT-qPCR
<i>PtKAT2rev</i>	<i>Potri.001G051900</i>	ACATTGACACCACCCGAAG	RT-qPCR
<i>PtKAT3rev</i>	<i>Potri.001G051800</i>	GATGGGTAACCCTTTGCGCAT	RT-qPCR

Supplemental Table S24. Expression levels of potential housekeeping genes in undamaged (control) and *Chrysomela populi*-damaged (herbivory) *Populus trichocarpa* leaves. The ΔCq means (n = 4) and the standard deviations (STDEV) are shown. *UBQ*, ubiquitin; *TUB*, tubulin; *HIS*, histone superfamily protein H3; *EF1 α* , elongation factor 1 alpha; and *actin* (Ramírez-Carvajal et al., 2008; Xu et al., 2011; Wang et al., 2014).

treatment	<i>UBQ</i>	<i>TUB</i>	<i>HIS</i>	<i>EF1-α</i>	<i>Actin</i>
control	19.50	23.65	20.92	22.17	22.54
herbivory	19.55	23.69	20.99	22.29	22.43
STDEV	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.08	0.07