Supplemental Information for:

## Insect infestation increases viscosity of biogenic secondary organic aerosol

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| VOC<br>Standard        | Chemical Structure | Purity  | Source                                   |  |
|------------------------|--------------------|---|--|--|
| α-pinene               |                    | 98 %  | Acros Organics<br>(CAS: 7785-<br>26-4)   |  |
| ß-pinene               |                    | 98 %  | Acros Organics<br>(CAS: 18172-<br>67- 3) |  |
| ß-myrcene              |                    | >75%<br>(Contains 1000<br>ppm of BHT as<br>inhibitor) | Aldrich<br>(CAS: 123-35-<br>3)           |  |
| Δ <sup>3</sup> -carene |                    | 90 %  | Aldrich<br>(CAS: 13466-<br>78- 9)        |  |
| camphene               |                    | ≥96%  | Sigma Aldrich<br>(CAS: 79-92-5)          |  |

| limonene                       |                                | 97% Stabilized                          | Alfa Aesar,<br>(CAS: 5989-27-<br>5)     |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|
| ß-<br>caryophyllene            | H H                            | 98.5%                                   | Sigma<br>(CAS: 87-44-5)                 |
| mix of<br>farnesene<br>isomers | (α-farnesene)<br>(β-farnesene) | stabilized<br>(<0.10% α-<br>tocopherol) | Sigma-Aldrich<br>(Product#:<br>W383902) |

 Table S1. Purity and sources of commercially available standards used to generate calibration curves for TD-GC-MS quantification.



**Figure S1**. Experimental Setup for SOA generation in a 5 m<sup>3</sup> environmental chamber with 2 m<sup>3</sup> Teflon pine enclosure used a source of VOCs containing a Canary Island pine (*Pinus Canariensis*).



**Figure S2.** Example particle wall loss correction ( $k_w = 0.0028 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) applied to healthy plant SOA trial. Correction was only applied during the SOA formation phase, and not during the SOA collection phase when the particle loss became faster. Note that the wall-loss rate constant may depend on RH in the chamber, but the SOA yields reported in Table 1 do not take this dependence into account. Ideally, the wall loss rates should be measured for each experiment but doing this would mean losing a lot of SOA mass before it is collected. Therefore, we relied on previously measured wall loss rates for ammonium sulfate particles at 50% RH.



**Figure S3.** Particle formation as a function of time determined from SMPS data for SOA generated from HCIP1.



**Figure S4.** a) picture of aphid-infested tree (SCIP4). b) Sample of aphid and aphid exuviae (exoskeleton) collected from pine needles onto a petri dish. C) Close up of collected aphid, identified as a light green pine needle aphid (*Eulachnus brevipilosus*).

## Section S1: SOA yield calculation

The SOA yield was calculated for each trial (CIP1-5) using the equation below.

$$SOA Yield (\%) = \frac{\Delta SOA}{\Delta VOC_{MT+OMT+SQT}} \ge 100$$
(S.1)

The change in SOA mass concentration ( $\Delta SOA$ ) was determined from the SMPS data and was corrected for particle wall losses (Figure S2). The SOA density in the SMPS was assumed to be 1.2 g cm<sup>-3</sup> based on previous literature for biogenic SOA.<sup>1-3</sup> The change in VOC mass concentration (*AVOC*) was determined using a combination of PTR-ToF-MS data and TD-GC-MS data for the summed total mass concentration difference for monoterpene, oxygenated monoterpene, and sesquiterpene. The percent of reacted VOC was determined using PTR-ToF-MS data for total monoterpenes (m/z 137) and sesquiterpenes (m/z 205). As changes in oxygenated monoterpenes (OMT) could not be quantified, a range of reactivity was assumed for the OMT compounds. The low range for the SOA mass yield was determined assuming none of the OMT identified in the TD-GC-MS reacted away as a result of photooxidation whereas the high range for the SOA mass yield assumes that all (100%) of the OMT reacted away over the course of oxidation. To convert percent reacted monoterpene, oxygenated monoterpene and sesquiterpenes into mass concentration to be used in Equation S.1, the percent reacted monoterpene, oxygenated monoterpene, and sesquiterpene was multiplied by the total mass concentration of these individual terpene categories based on the TD-GC-MS data.

SOA yield results are reported in Table 1 in the main text. SICP4 had the highest yield followed by HCIP3, HCIP2, HCIP1, and SCIP5. The yield of  $\alpha$ -pinene photooxidation was previously reported as 26.7 ± 2.5 % for SOA by generation through photooxidation with no seeds with a comparable mass concentration of SOA of 66.8 ± 6.0 µg m<sup>-3</sup> at low RH.<sup>4</sup> Most of the trials in this study had SOA yields >30%, meaning that  $\alpha$ -pinene alone cannot replicate the higher SOA

yield from real pine trees. Trials with high SOA yield correlated well with trees that had higher contribution of oxygenated monoterpene in the initial VOC profile in the chamber (Table S3), with SCIP4 having the largest followed by HCIP3, HCIP1, HCIP2, and HCIP5. However, it is worth noting that due to our assumptions with calculating the change in VOC mass concentration, it is possible there are some errors in our estimations of VOC yield and further investigation of how oxygenated monoterpene influences SOA yield from mixtures of biogenic volatiles is recommended. The high SOA yield for SCIP4 could also be attributed to increased fraction of germacrene D which is expected to have a higher yield due to more double bonds within the structure that are capable of oxidizing and forming lower volatility products. The yield for SCIP5 is not as high because the main stress SQT in this VOC system was farnesene, an acyclic sesquiterpene that could undergo fragmentation under photooxidation.<sup>5</sup> This is consistent with high-resolution mass spectra in the literature for farnesene photooxidation SOA made in an environmental chamber.<sup>6</sup> This suggestion is further supported by Faiola et al. (2019), who reported that the largest change in plant volatiles was farnesene in the stressed plant samples, however the plant volatile mixtures with more farnesene did not appreciably change SOA production from photooxidation (healthy 10.8-23.2% and stressed 17.8-26.8%).<sup>7</sup>



**Figure S5:** Optical images recorded throughout a poke-flow experiment. The images correspond to the poke-flow experiment of HCIP3 at 50% relative humidity. The scale bar shown corresponds to 50  $\mu$ m.

**Table S2**: COMSOL parameters used for simulating the upper and lower limits of viscosity of the collected SOA by poke-flow at 292 K.

| SOA type    |                 | Surface<br>tension (mN<br>m <sup>-1</sup> ) | Slip length (m)                          | Contact<br>angle (°)   |
|-------------|-----------------|---|--|------------------------|
| HCIP1       | Range of values | 25.3 <sup>a</sup> -45 <sup>b</sup>          | $5x10^{-9}-1x10^{-6}$ c                  | 45.7-60.7 <sup>d</sup> |
| HCIP2       | Range of values | 25.3 <sup>a</sup> -45 <sup>b</sup>          | 5x10 <sup>-9</sup> -1x10 <sup>-6 c</sup> | 56.2-61.7 <sup>d</sup> |
| HCIP3       | Range of values | 25.3 <sup>a</sup> -45 <sup>b</sup>          | 5x10 <sup>-9</sup> -1x10 <sup>-6 c</sup> | 53.4-58.8 <sup>d</sup> |
| SCIP4/SCIP5 | Range of values | 23.0 <sup>a</sup> -45 <sup>b</sup>          | 5x10 <sup>-9</sup> -1x10 <sup>-6 c</sup> | 22.5-35.1 <sup>d</sup> |

<sup>a</sup> As a conservative lower limit to the surface tension of the SOA, the lowest surface tension of the pure liquid was used based on the distributions of molecules emitted by the saplings. Surface tensions were determined with the ACD/Labs Percepta Platform-PhysChem Module, retrieved from ChemSpider August 27, 2021.

<sup>b</sup> This upper limit is consistent with surface tension measurements of SOA at RH  $\leq 65\%$  RH and surface tensions reported for alcohols, organic acids, esters, and ketones, as well as surface tension measurements of water solutions containing SOA products.<sup>8-11</sup>

<sup>c</sup> Range based on measurements of the slip length of organic compounds and water on hydrophobic surfaces.<sup>12–24</sup>

<sup>d</sup> Contact angles determined by measuring the height and radii of individual droplets using a confocal microscope following the method of Ref. <sup>25</sup>. Note: the simulated viscosities depend only weakly on the contact angle.



**Figure S6:** The dependence of viscosity on conditioning time for all SOA types. A poke-flow experiment was performed at various conditioning times during which particles were exposed to an air flow up to 24 h at (a) 0%, (b) 25%, (c) 50%, and (d) 60% RH to ensure that the particles were at equilibrium. Black points correspond to those of healthy plant SOA and red points correspond to stressed plant SOA. Upward arrows indicate lower limits to viscosity.



**Figure S7:** Particle evaporation tests performed within the flow cell of a poke-flow experiment. The area of a SOA particle was monitored for each SOA type over the course of up to 27 h. The particles were exposed to an air flow at (a)  $\approx 0\%$  RH and (b) 60% RH within the flow cell, and their area was tracked with the microscope. Error bars correspond to the standard deviation of repeated measurements of the area of the particle at a given time point. Black points correspond to those of healthy plant SOA and red points correspond to stressed plant SOA.

| VOC Name      | HCIP1 | HCIP2 | HCIP3 | SCIP4 | SCIP5 | p-value |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| α-pinene      | 77.99 | 82.49 | 80.00 | 69.43 | 78.02 | 0.17    |
| β-pinene      | 7.26  | 8.89  | 7.56  | 7.04  | 14.49 | 0.39    |
| d-limonene    | 2.91  | 1.58  | 3.16  | 3.49  | 2.22  | 0.73    |
| β-myrcene     | 1.05  | 5.16  | 0.25  | 2.51  | 1.30  | 0.39    |
| camphene      | 2.15  | 0.50  | 1.84  | 2.21  | 0.52  | 0.89    |
| Other MT      | 7.97  | 0.74  | 6.35  | 10.83 | 1.08  | 0.85    |
| Oxy-T         | 0.59  | 0.44  | 0.81  | 2.44  | 0.30  | 0.42    |
| caryophyllene | 0.04  | 0.07  | 0.01  | 0.21  | 0.10  | 0.10    |
| Stress SQT    | 0.02  | 0.01  | -     | 1.17  | 1.93  | 0.01*   |
| Other SQT     | 0.01  | 0.12  | 0.01  | 0.66  | 0.05  | 0.27    |
| Total MT      | 99.33 | 99.35 | 99.17 | 95.52 | 97.62 |         |
| Total OMT     | 0.59  | 0.44  | 0.81  | 2.44  | 0.30  |         |
| Total SQT     | 0.08  | 0.21  | 0.02  | 2.05  | 2.08  |         |

**Table S3.** Percent of total VOC identified with TD-GC-MS for each experiment. P-values were determined using a two-tailed, Student's t-test for the comparison of the average healthy (HCIP1-3) and stressed (SCIP4-5) trees.

\*denotes p-values that are statistically significant assuming a threshold of significance of  $p \le 0.01$ .



**Figure S8:** Experimental flow times ( $\tau_{exp,flow}$ ) as a function of relative humidity of poke-flow experiments obtained at room temperature (292 K). Shown are the experimental flow times from each individual poke-flow measurement. These results were used to determine upper and lower limits to the viscosity for each individual measurement. These upper and limits to the viscosity were then combined to give viscosity as a function of RH for each individual tree (Figure S9 and Figure 2). Panel (a) corresponds to those of healthy plant SOA and panel (b) corresponds to those of stressed plant SOA. The error bars in the x-direction correspond to the error in relative humidity from the measurement of dewpoints using a chilled mirror hygrometer. Upward arrows correspond to lower limits, and downwards arrows correspond to upper limits.



**Figure S9:** Viscosity as a function of RH of poke-flow experiments obtained at room temperature (292 K). Panel (a) corresponds to those of healthy plant SOA and panel (b) corresponds to those of stressed plant SOA. Green circles (hp-proxy SOA) correspond to data from Smith et al. (2021) and Maclean et al. (2021),<sup>26,27</sup> green squares (sp-proxy SOA) correspond to data from Smith et al. (2021).<sup>26</sup>

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