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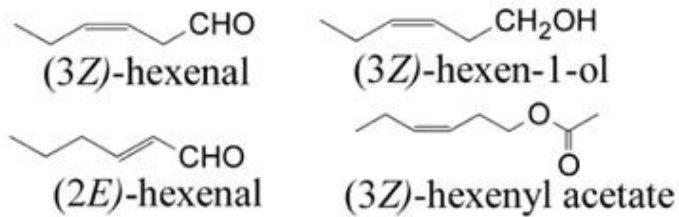
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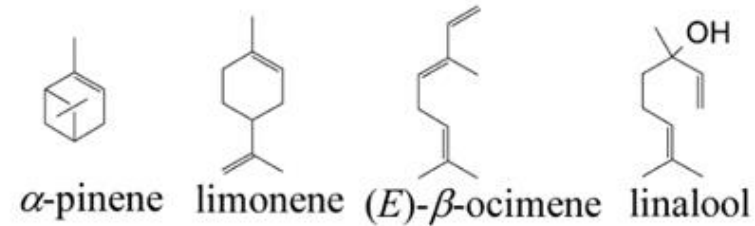
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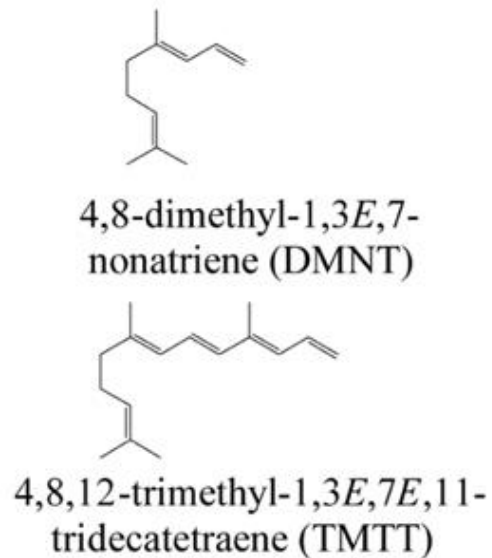
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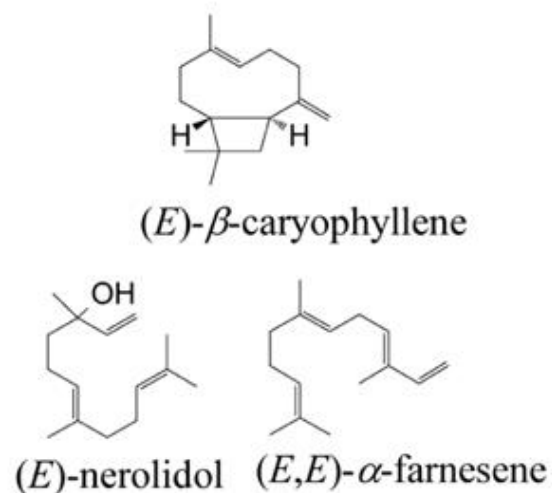
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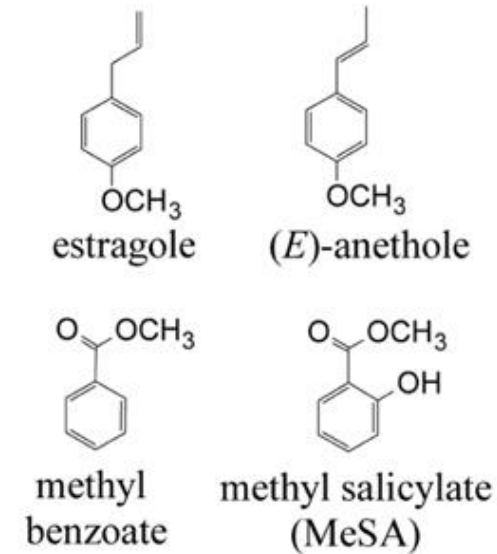
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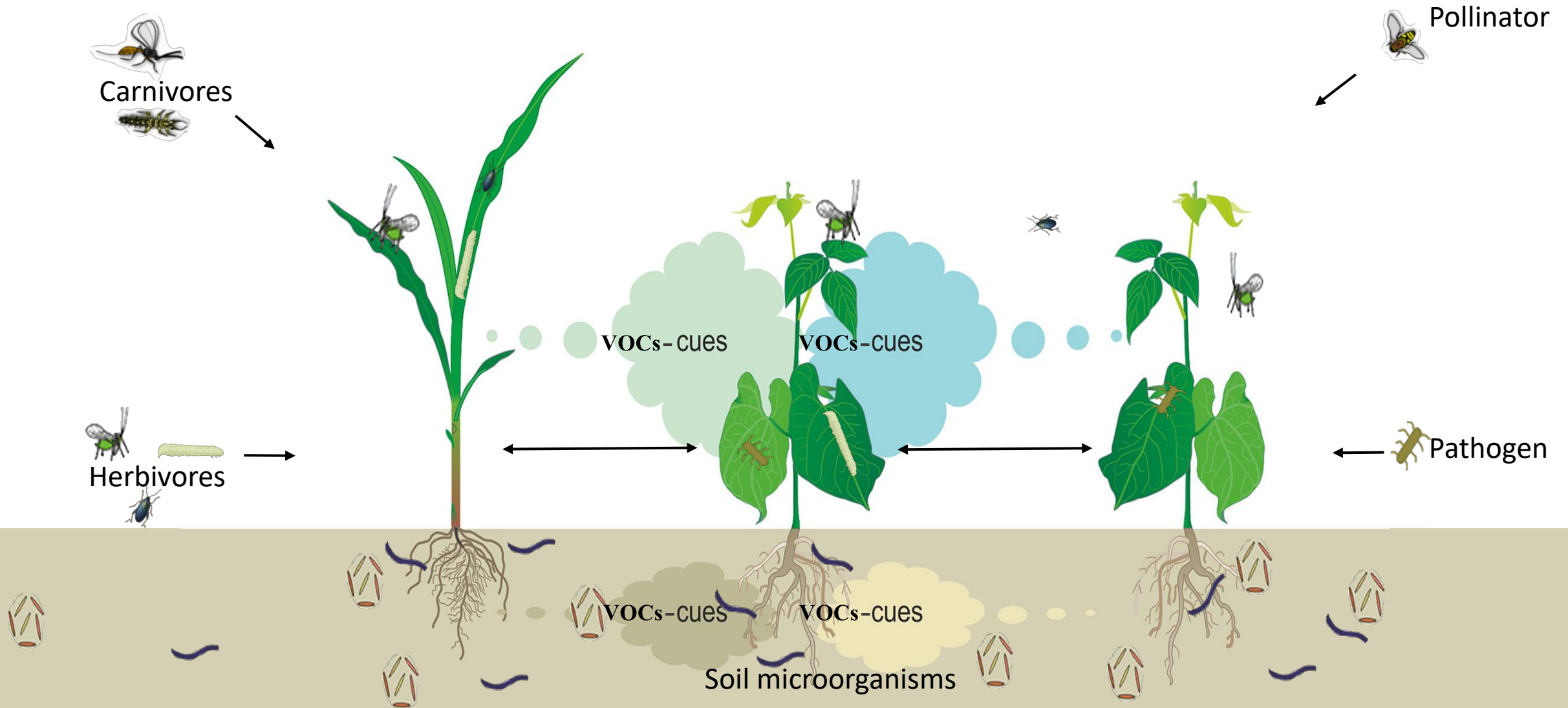
## Sesquiterpenoids



## Phenylpropanoids/benzenoids



# Plant volatile organic compounds (VOCs)



# Plant defences

- Defense traits may be effective against different classes of antagonists (Zangerl & Rutledge 1996; Cipollini & Heil 2010; Dicke & van Loon 2000)
- Inducible defences –period of vulnerability (Kabran & Myers 1989; Agrawal 1999; Orrock et al. 2015);
- Plants can shorten this period by adjusting their defences in response to early warning cues (Dicke & Baldwin 2010; Hilker & Fatouros 2015; Mescher & De Moraes 2015)



# Plant priming

## Cues directly associated with herbivores:

1. Herbivore movement on leaf surfaces (Peiffer et al. 2009)
2. Presence of insect eggs on plant tissues (Beyaert et al. 2012; Bandoly et al. 2016; Hilker & Fatouros 2016; Lortzing et al. 2019)
3. Olfactory cues emitted by herbivores, such as pheromones (Helms et al. 2013; Helms et al. 2017)

## Indirect cues that reveal information about the presence of herbivores:

1. Most notable Herbivore Induced Plant Volatiles (Heil & Kost 2006; Frost et al. 2008a; Dicke & Baldwin 2010; Karban et al. 2014, Karban & Maron 2002; Kessler et al. 2006; Zhang et al. 2019)

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Priming is an induced defence mechanism in which plants that have been exposed to elicitors, such as herbivore-induced plant volatiles (HIPVs), go into an alert state with faster and stronger responses against a future biotic challenge. This study evaluated whether HIPVs emitted by maize genotypes after herbivory by fall armyworm (*Spodoptera frugiperda*) larvae could prime neighbouring maize plants for an enhanced indirect defence response, and if priming was consistent across different genotypes. Two genotypes were selected based on their differences in HIPV emission: Sintético Spodoptera (SS), a relatively high emitter of HIPVs, and L3, a relatively low emitter of HIPVs. SS plants that were previously exposed to SS HIPVs initiated earlier and enhanced volatile production upon larval challenge, compared to SS plants that were previously exposed to SS undamaged plant volatiles. In addition, SS plants exposed to SS HIPVs and then to larval challenge attracted an egg parasitoid, *Telenomus remus*, at an earlier stage than SS plants that were only subjected to larval challenge, indicating a priming effect. There was no evidence of a priming response by L3 plants that were previously exposed to L3 or SS HIPVs. When comparing the gene expression of HIPV-exposed and undamaged plant volatile (UDV)-exposed plants, jasmonate-induced protein *GRMZM2G05154* and UDP-glucosyltransferase *bx8* genes related to the biosynthesis of DIBOA-Glu were upregulated. These data indicate that priming by HIPVs enhances indirect defence in maize plants as reported by other studies, and provide new information showing that the priming effect can be genotype-specific.



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### RESEARCH ARTICLE

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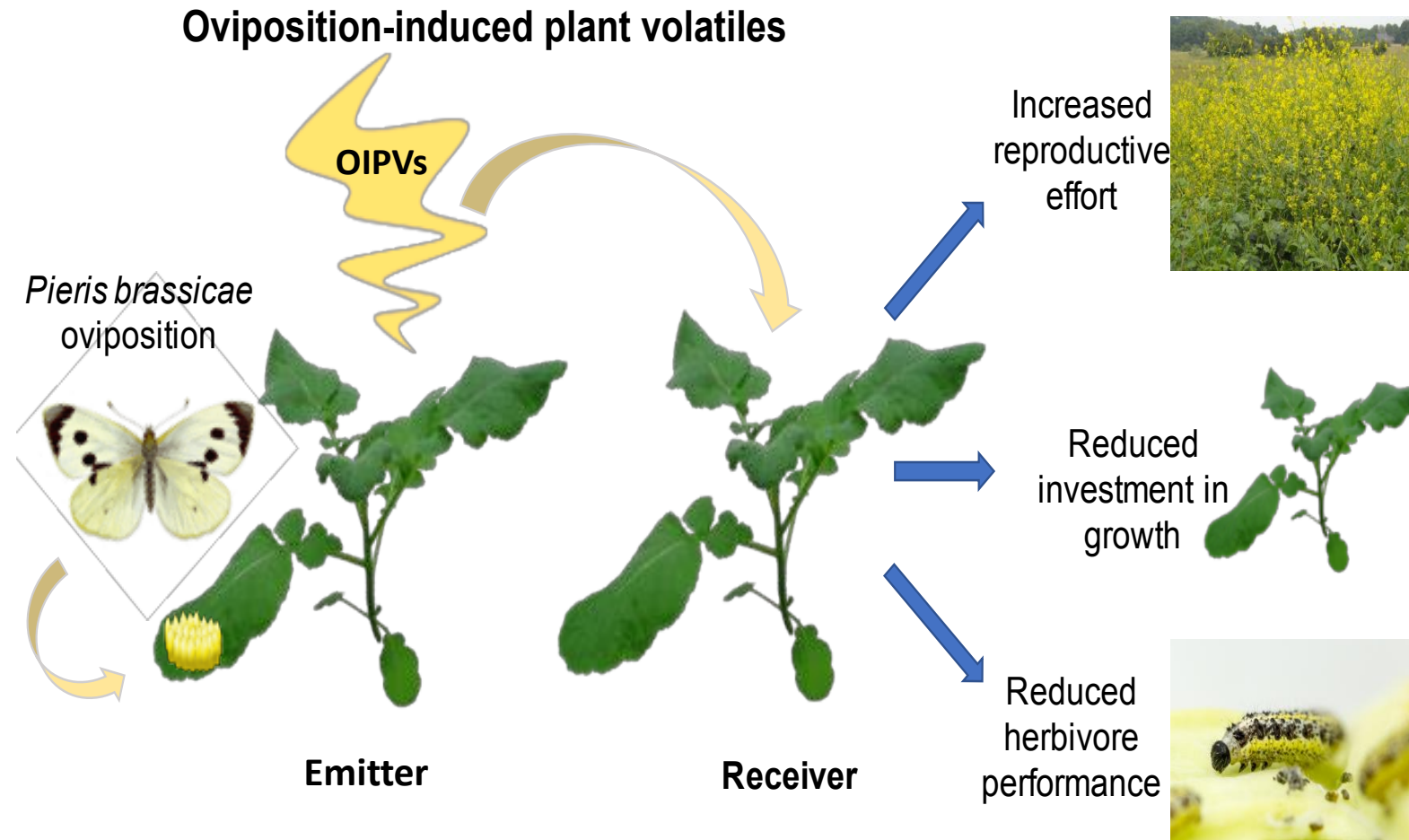
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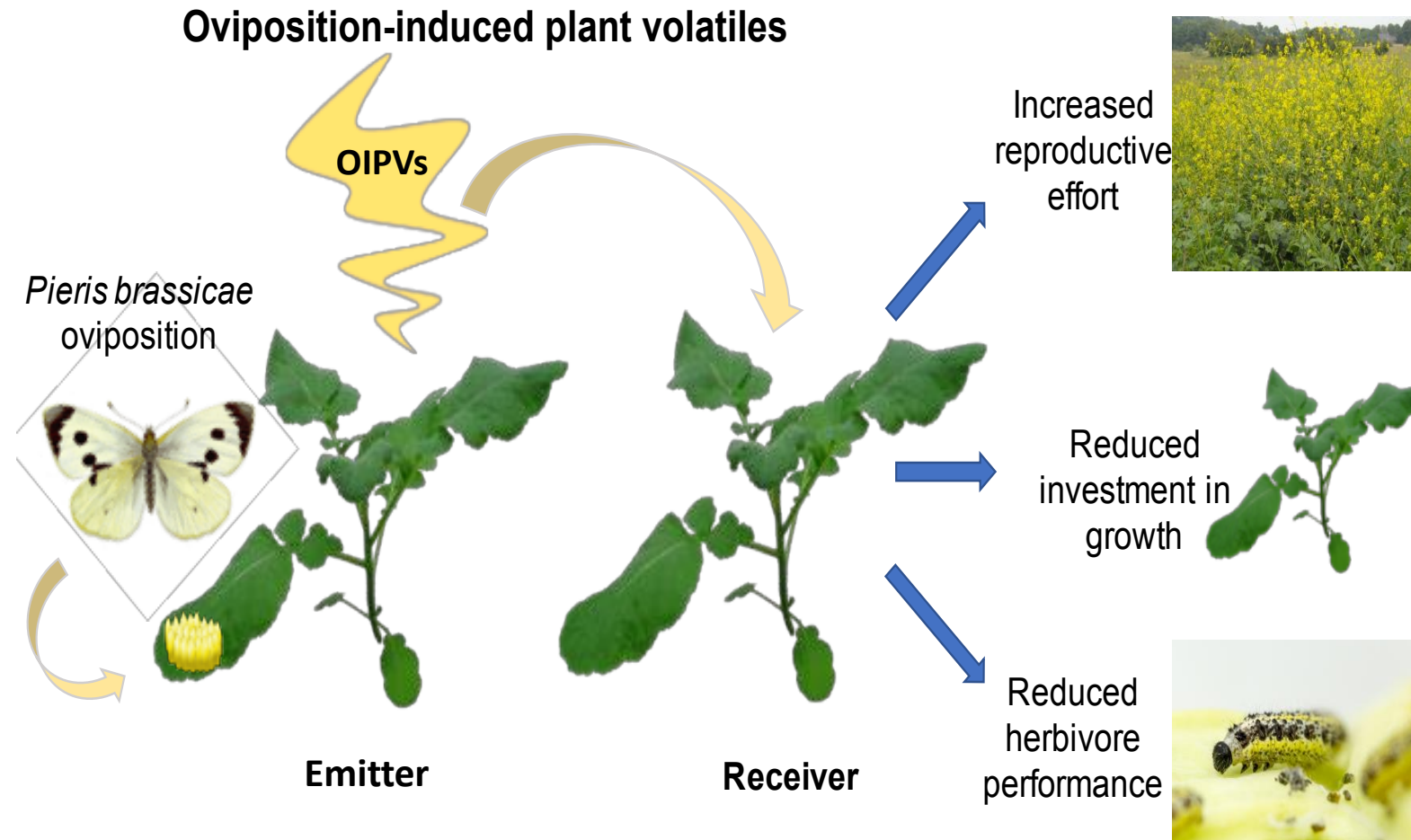
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Plant volatiles induced by herbivore eggs prime defences and mediate shifts in the reproductive strategy of receiving plants



# Objectives and hypotheses

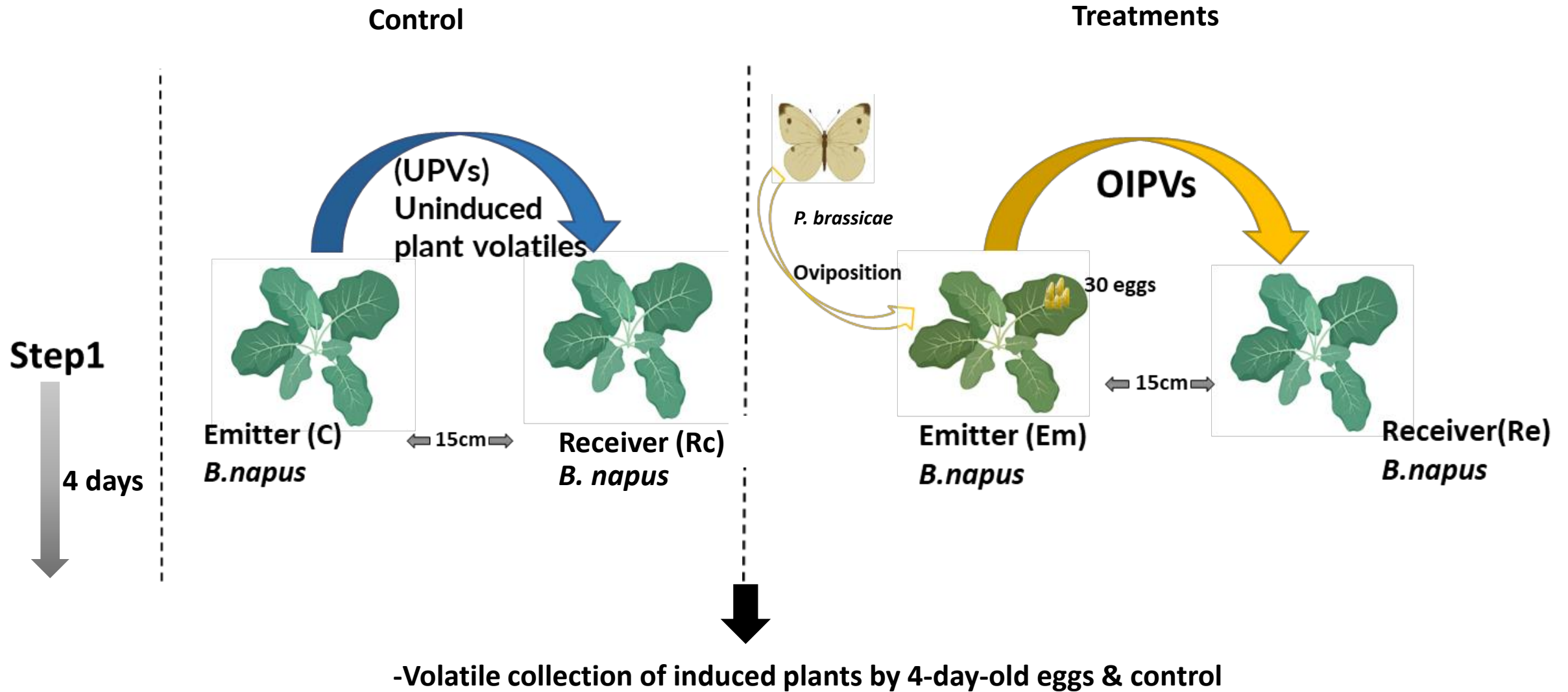
**Objective: Test** in the lab whether *B. napus* responds with priming of plant defences to oviposition-induced plant volatiles (OIPVs) emitted by neighbouring plants of the same or different species infested with *Pieris brassicae* eggs.

**Hypothesis 1:** *Brassica napus* receiver recognises OIPVs from the emitter neighbours.

**Hypothesis 2:** Receiver plants perceive OIPVs as early warning cues to prime defences against future herbivores.

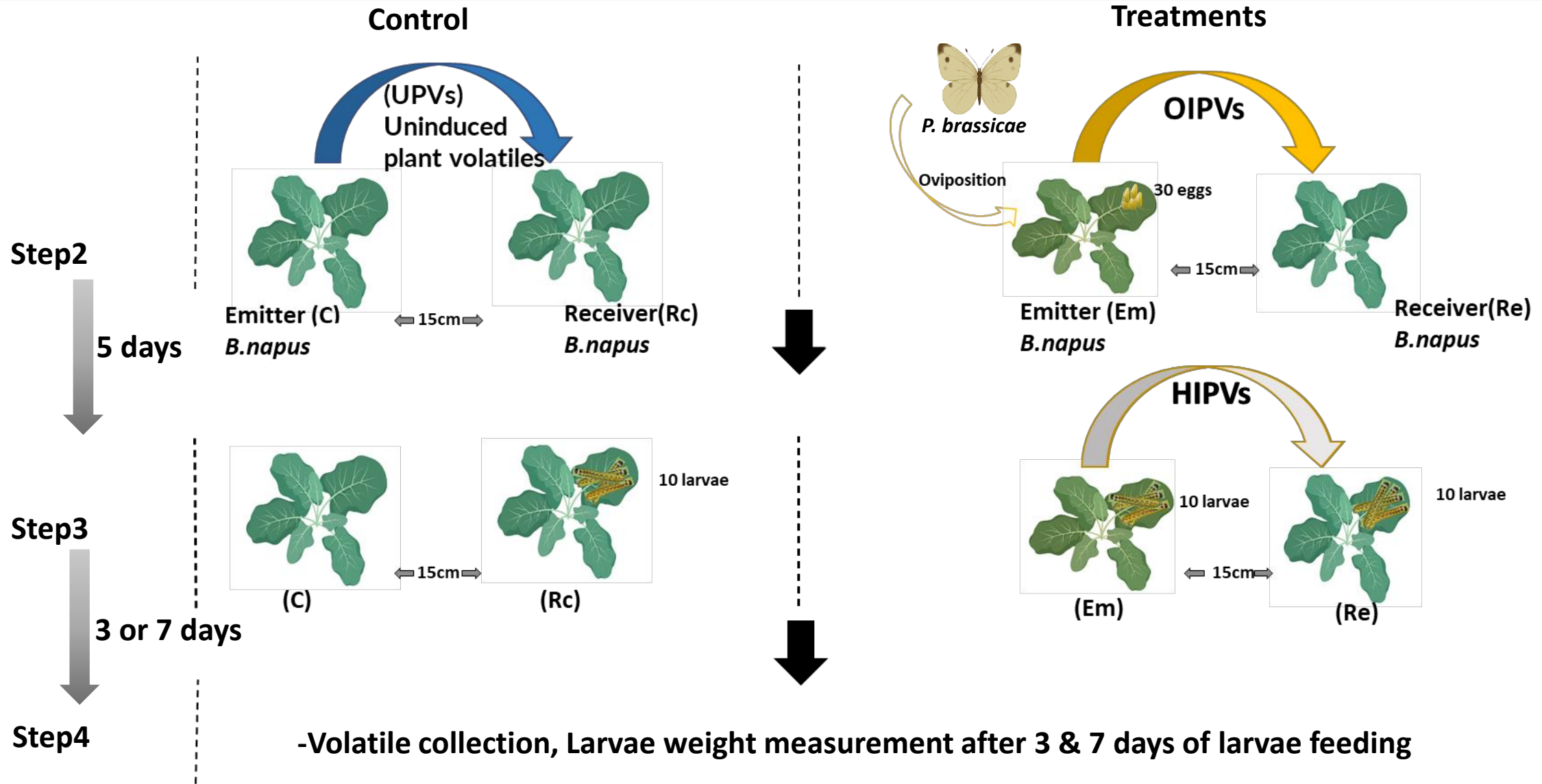
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# Materials and methods



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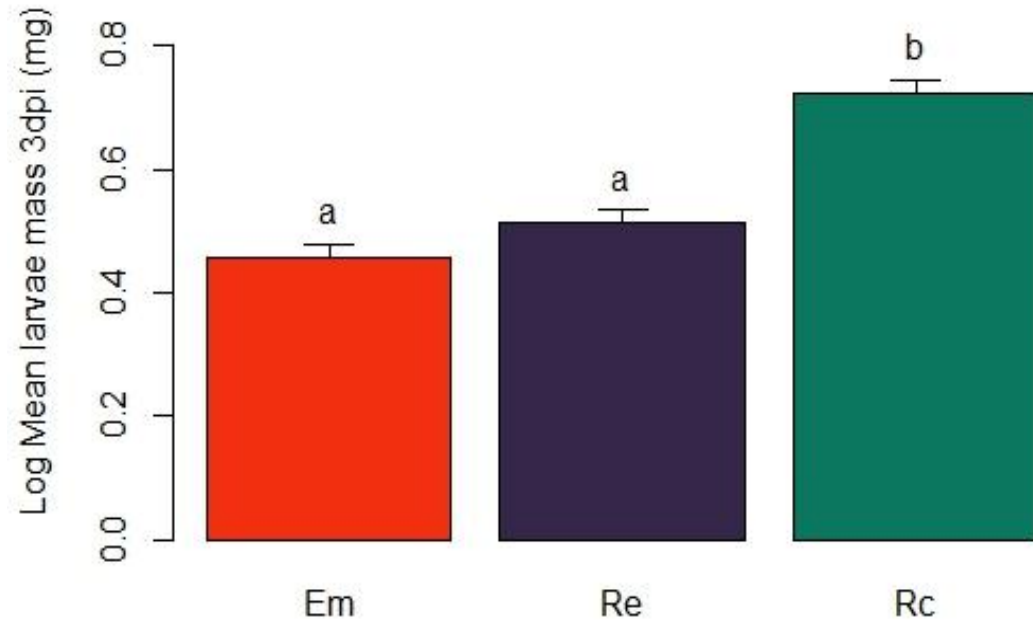
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# Results

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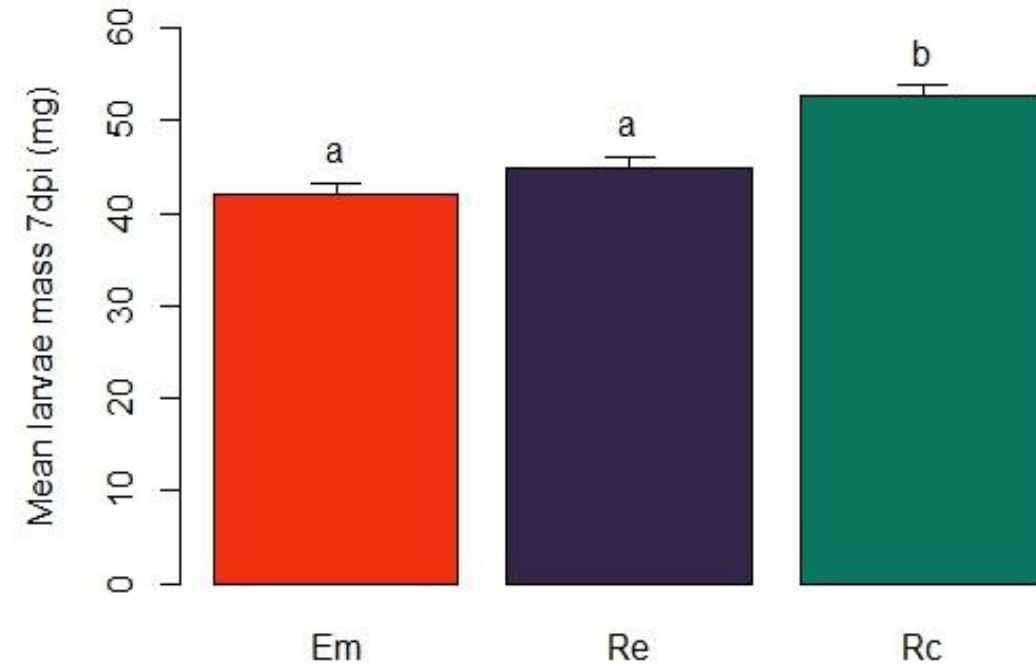
(A) 3-days feeding

LMM:  $X^2(2)=70.64$ ,  $p=4.56e^{-16}$



(B) 7-days feeding

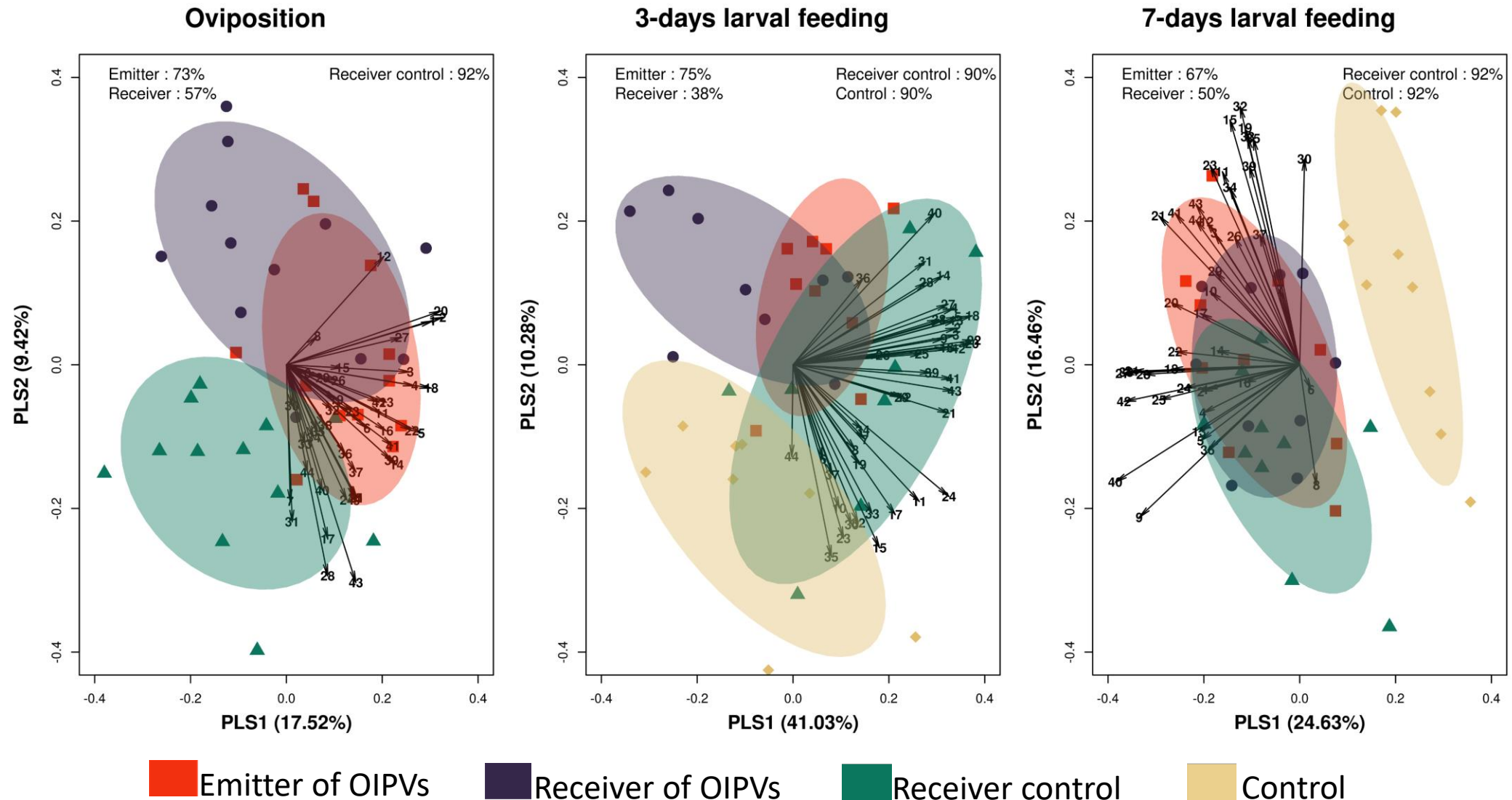
Kruskal Wallis:  $\chi^2(2) = 20.008$ ,  $p = 4.52e^{-05}$



■ Emitter of OIPVs   ■ Receiver of OIPVs   ■ Receiver control

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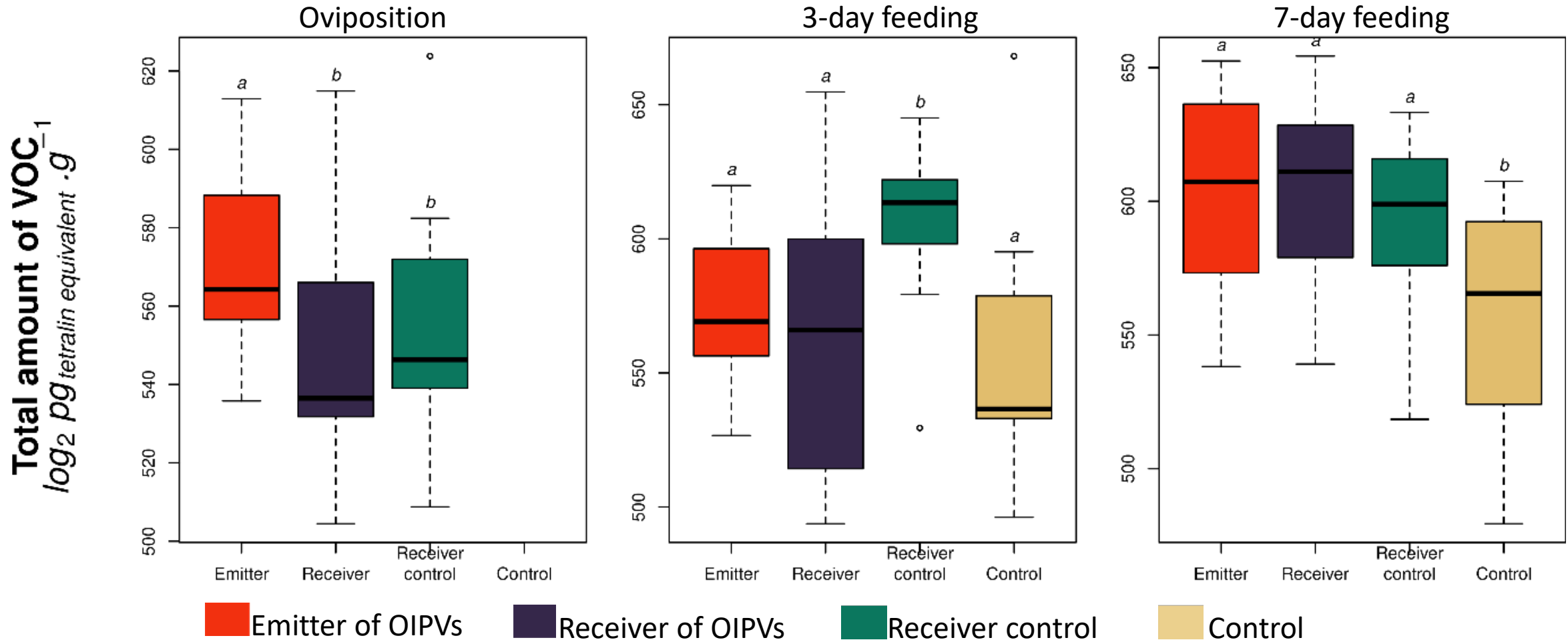
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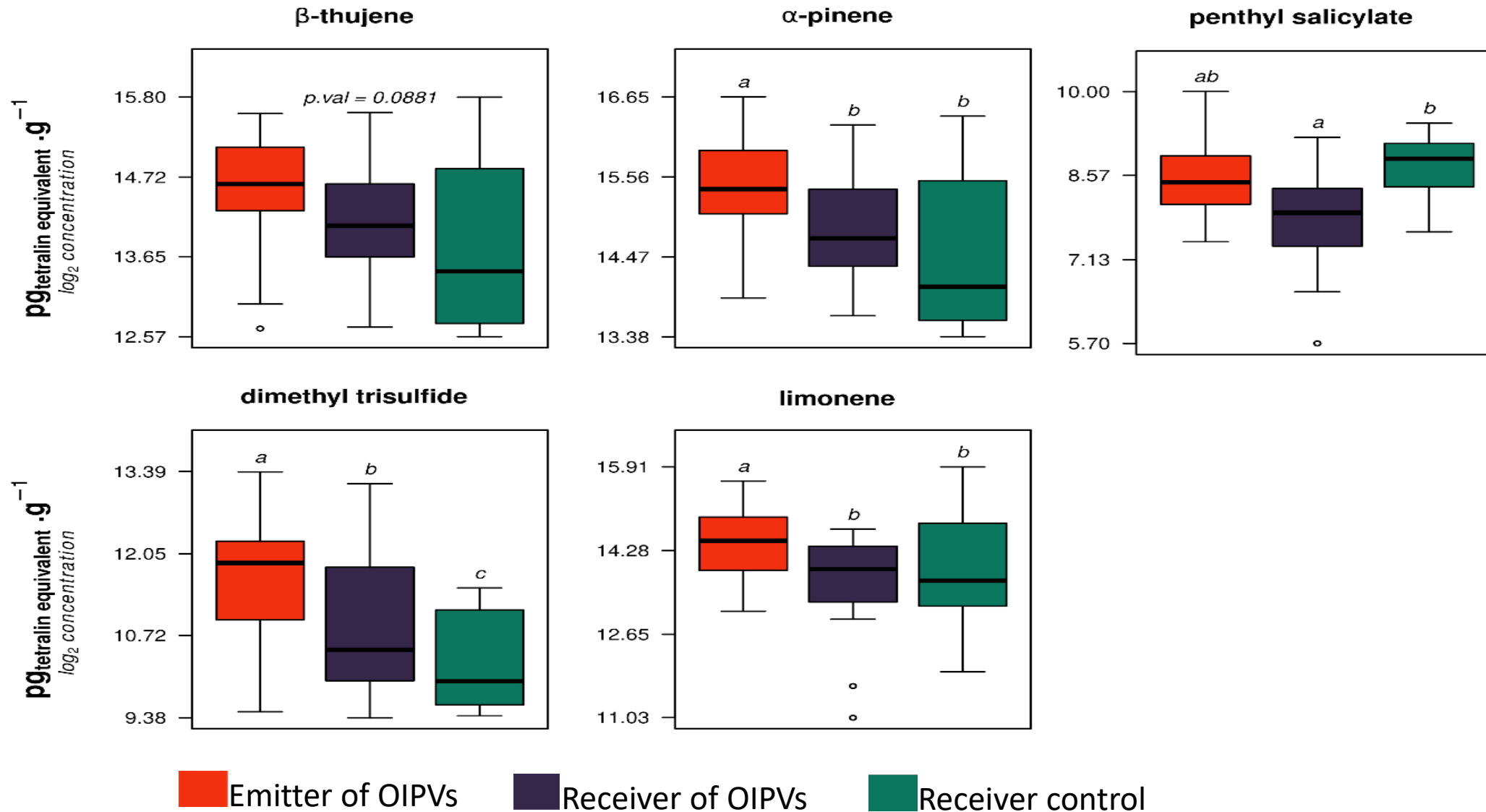
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## 3. Total amount of volatile organic compounds



# Results

## 4. Univariate analysis of Oviposition induced plant volatiles (OIPVs)



# Discussion

**Objective: Test** in the lab whether *B. napus* responds with priming of plant defences to oviposition-induced plant volatiles (OIPVs) emitted by neighbouring plants of the same or different species infested with *Pieris brassicae* eggs. 👍

**Hypothesis 1:** *Brassica napus* recognises OIPVs from neighbours. 👍

**Hypothesis 2:** Receiver plants perceive OIPVs as early warning cues to prime defences against future herbivores. 👍

**Hypothesis 3:** Specific volatiles act as early warning cues. 👍



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**Thank you.**

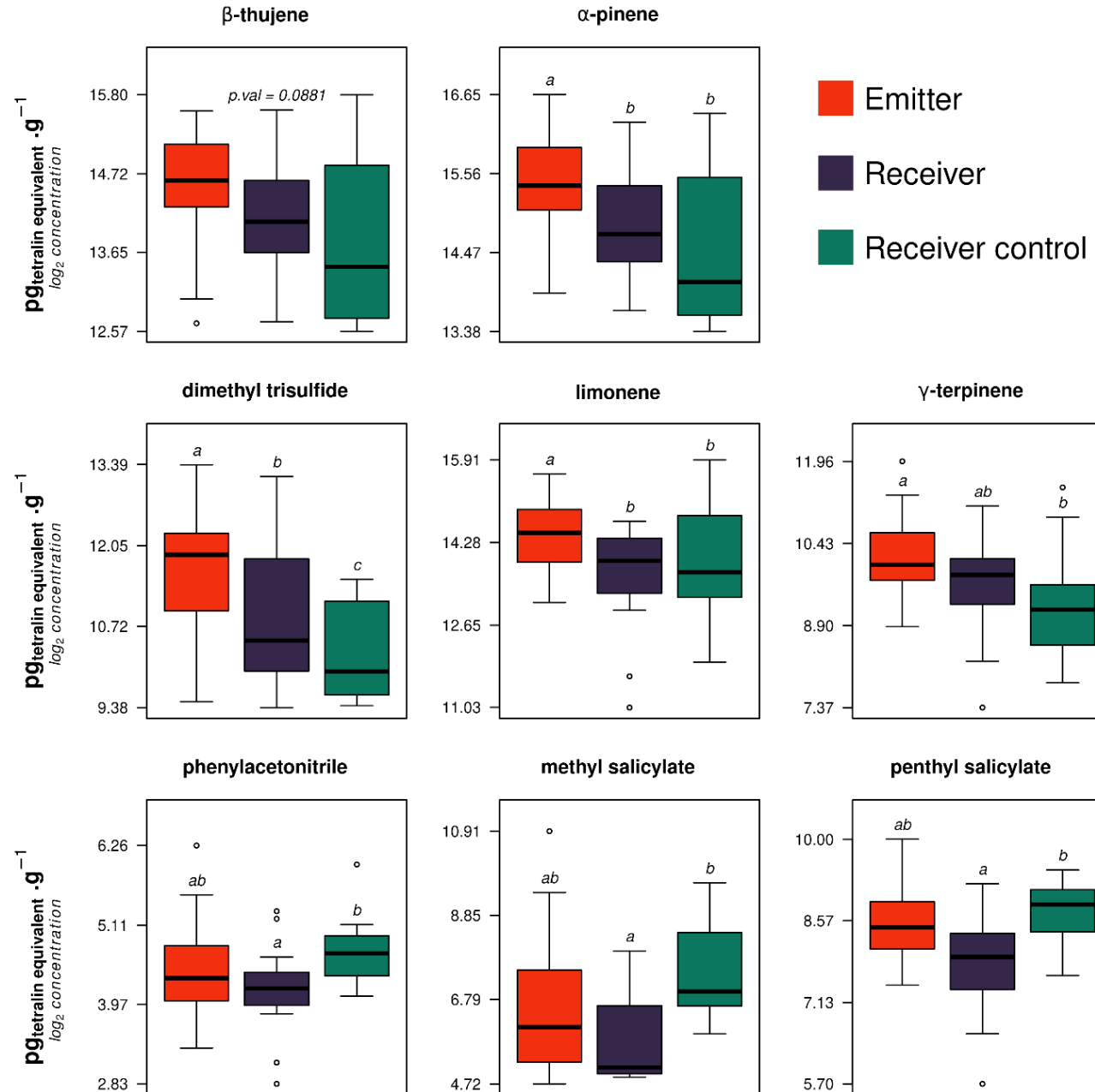


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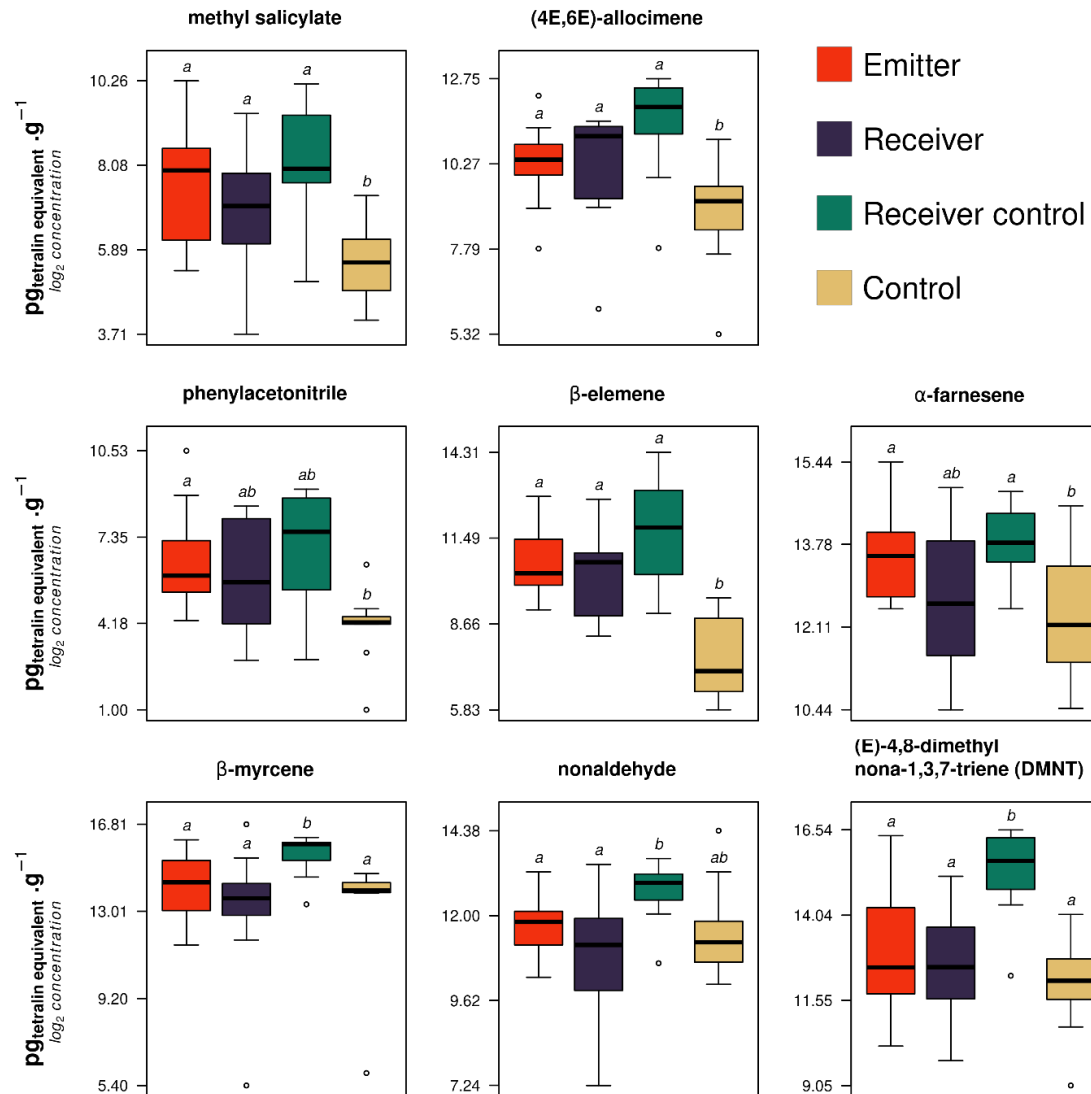


# Univariate analysis of Oviposition induced plant volatiles (OIPVs)



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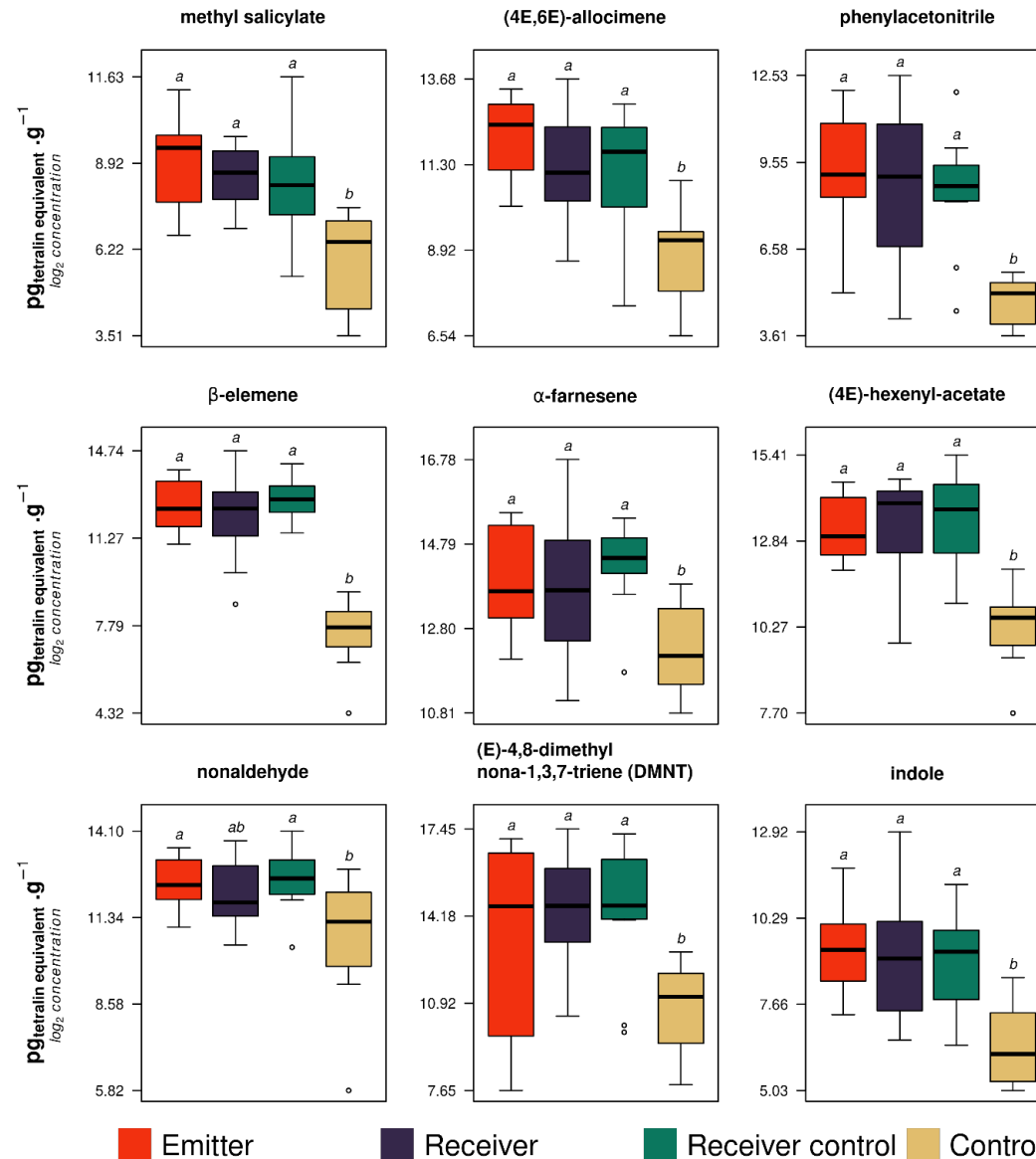
## 5. Univariate analyses of 3dpi volatiles



3-days larval feeding:  $n = 11$  Emitter, 11 Receiver, 9 Receiver control & 9 Control plants

# Current results

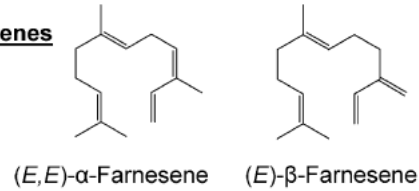
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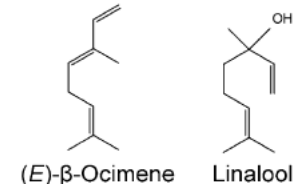
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# gap of knowledge

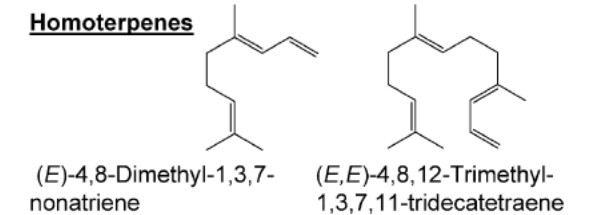
## Sesquiterpenes



## Monoterpenes



## Homoterpenes



VOCs – ( Volatile organic compounds )



- Potato-potato (Martín-Cacheda et al., 2023)
- Sweet potato-Sweet potato (Meents et al., 2019)
- Barley-Barley (Pettersson et al., 1999; Ninkovic et al., 2002)
- Brussels sprouts-Brussels sprouts (Peng et al., 2011)
- Lima bean-Lima bean (Kost & Heil, 2006; 2008)
- Sagebrush-tobacco (Karban et al., 2003; Kessler et al., 2006)
- Tobacco-Lima bean (Muroi et al., 2011)