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Dataset on collecting volatile compounds produced by three bacteria and testing their efficacy against the pathogen *Peronophythora litchii*



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ABSTRACT

This data article provides supporting information to a related research article "Identification of volatile organic compounds for the biocontrol of postharvest litchi fruit pathogen *Peronophythora litchii*" (Zheng et al., 2019) [1]. The litchi downy blight (LDB) caused by *Peronophythora litchii* is a major postharvest disease that can severely damage litchi trees and harvested litchi fruit. This data article describes the analysis of volatile compounds (VOCs) in three bacterial biological control agents (BCAs) of LDB (*Bacillus amyloli-quefaciens* PP19, *Bacillus pumilus* PI26, and *Exiguobacterium acety-licum* SI17) via gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC–MS). Volatile compounds produced by the three BCAs were captured at

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five culture time of 24, 36, 48, 60 and 72 h by a solid-phase micro extraction method. The chemical compositions were identified and their retention times as well as relative peak areas were analyzed. Compounds commonly produced at more than one time points were then subjected to *in vitro* (on petri dish) and *in vivo* (litchi fruit and leaves) evaluations for their antagonistic activities against the pathogen *Peronophythora litchii*.

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How data was acquired	Volatile compounds produced by three bacterial isolations (Bacillus amyloliquefaciens PP19,
	Bacillus pumilus PI26, and Exiguobacterium acetylicum SI17) were analyzed using gas
	chromatography coupled with mass spectrometry
Data format	Raw and analyzed
Experimental factors	Three bacteria (PP19, PI26, and SI17); five culture stages of each isolation (24, 36, 48, 60, and
	72 h); two assays of the biocontrol activities against the pathogen Peronophythora litchii
	(in vitro on plate and in vivo on detached fruit and leaves)
Experimental features	Identification of bacterial volatile compounds using GC-MS; examination of identified
	volatile components for their in vitro antagonism and in vivo biocontrol efficacy.
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	reconophythold metha rostnarvest bloogy and technology, 2019 , 155 , $57-46$ [1].

Value of the data

- The data reveals distinct volatile profiles produced by different biological control agents (BCAs) of litchi downy blight which is valuable for researchers working on the disease.
- The data could be used by researchers to further investigate the mechanisms underlying the biocontrol activities of the bacterial volatile compounds reported in this study.
- The data allows to compare the reported compounds for their modes of action against *Peronophythora litchii in vitro* and/or *in vivo*.
- The data provides valuable information on the relationship between concentrations of compounds and their biocontrol efficacies.

1. Data

We collected data on different BCAs produced by GC-MS across different culture time, and against the pathogen *Peronophythora litchii* in *in vitro* and *in vivo* conditions. The six tables and two figures that are provided as data for this article contain the retention times, volatile compound names and the relative peak area (in percentage) of the three strains, antagonistic activity, efficacy to litchi downy blight at different concentrations.

2. Experimental design, materials and methods

2.1. Collection and identification of VOCs produced by strain PP19, SI17 and PI26

The three bacterial suspension was coated evenly on LB in sample vials. The bacterial VOCs were collected using advanced headspace solid phase microextraction (SPME) technique [2], and the

Specifications Table

compounds were extracted using the protocol described by Raza et al. [3] with some modifications. The bacteria were incubated in water bath at 45 °C for 80 min, and VOCs were extracted by headspace solid phase microextraction (SPME) (Supelco Co., Bellefonte, PA, USA; 50/30 μ m DVB/CAR/PDMS, gray) during the last 40 min. The SPME fiber was inserted in the injector of GC-MS system (SHIMADAZU GCMS-QP2010 Ultra), and desorbed at 250 °C (3 min) with an HP-5MS column (30 m, 0.25-mm inside diameter, 0.25 μ m). The protocol used for over temperature was 50 °C (2 min), and 250 °C (6 °C/min). The volatile compounds were identified based on their diversity in the three isolation in gas chromatograph equipped with mass spectrometer. HP-5MS column was used for the separation. Gas carrier was helium 1 mL/min. The relative amounts of volatile compounds in each part from the bacteria were determined by comparing spectra of each compound with library NIST11S and by data analysis in a GC-MS workstation (Software Version SHIMADZU GCMS solution) (Tables 1–3, Fig. 1).

2.2. Overview the levels of the volatile compounds from the three isolation at antagonistic activity against P. litchii and relative peak area

The antagonistic activity against *P. litchii* and relative peak area across five time point to assess the volatile compounds level (Table 4, Fig. 2). The former was referred to Xing et al. [4] and the latter was analyzed from the GC-MS dataset.

2.3. Measures taken against the P. litchii in vivo on litchi fruit and leaves

The pathogen *P. litchi* was cultured on CA medium (carrot juice from 200 g carrot topped up to 1 L, 15 g/L agar) at 28 °C for 5 d, which was observed under an electronic microscope; its concentration was adjusted to 5×10^4 sporangia/mL followed the method of Jiang LQ et al. [5].

Six chemicals were evaluated at the concentrations of 1000, 500 and 200mg L⁻¹, while the corresponding solvent-only dilutions were used as control for each chemical and concentration tested. The healthy fruit of litchi cultivar "Huaizhi" (about 85% ripening degree, a private farm, Conghua district, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province) or 5 branches (a private farm, Huadu district, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province) with at least 10–20 leaves per replicate were collected and immediately transported to the laboratory for processing. Every 30 detached fruit were placed in a container (323 × 220×100 mm; Hualong Plastic Factory, Foshan, China) whose bottom was covered with two pieces of sterile filter paper (D = 18 cm), moistened with 15 mL sterile water. 300 mL was used for each treatment by spray. After 24 hours, fruit in each treatment were inoculated with the pathogen *P. litchii* at 5 × 10⁴ sporangia/mL by spray. The relative humidity in the container was 85–90%, which was placed in a small greenhouse maintained at 25 °C and with 24 h light cycle and the relative humidity of 60%–75% (the parameters were monitored by TH6 automatic humidity and temperature data logge, Hangzhou Meacon Automation Technology Co., Ltd). Disease severity was monitored during 48–84 hours post inoculation (hpi) (Tables 5 and 6), and the levels of disease severity were determined using the method of Jiang YM et al. [6].

Disease severity was defined as follows: 0, 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 represent 0, <5, 6 to 10, 11 to 25, 26 to 50, and >50% leaf area with symptoms, respectively. Disease index and biocontrol efficacy was calculated as follows: Disease index (%) = [Σ (Disease level \times number of fruit in each level)/(the highest level \times total number of fruit)] \times 100; Biocontrol efficacy (%) = [(Disease index of control - Disease index of treatment)/Disease index of control] \times 100.

2.4. Data analysis

Data on plate antagonism assay disease index, control efficacy were processed and analyzed in Microsoft Excel. Least significant difference test (P < 0.05) was performed using the statistical software data processing system (DPS version 7.05, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China). One-way ANOVA was used to compare the factors investigated.

Volatile compounds identified from 24 h culture of PP19 (Bacillus amyloliquefaciens), Pl26 (B. pumilus), and Sl17 (E. acetylicum).

PP19-RT (min)	Relative peak area (%)	Volatile organic compounds	PI26-RT (min)	Relative peak area (%)	Volatile organic compounds	SI17-RT (min)	Relative peak area (%)	Volatile organic compounds
7.068	40.67	^a 6-Methyl-2-heptanone	7.088	13.95	6-Methyl-2-heptanone	7.113	2.92	2-Heptanone
7.3	32.35	5-Methyl-2-heptanone	7.327	21.81	5-Methyl-2-heptanone	7.351	1.42	2-Ethyl-1-butanol
8.933	7.21	2-Ethylhexan-1-ol	12.259	16.02	2-Decanone	7.515	3.33	1-Methyl-1,3-cyclopentadiene
9.587	6.15	2-Nonanone	12.335	1.72	2-Decanol	8.505	0.62	Tricyclo[2.2.1.02,6]heptan-3-ol
12.262	2.23	2-Decanone	12.513	4.02	2-Dodecanol	8.636	1.63	(1Z)-Cyclooctene
15.476	1.49	Pentadecane	14.985	28.81	2-Isobutyl-3-isopropylpyrazine	8.846	3.49	(3aR,6aR)-1,2,3,3a,4,6a-
								Hexahydropentalene
19.717	4.89	1-Iodohexadecane	16.82	10.62	2-Dodecanone	9.598	3.04	2-Nonanone
20.007	3.54	(3E,6E)-3,7,11-Trimethyl-	20.011	3.04	(3E,6E)-3,7,11-Trimethyl-	9.869	1.1	2-Nonanol
		1,3,6,10-dodecatetraene			1,3,6,10-dodecatetraene			
28.695	1.47	Ethyl palmitate				11.112	4.92	2-Phenylethanol
						12.121	21.75	2-Decanone
						12.324	10	2-Decanol
						12.5	2.82	2-Dodecanol
						14.287	0.26	Ethyl 2-phenylacetate
						14.528	7.4	2-Undecanone
						14.712	4.51	2-Tridecanol
						16.812	8.8	2-Dodecanone
						16.973	10.63	6,10,14-trimethylpentadecan-2- one
						17.129	3.82	2-Hexadecanol
						17.906	0.14	3-Undecanone
						18.879	0.21	6,10-dimethylundeca-5,9-dien-2- one
						18.985	2.84	2-Tridecanone
						19.119	0.58	2-Heptadecanol
						20.009	1.04	(3E,6E)-3,7,11-Trimethyl-1,3,6,10-
								dodecatetraene
						20.669	0.41	1-cyclododecylethanone
						21.031	1.2	2-Tetradecanone
						21.184	1.12	2-Nonadecanone

^a Volatile organic compounds printed in bold type were selected for the *in vivo* antagonism assay.

Table 2
Relative peak area of the 17 main volatile compounds of three BCAs identified across 24 h-72 h.

Strain	Time point (h)	2,5- Dimethyl- pyrazine	Bicyclo [4.2.0] octa- 1,3,5- triene	1-(2- Aminophenyl) ethanone	2- Unde- canone	Benzo- thiazole	Penta- decane	2- Ethylhexan- 1-ol	2- Nonanone	(3E,6E)-3,7,11- Trimethyl- 1,3,6,10- dodecatetraene	1- Tridecene	6-Methyl- 2- heptanone	5-Methyl- 2- heptanone	nonylcy- clopropane	6,10,14- trimethyl- pentadecan- 2-one	2- Dodecanone	1- iodohex- adecane	5-Methyl- 2- heptanone
PP19	24	0	0	0	0	0	1.49	7.21	6.15	3.54	0	40.67	0	0	0	0	4.89	32.35
	36	4.86	7.18	0.61	0.21	0.78	0.09	0.73	6.61	0.31	0.19	11.73	10.82	20.66	0.38	0.52	0.26	14.43
	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.21	0	0	24.66	41.47	0	0	1.9	0	0
	60	5.52	3.9	3.71	0.3	0.48	0	0	1.55	0	0.2	4.61	14.05	39.63	0.27	0.57	0	0
	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.07	0	0	7.64	4.16	0	0	0	0	0
PI26	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.04	0	13.95	0	0	0	10.62	0	21.81
	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.29	0	5	5.1	0	69.9	0	0	0
	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7.76	0	0	39.84	0	0	0	0	0	0
	60	3.14	0	5.17	0	0.19	0	0	0	0	0.19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.78
	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.26	0	0	23.46	0	0	0	4.78	0	0
SI17	24	0	0	0	7.4	0	0	0	3.04	1.04	0	0	0	0	10.63	8.8	0	0
	36	0	0	3.94	1.13	0	0	0	4.46	0	0.38	5.98	3.96	36.77	0	0	0	0
	48	0	0	0	12.03	0	0	0	1.62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	60	1.69	0	5.41	0	0	0	0	0	0.01	0.19	0	0	0.3	0	0	0	0.22
	72	0	0	0	5.6	0	0	0	1.97	0	0	3.62	0	0	1.01	18.7	0	0

Table 3		
Numbers of bacterial VOCs compounds at 24, 36, 48,	60,	72 h.

Strain	24 h	36 h	48 h	60 h	72 h
PP19	9	33	14	28	17
SI17	26	22	13	16	21
PI26	8	13	11	16	22



Fig. 1. Numbers of bacterial VOCs compounds at 24, 36, 48, 60, 72 h (**A**) and Chemical classes of volatiles (**B**), **A-K**, 2,5-Dimethylpyrazine ($C_6H_8N_2$); Bicyclo[4.2.0]octa-1,3,5-triene (C_8H_8); 1-(2-Aminophenyl)ethanone (C_8H_9NO); 2-Undecanone ($C_{11}H_{22}O$); Benzothiazole (C_7H_5NS); Pentadecane ($C_{15}H_{32}$); 2-ethylhexan-1-ol ($C_8H_{18}O$); 2-Nonanone ($C_9H_{18}O$); *α*-Farnesene ($C_{15}H_{24}$); 1-Tridecene ($C_{13}H_{26}$); 6-Methyl-2-heptanone ($C_8H_{16}O$), respectively released from PP19 (*B. amyloliquefaciens*), S117 (*Exiguobacterium acetylicum*), PI26 (*B. pumilus*), and HS10 (*B. licheniformis*) and **L-N**, three positive compounds from the references of BABA (3-Aminobutanoic acid), SA (Salicylic acid), MeJA (Methyl jasmonate), respectively.

Table 4

Overview of the volatile compounds of three BCAs identified across 24 h-72 h.

Pure Compounds	Antagonistic activity	Relative p	eak area (%)	
		PP19	SI17	PI26
2,5-Dimethylpyrazine	+	10.38	1.69	3.14
Bicyclo[4.2.0]octa-1,3,5-triene	_	11.08	0	0
1-(2-Aminophenyl)ethanone	+	4.32	9.35	5.17
2-Undecanone	+	0.51	26.16	0
Benzothiazole	+	1.26	0	0.19
Pentadecane	_	1.58	0	0
2-Ethylhexan-1-ol	+	7.94	0	0
2-Nonanone	_	19.59	11.09	14.02
(3E,6E)-3,7,11-Trimethyl-1,3,6,10-dodecatetraene	_	3.85	1.05	3.33
1-Tridecene	_	0.39	0.57	0.19
6-Methyl-2-heptanone	_	89.31	9.6	82.25
5-Methyl-2-heptanone		70.5	3.96	5.1
Nonylcyclopropane		60.29	37.07	0
6,10,14-trimethylpentadecan-2-one		0.65	11.64	69.9
2-Dodecanone		2.99	27.5	15.4
1-lodohexadecane		5.15	0	0
5-Methyl-2-heptanone		46.78	0.22	22.59

Control 1 Control 2 Pl26

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Fig. 2. The VOCs of PI26 (**A**) and compounds of BTH (Benzothiazole), EA (1-(2-Aminophenyl)ethanone), AF (α-Farnesene) and the positive control of SA (Salicylic acid), MeJA (Methyl jasmonate), BABA (3-Aminobutanoic acid) (**B**) against the pathogen *P. litchii* in the petri dish at 5 d.

Material	Treatment	Concentration $(mg L^{-1})$	48 hpi Disease i	ndex		60 hpi Disease ii	ndex		72 hpi Disease i	ndex		84 hpi Disease ii	ndex		
			Repeat I	Repeat II	Repeat III	Repeat I	Repeat II	Repeat III	Repeat I	Repeat II	Repeat III	Repeat I	Repeat II	Repeat III	
fruit	BABA	1000	5.19	10.74	10.37	9.26	11.85	14.44	11.48	23.33	19.26	17.78	35.19	29.26	
	AF		17.78	28.89	36.30	25.93	37.04	38.15	35.19	42.59	64.44	54.81	57.04	81.11	
	CK		12.96	12.59	2.22	18.52	12.96	5.56	22.96	28.52	15.93	38.52	36.30	26.30	
	BABA	500	7.78	11.48	20.74	19.26	24.44	32.22	32.22	33.70	46.67	40.74	55.56	58.15	
	AF		32.96	23.70	16.67	54.07	23.33	24.07	57.78	39.26	39.63	64.81	54.44	60.00	
	EA		25.93	28.15	25.19	44.44	47.41	48.89	47.04	53.70	54.44	73.70	70.00	74.81	
	BTH		36.30	38.15	26.67	47.04	45.93	45.19	52.59	61.85	57.78	79.63	82.22	78.52	
	SA		27.78	21.48	20.00	37.78	37.78	35.56	66.67	72.22	72.22	81.11	81.11	77.04	
	Me-JA		16.67	20.74	14.44	38.52	32.59	21.85	69.26	55.56	35.93	78.52	63.70	62.96	
	CK		17.41	25.56	33.70	50.37	62.59	68.52	71.48	81.11	78.52	81.48	85.56	83.33	
	EA	200	20.00	34.07	34.07	47.41	52.59	54.07	77.78	61.11	70.00	79.63	76.30	77.41	
	BTH		20.74	27.04	20.00	35.56	46.67	32.59	54.07	81.85	61.48	65.93	83.33	71.11	
	SA		7.78	24.07	19.26	13.33	38.52	25.19	33.70	45.19	51.85	53.33	71.11	75.56	
	Me-JA		20.00	28.89	10.00	28.89	53.70	28.89	44.81	69.63	52.96	69.63	85.56	71.48	
	CK		28.89	42.96	38.15	62.22	62.96	64.81	61.11	66.67	76.67	66.67	82.22	87.04	
leaf	Treatment	Concentration	62 hpi			72 hpi			84 hpi			96 hpi			
		$(mg L^{-1})$	Disease i	Disease index			Disease index			Disease index			Disease index		
			RepeatI	Repeat П	Repeat III	Repeat I	Repeat П	Repeat III	Repeat I	Repeat П	Repeat III	Repeat I	Repeat П	Repeat III	
	BABA	1000	88.10	88.01	71.99	87.50	72.66	73.61	92.86	74.78	87.04	92.86	80.42	89.35	
	AF		82.26	55.78	86.97	76.28	60.77	83.12	84.19	66.67	85.47	87.61	79.14	87.39	
	CK		35.26	44.63	44.44	73.72	63.75	75.00	72.44	68.31	67.36	84.62	78.69	81.25	
	BABA	500	14.94	5.29	6.72	20.50	22.75	25.06	53.26	80.95	63.31	59.96	77.25	61.24	
	AF		29.31	20.86	34.57	80.27	41.04	56.58	85.44	51.25	85.60	92.34	61.00	86.63	
	EA		9.95	3.86	14.32	37.50	9.66	31.20	44.91	17.87	83.12	62.04	21.98	79.70	
	BTH		9.00	23.66	15.74	12.26	24.91	30.56	23.95	38.17	37.73	19.16	37.63	34.72	
	SA		28.89	34.49	31.16	44.44	75.00	39.61	60.85	83.56	66.67	83.59	85.88	58.21	
	Me-JA		23.61	32.26	51.91	21.76	46.15	61.46	65.74	63.68	80.73	67.13	75.00	79.34	
	CK		22.22	13.22	30.24	25.99	17.05	40.98	84.23	72.80	76.32	84.05	31.23	75.77	
	EA	200	24.27	37.04	12.59	24.27	37.04	12.59	57.89	38.89	48.70	60.82	65.28	66.85	
	BTH		46.53	11.75	30.16	46.53	11.75	30.16	62.50	55.34	42.86	67.13	58.33	69.64	
	SA		19.67	23.95	12.90	19.67	23.95	12.90	62.48	67.05	29.37	66.67	69.92	65.28	
	Me-JA		6.19	20.30	16.91	6.19	20.30	16.91	12.57	41.24	75.85	17.12	45.73	39.61	
	CK		11.46	11.73	33.10	11.46	11.73	33.10	27.78	38.58	69.44	26.74	43.83	52.08	

Table 5 Efficacy against LDB of the VOCs blends of different concentration in vivo fruit or leaves "Huaizhi" (raw data).

Table 6 Efficacy against LDB of the VOCs blends of different concentration *in vivo* fruit or leaves "Huaizhi" (analyzed).

Material	Treatment ^x	Concentration (mg L^{-1})	48 hpi		60 hpi		72 hpi		84 hpi		
			Disease index (%)	Efficacy (%)	Disease index (%)	Efficacy (%)	Disease index (%)	Efficacy (%)	Disease index (%)	Efficacy (%)	
fruit	BABA AF Control P-value	1000	8.77±1.79b 27.66±5.38a 9.26±3.52b 0.0214	5.33 198.67 0	11.85±1.50b 33.71±3.90a 12.35±3.76b 0.0048	4 -173 0	18.02±3.48b 47.41±3.78a 22.47±3.64b 0.0244	19.78 110.99 0	27.41±5.11b 64.32±8.42a 33.71±3.76b 0.0109	18.68 -90.84 0	
	BABA AF EA BTH SA MeJA Control <i>P-value</i> EA BTH SA	200	$13.33\pm 3.85c$ $24.44\pm 4.72ab$ $26.42\pm 0.89ab$ $33.71\pm 3.56a$ $23.09\pm 2.39bc$ $17.28\pm 1.84bc$ $25.56\pm 4.70ab$ 0.0203 $29.38\pm 4.69ab$ $22.59\pm 2.23b$ $17.04\pm 83b$	47.83 4.35 -3.38 -31.88 9.66 32.37 0 19.87 38.38 53.54	$25.31\pm 3.77c$ $33.82\pm 10.13bc$ $46.91\pm 1.31ab$ $46.05\pm 0.54ab$ $37.04\pm 0.74bc$ $30.99\pm 4.88c$ $60.49\pm 5.34a$ 0.0033 $51.36\pm 2.02ab$ $38.27\pm 4.28bc$ $25.68\pm 7.28c$	58.16 44.08 22.45 23.88 38.78 48.78 0 18.91 39.57 59.45	37.53±4.59d 45.56±6.11cd 51.73±2.35cd 57.41±2.68bc 70.37±1.85ab 53.58±9.67c 77.04±2.88a 0.001 69.63±4.82a 65.80±8.31a 43.58±5.30b	51.28 40.87 32.85 25.48 8.65 30.45 0 -2.17 3.44 36.05	$51.48\pm5.42e$ $59.75\pm3.00de$ $72.84\pm1.45bc$ $80.12\pm1.10ab$ $79.75\pm1.36ab$ $68.39\pm5.07cd$ $83.46\pm1.18a$ 0.0001 $77.78\pm0.98a$ $73.46\pm5.16a$ 66.67a	38.31 28.4 12.72 3.99 4.44 18.05 0 1.1 6.59 15.23	
	MeJA Control P-value		19.63±5.46b 36.67±4.13a 0.059	46.46 0	$37.16 \pm 8.27 \text{ bc}$ $63.33 \pm 0.77 \text{ a}$ 0.0052	41.33 0	43.58±3.505 55.80±7.30ab 68.15±4.55a 0.0681	18.12 0	75.56±5.03a 78.64±6.15a 0.5325	3.92 0	
leaf	Treatment ^x	Concentration (mg L^{-1})	62 hpi		72 hpi		84 hpi		96 hpi		
			Disease index (%)	Efficacy (%)	Disease index (%)	Efficacy (%)	Disease index (%)	Efficacy (%)	Disease index (%)	Efficacy (%)	
	BABA AF Control P-value	1000	82.70±5.36 a 75.00±9.71 a 41.44±3.09 b 0.0101	-99.55 -80.98 0	77.92±4.80 a 73.39±6.61 a 70.82±3.56 a 0.6359	-10.03 -3.63 0	84.89±5.33 a 78.78±6.06 a 69.37±1.56 a 0.1448	-22.38 -13.56 0	87.54±3.70 a 84.71±2.79 a 81.52±1.72 a 0.3874	-7.39 -3.92 0	
	BABA AF Control P-value BABA AF EA BTH SA MeJA Control P-value	1000 500	82.70 ± 5.36 a 75.00 ± 9.71 a 41.44 ± 3.09 b 0.0101 8.98 ± 3.01 d 28.25 ± 3.99 abc 9.38 ± 3.03 d 16.13 ± 4.24 cd 31.51 ± 1.63 ab 35.93 ± 8.37 a 21.89 ± 4.92 bcd 0.0046	-99.55 -80.98 0 58.96 -29.02 57.16 26.31 -43.94 -64.11 0	$77.92\pm4.80 a$ $73.39\pm6.61 a$ $70.82\pm3.56 a$ 0.6359 $22.77\pm1.32 c$ $59.30\pm11.41 a$ $26.12\pm8.43 c$ $22.58\pm5.41 c$ $53.02\pm11.08 ab$ $43.12\pm11.56 abc$ $28.01\pm6.98 bc$ 0.0407	$\begin{array}{c} -10.03 \\ -3.63 \\ 0 \\ 18.69 \\ -111.73 \\ 6.74 \\ 19.39 \\ -89.31 \\ -53.98 \\ 0 \\ \end{array}$	84.89 ± 5.33 a 78.78 ± 6.06 a 69.37 ± 1.56 a 0.1448 65.84 ± 8.09 a 74.10 ± 11.42 a 48.63 ± 18.93 ab 33.28 ± 4.67 b 70.36 ± 6.81 a 70.05 ± 5.37 a 77.78 ± 3.38 a 0.0579	-22.38 -13.56 0 15.35 4.74 37.47 57.21 9.54 9.94 0	87.54 ± 3.70 a 84.71 ± 2.79 a 81.52 ± 1.72 a 0.3874 66.15 ± 5.56 a 79.99 ± 9.64 a 54.57 ± 17.08 ab 30.50 ± 5.73 b 75.89 ± 8.87 a 73.82 ± 3.57 a 63.68 ± 16.40 a 0.0772	-7.39 -3.92 0 -3.87 -25.6 14.31 52.1 -19.17 -15.92 0	

^x Bacterial VOCs composition were sprayed to fruit (about 80% ripening degree) or leaves of branches in the lab of the fresh-box, and the suspension of *P. litchii* at at 5 × 10⁴ sporangium mL⁻¹ was sprayed onto the fruit or leaves at 24 hpt. Data are presented as means of four replicates ± standard errors; different letters indicate significant differences between treatments according to LSD test at P < 0.

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