Transcriptomic dataset from *Arabidopsis thaliana* seedlings in response to *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* mono-rhamnolipids

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**Abstract**
The present data profile the large scale transcriptome changes in *Arabidopsis thaliana* Col-0 seedlings exposed to mono-rhamnolipids (Mono-RLs) from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* secretome. Bacterial rhamnolipids (RLs) are biosurfactant known to trigger plant defense mechanisms and have a great potential for crop culture protection as environmentally-friendly biocontrol solution. They are thought to interact directly with membrane lipids to induce plant defense gene expression and protection towards phytopathogens. However, to date, data on the global transcriptomic modifications induced by these natural amphiphilic glycolipids in plants are missing. Ten-day-old seedlings were treated for 1 or 3 h with 100 μM Mono-RLs in liquid growth medium for root absorption. Total RNA samples were extracted, purified, labelled and hybridized to Agilent V4 Gene Expression Microarrays 4 × 44 K (design ID 021169) carrying 43803 ssDNA probes of 60-mer covering the entire genome of *A. thaliana*. The dataset was validated by quality assessments including RNA sample quality, microarray quality and global gene expression profiling. The raw and normalized formats of these transcriptomic data are available via GEO repository with the

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accession number GSE168830. The dataset can be used to provide insights into the plant’s early and later mechanisms induced or repressed by RLs. It can be compared to data obtained with other plant defense elicitors, including the well described compounds perceived by membrane protein receptors.

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Specifications Table

| Subject            | Biology                                      |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Specific subject area | Transcriptomics of plants elicited by rhamnolipids |
| Type of data       | Raw data in .txt files                       |
|                    | Data table in Excel files (QC reports, expression value matrix, LIMMA output, Fold change data) |
| How data were acquired | Agilent Arabidopsis V4 Gene Expression Microarrays |
| Data format        | Raw and normalized data                      |
| Parameters for data collection | 5 samples of ten 10-day-old Col-0 Arabidopsis seedlings were transferred in liquid growth medium containing 0.5% EtOH (as control) or 100 μM Mono-RLs diluted in 0.5% EtOH (as Mono-RLs treated). They were harvested at 0, 1 and 3 h for total RNA extraction. cRNA were labelled and randomly hybridized on microarrays. |
| Description of data collection | Background correction, quantile normalization and filtering were realized as described in the materials and methods section. |
| Data source location | Université de Technologie de Compiègne, Compiègne, France |
| Data accessibility | Normalized and raw data are available in Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) database of NCBI with accession number GSE168830 |

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Value of the Data

- The data provide Arabidopsis seedling transcriptomic changes that occur after short or longer exposure to mono-RLs.
- The data can be used by the scientific community studying RL effects on plants and more largely plant defense triggering compounds. They can also be used by the phytosanitary industry developing biocontrol products based on RLs.
- The data can be used as a resource to identify early or later genes differentially expressed after a rhamnolipid treatment and to identify marker genes to follow the RL defense triggering activity in plants.
- The data can be used to decipher the way of perception of amphiphilic compounds with plant defense triggering activity as well as affinity for plasma membrane lipids and to compare them with other plant defense elicitors.

1. Data Description

This dataset represents a large scale transcriptome comparison of Arabidopsis seedlings not exposed or exposed to Mono-RLs for 1 h or 3 h. Total RNA samples were extracted from the seedling tissues and were subjected to the microarray experiments using Agilent Arabidopsis V4 Gene Expression Microarrays (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA, USA). The flowchart of the experimental design of the study is presented (Fig. 1). The raw and normalized formats of these data are available in National Center for Biotechnology information (NCBI) Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) gene expression data repository (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE168830). The data obtained after each processing step are provided as supplementary data files. Quality Control (QC) reports generated after array scanning and data extraction are provided in Supplemental Appendix S1. Final linear fit output values generated on the R software are gathered in Table 1. Expression value matrix after background correction, normalization and without probe replicates are supplied in Table 2. Unfiltered fold change data are gathered in Table 3. Reproducibility of the transcriptomic data from 5 independent replicates of each sample was confirmed by a principal component analysis (PCA) (Fig. 2). The magnitude of the transcriptomic modulations was globally assessed with the dispersion of Fold Changes (FC) (Fig. 3) and Venn diagrams of significantly regulated transcripts (Fig. 4).

2. Experimental Design, Materials and Methods

2.1. Mono-RLs solution preparation

Mono-RLs (mainly composed of α-L-rhamnopyanosyl-β-hydroxydecanoyl-β-hydroxydecanoate) were isolated from a commercial mixture (Jeneil Biotech, Inc, Saukville, USA). They were kindly provided by Dr Stéphan Dorey (RIBP, URCA, Reims, France). They were purified by the ICMR (URCA, Reims, France) by fast centrifugal partition chromatography (FCPC, Kromatron Technologies apparatus (Angers, France)) as previously described in [1]. Mono-RLs initial stock was prepared in absolute ethanol at 20 mM concentration. To ensure complete dilution, this stock was diluted in water at 2 mM concentration (10% ethanol) [2].

2.2. Plant growth and treatment

A. thaliana genotype Col-0 corresponding to Nottingham Arabidopsis Stock Center (NASC) reference N1092 was used. The whole protocol was realized in sterile conditions and independently repeated 5 times, to collect 5 independent biological replicates. Seeds were sterilized for 5 min
in 70% ethanol and 15 min in bleach (2.5% chloride) before being extensively rinsed with sterile water. They were then placed in petri dishes containing Murashige and Skoog [3] (MS) solid medium (4.3 g L\(^{-1}\) MS (ref M5524), 0.5 g L\(^{-1}\) 4-Morpholineethanesulfonic acid (MES), 5 g L\(^{-1}\) sucrose, 7 g L\(^{-1}\) agarose, all from Sigma Aldrich, Saint-Louis, USA), pH 5.7 (adjusted with KOH). Petri dishes were then placed for 4 days at 4 °C in the dark. For germination, seeds were placed in a climatic chamber at 21 °C, 60% relative humidity, 150 μmol m\(^{-2}\) s\(^{-1}\) light intensity with a 12-h photoperiod. After 4 days, 50 selected plants with similar development were divided in 5 groups of 10 plants, each one being placed in 1 mL of liquid MS medium (4.3 g L\(^{-1}\) MS, 0.5 g L\(^{-1}\) MES, 5 g L\(^{-1}\) sucrose). After 5 supplementary days into the climatic chamber, the growth medium of each group was replaced by 950 μL of fresh liquid MS medium. Treatments were

**Fig. 1.** Flowchart of experimental design of the study.
realized 24 h after, by adding 50 μL of a solution containing 10% of ethanol (control) or 2 mM Mono-RLs (in 10% ethanol) to culture medium in order to reach a final concentration of 0.5% ethanol (control) or 100 μM Mono-RLs (in 0.5% ethanol). Treatments were performed starting with the 3 h treatment in order to collect all samples at the same time (the 1 h treatment started 2 h later than the 3 h treatment). Seedlings were delicately harvested with a clamp, dried on filter paper, immediately frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80 °C until RNA extraction. Five independent replicates were carried out with 10 seedlings.

**Fig. 2.** PCA (principal component analysis) of the data from the different conditions.

**Fig. 3.** Dispersion of all log(FC) (Fold Changes) obtained from seedlings treated by Mono-RLs 1h or 3h compared to the control conditions.
Fig. 4. (A) Venn diagrams of significantly regulated transcripts \((p\text{-value} < 0.01)\). (B) Venn diagrams of regulated transcripts with a \(|\log(\text{FC})| > 1\) and \(p\text{-value} < 0.01\). Orange color: up-regulated, green color: down-regulated transcripts. (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

2.3. Total RNA extraction, cRNA preparation and purity analysis

For each condition and each replicate, the 10 seedlings harvested were crushed together with mortar and pestle. RNA extractions were then conducted with the RNaseasy Plant mini kit (Qia- gen, Hilden, Germany, Ref 74904) according to provider specifications, including the DNA digestion step with the RNase free DNase set (Qiagen, Ref 79254). RNA concentration and purity were determined using Thermo Fisher (Waltham, USA) Scientific Nanodrop 2000. RNA integrity was checked using Bio-Rad (Hercules, USA) Experion™ and the corresponding kit Expe- rion RNA StdSens Analysis (Bio-Rad, Ref 7007103) according to provider specifications. The gene expression study was realised using 100 ng RNA for each sample. The whole process was al- realized according to the Agilent protocol One-color Microarray-Based Gene Expression Analysis Low Input Quick Amp Labelling and the Agilent equipment (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA, USA). First, spike-in was added to RNA (Spike-In-One-Color, Agilent, Ref 5188–5282). cDNA were then synthetized and used as template for labelled and amplified cRNA using the Low In- put Quick Amp Labelling Kit One-Color (Agilent, Ref 5190–2305). cRNA were then purified using the RNeasy Plant Mini Kit (Qiagen, Ref 74904). Purified cRNA were analyzed with a Nanome- ter 2000 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Whaltam, USA). RNA integrity was validated by Experion™ chips. Purity (DO 260/DO 280 ≥2; 260/230 ≥2), yields (≥1.65 ng μL x 10⁻³ elution volume in μL) and specific activities (≥6 pmol Cy3 / μg RNA) were checked.

2.4. Microarray hybridization

The microarrays used were V4 Gene Expression Microarray, 4 × 44 K, (4 repeats of 43803 ss-DNA probes of 60-mer covering all genome of A. thaliana, Agilent design ID 021169). cRNA were hybridized for 17 h on microarrays using the Gene Expression Hybridization Kit (Agilent, Ref
5188–5327) in the Shel Lab Agilent Microarray Hybridization Oven at 65 °C (ref G2545A, rotating system Ref G2530–6029). Hybridization chambers (ref G2534A) and Hybridization chambers gasket slides (Ref G2534–60011) were used. Deposits were organized by crossing biological independent experiences. The 5 repetitions on 7 arrays were hybridized in two times in order to minimize hybridizations. Slides were then washed 3 times with the Gene Expression Wash Buffer Kit (Agilent, ref 5188-5327).

2.5. Data acquisition and analysis

The arrays were immediately scanned with the SureScan Microarray Scanner (Agilent). The data extraction was performed with the Agilent software Feature Extraction version 11.5.1.1 using the default settings [4]. Quality Control (QC) reports generated showed that all evaluated metrics matched defined criteria. Processing of the dataset was realized using LIMMA (Linear Models for Microarray and RNA-Seq Data) package version 3.40.6 [5] of the bioconductor project [6] on R software version 3.6.1 [7]. The different steps were made following LIMMA user’s guide [8] and in particular with the single-channel case study on Agilent arrays. Briefly, a background correction was realized before a quantile normalization between arrays using respectively the «backgroundCorrect» and «normalizeBetweenArrays» functions. Control probes and probes above background on less than five arrays were filtered out. No more transformation was done on data transmitted to GEO NCBI (except removing replicates as requested). To validate the experimental process, a principal component analysis was realized using the PCA function of FactorMineR package version 2.4 [9]. It confirmed three distinct groups of values corresponding to the control condition, the 1 h Mono-RL treatment and the 3 h Mono-RL treatment. Boxplots were generated with log(FC) values and were well centered on 0. Venn diagrams were realized, first considering probes with a corresponding p-value < 0.01 and with probes for which the condition |log(FC)| > 1 is also respected.

Ethics Statement

No animal or human experiments were performed to obtain the data.

Declaration of Competing Interest

The authors declare that they have no known competing financial interests or personal relationships which have or could be perceived to have influenced the work reported in this article.

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