



# Supplement of

# Emission of biogenic volatile organic compounds from warm and oligotrophic seawater in the Eastern Mediterranean

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# 20 S1. Availability of measured data and calibration

Measured data that did not pass the quality control were discarded, and only days with complete measured data were used for the analysis, resulting in 20 days of high-quality data.

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Table S1. Excluded measured data. Presented are data availability for the analysis
and the reason for and percentage of excluded data.\*

Reason	Percentage
Analyzed data (good data)	21%
Partial measurement days	5%
Poor quality	11%
File writing error	14%
Calibration error	8%
Measurement failure	11%
Blocked tube	28%
Electricity failure	2%

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\*Note that we also excluded measurements for DOY 257-260 from our analyses due to irregular meteorological conditions during this period, which resulted in an atypical diurnal profile shape, with no correlation between daytime temperature and biogenic volatile organic compound (BVOC) mixing ratios (see Sect. S4). "Failed calibration" refers to data which could not be properly calibrated due to failed calibration. In most cases failed calibration occurred due to dilution of the calibrated mixture with ambient air. "Poor quality" refers to data that corresponded with unrealistic mixing ratios or erroneous recording, such as the same value recorded
repeatedly.

According to the proton transfer reaction between the  $H_3O^+$  reagent ions and a VOC producing protonated molecule  $RH^+$ , the signals of  $RH^+$  ions  $[RH^+]$  at the end of the drift tube can be described as follows

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$$H_3 O^+ + R \to R H^+ + H_2 O$$
 (Eq.1)

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$$[RH^+] = [H_3O^+]_0 (1 - e^{-k[R]\Delta t}),$$
 (Eq. 2)

42 where *k* is the reaction rate constant,  $[H_3O^+]_0$  is the signal of  $H_3O^+$  ions before the 43 reaction, [R] is the number concentration of the VOC in the drift tube, and  $\Delta t$  is the 44 reaction time for  $H_3O^+$  traversing the drift tube. If the proton-transfer reactions only 45 convert a small fraction of  $H_3O^+$  into protonated molecule  $RH^+$ ,  $[RH^+]$  can be 46 approximately expressed as (de Gouw et al., 2003; de Gouw and Warneke, 2007; 47 Lindinger et al., 1998):

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$$[RH^+] \approx [H_3O^+]k[R]\Delta t$$
, (Eq. 3)

49 where  $[H_3O^+]$  is the signal of the  $[H_3O^+]$  ions after their exit from the drift tube.

50 Under a small  $H_3O^+$  converted fraction, Eq. (3) can be used (De Gouw et.al. 51 2003) to estimate the compound [*R*] concentration from the observed ion count rates, 52  $I(RH^+)$  for  $RH^+$  ions and  $I(H_3O^+)$  for  $H_3O^+$  ions and the reaction rate constant *k* as

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$$[R] = \frac{1}{k\Delta t} \frac{I(RH^+)}{T(RH^+)} \left(\frac{I(H_3O^+)}{T(H_3O^+)}\right)^{-1}$$
(Eq. 4)

The coefficients  $T(RH^+)$  and  $T(H_3O^+)$  are the transmission efficiencies for  $RH^+$  and  $H_3O^+$ , respectively, and their values range between zero and one. Table S2. Compositions of the calibration gas standards. The standard was used in
the calibrations. S norm indicates the normalized sensitivity, k<sub>theo</sub> indicates the proton
transfer reaction rate coefficients k reported by (Cappellin et al., 2012), while kobs
indicates the effective proton transfer reaction rate coefficient observed during the
field campaign. See also Fig. S1 for k<sub>theo-</sub> k<sub>obs</sub> regression.

			k <sub>theo</sub>	k <sub>obs</sub>
Compound	S norm	m/z		
			$[10^{-9} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}]$	$[10^{-9} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}]$
Acetaldehyde	18.5	45	3.17	3.16
Acetone	22.8	59	3.32	3.28
MVK+MACR	21.6	71	3.30	2.77
МЕК	25.9	73	3.28	3.27
Benzene	16.5	79	1.93	1.99
Toluene	19.8	93	2.08	2.16
Xylene	22.7	107	2.26	2.28
ТМВ	22.4	121	2.40	2.10
D5	40.5	371	2.00	2.03





 $(r^2)$ .



Fig. S2. Schematic of the measurement setup. Eddy covariance measurements and open-path sensors at a height of 6.9 m were used to quantify O<sub>3</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O mixing ratios, as well as VOCs by PTR-ToF-MS, which was located in an air-conditioned mobile laboratory, together with trace gas monitors. Basic meteorological parameters were measured at a distance of 360 m, within the nature park. See Sect. 2.2 in the main text for more detailed information. Note that due to technical limitations, no VOC fluxes were evaluated.

#### S2. The origin of the measured VOCs

Figures S3-S8 present the average diurnal profiles of selected VOCs, 80 suggesting a predominantly biogenic source for isoprene+2-methyl-3-buten-2-ol 81 (MBO), monoterpenes (MTs), DMS, acetone, acetaldehyde and the sum of methyl 82 vinyl ketone and methacrolein (MVK+MACR), which demonstrated a clear daytime 83 increase for most of the periods (except for 14-17 September; see Sect. S6). This 84 supports these compounds' classification as BVOCs, as determined by the analyses 85 presented in Sects. 3.1 and 3.2 in the main text. In contrast, Figs. S3-S8 suggest that 86 the other species, particularly H<sub>2</sub>S, toluene and benzene, were dominated by 87 88 anthropogenic sources. The correlation of the above apparent BVOCs with temperature (Fig. S10) further supports a biogenic origin for these compounds. Note 89 that acetaldehyde and acetone, and to a lesser extent MVK+MACR, showed a 90 91 somewhat less typical biogenic diurnal shape compared to the other BVOCs during some of the measurement periods. This can be explained by these species' higher 92 93 solubility compared to the other BVOCs that we investigated, making them more 94 markedly affected by drought, via stomatal activity, than the non-soluble BVOCs (Niinemets et al., 2004, 2014). This is demonstrated, for instance, for 13-14 August 95 (see Fig. S11). This figure indicates an increase in the downward CO<sub>2</sub> flux after 96 sunrise, until  $\sim 0930$  h, and then a moderate decrease in this flux until  $\sim 1500$  h which 97 can be attributed to a drought-induced midday depression in the photosynthetic rate. 98 This apparent midday depression was apparently followed by an additional increase in 99 the photosynthetic rate at around 1600 h. Acetaldehyde and acetone showed a 100 decrease in mixing ratios between ~0900 and 1600 h along with the decrease in CO<sub>2</sub>'s 101 downward flux, which then peaked again at ~1600 h, suggesting their limited 102 emission due to drought conditions. MVK+MACR did not show a peak at ~1600 h, 103

and it was less clearly affected by the midday depression compared to acetaldehydeand acetone.



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Fig. S3. Daily average diurnal profile for selected VOCs which were dominated by
 biogenic sources (monoterpenes (MT), isoprene+2-methyl-3-buten-2-ol (MBO),
 dimethyl sulfide (DMS), acetone, acetaldehyde and the sum of methyl vinyl ketone and
 methacrolein (MVK+MACR)) and anthropogenic sources (butanal, xylene, benzene
 and H<sub>2</sub>S) for 6-7 July (DOY 187-188) 2015. Filled circles and vertical bars represent

112 *the mean and standard deviation of the mixing ratios, respectively.* 



113TimeTime114Fig. S4. Daily average diurnal profile for selected VOCs which were dominated by115biogenic sources (monoterpenes (MT), isoprene+2-methyl-3-buten-2-ol (MBO),116dimethyl sulfide (DMS), acetone, acetaldehyde and the sum of methyl vinyl ketone and117methacrolein (MVK+MACR)) and anthropogenic sources (butanal, xylene, benzene118and H<sub>2</sub>S) for 16-18 July (DOY 197-199) 2015. Filled circles and vertical bars119represent the mean and standard deviation of the mixing ratios, respectively.



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121	Fig. S5. Daily average diurnal profile for selected VOCs which were dominated by
122	biogenic sources (monoterpenes (MT), isoprene+2-methyl-3-buten-2-ol (MBO),
123	dimethyl sulfide (DMS), acetone, acetaldehyde and the sum of methyl vinyl ketone and
124	methacrolein (MVK+MACR)) and anthropogenic sources (butanal, xylene, benzene
125	and H <sub>2</sub> S) for 24-26 July (DOY 205-207) 2015. Filled circles and vertical bars
126	represent the mean and standard deviation of the mixing ratios, respectively.



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Fig. S6. Daily average diurnal profile for selected VOCs which were dominated by
biogenic sources (monoterpenes (MT), isoprene+2-methyl-3-buten-2-ol (MBO),
dimethyl sulfide (DMS), acetone, acetaldehyde and the sum of methyl vinyl ketone and
methacrolein (MVK+MACR)) and anthropogenic sources (butanal, xylene, benzene
and H<sub>2</sub>S) for 13-14 August (DOY 225-226) August 2015. Filled circles and vertical
bars represent the mean and standard deviation of the mixing ratios, respectively.



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Fig. S7. Daily average diurnal profile for selected VOCs which were dominated by
biogenic sources (monoterpenes (MT), isoprene+2-methyl-3-buten-2-ol (MBO),
dimethyl sulfide (DMS), acetone, acetaldehyde and the sum of methyl vinyl ketone and
methacrolein (MVK+MACR)) and anthropogenic sources (butanal, xylene, benzene
and H<sub>2</sub>S) for 14-17 September (DOY 257-260) 2015. Filled circles and vertical bars
represent the mean and standard deviation of the mixing ratios, respectively.



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Fig. S8. Daily average diurnal profile for selected VOCs which were dominated by
biogenic sources (monoterpenes (MT), isoprene+2-methyl-3-buten-2-ol (MBO),
dimethyl sulfide (DMS), acetone, acetaldehyde and the sum of methyl vinyl ketone and
methacrolein (MVK+MACR)) and anthropogenic sources (butanal, xylene, benzene
and H<sub>2</sub>S) for 25-26 September (268-269) (DOY 282-285) 2015. Filled circles and
vertical bars represent the mean and standard deviation of the mixing ratios,
respectively.



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150	<b>Fig. S9</b> . Daily average diurnal profile for selected VOCs which were dominated by
151	biogenic sources (monoterpenes (MT), isoprene+2-methyl-3-buten-2-ol (MBO),
152	dimethyl sulfide (DMS), acetone, acetaldehyde and the sum of methyl vinyl ketone and
153	methacrolein (MVK+MACR)) and anthropogenic sources (butanal, xylene, benzene
154	and $H_2S$ ) for 9-12 October (DOY 282-285) 2015. Filled circles and vertical bars
155	represent the mean and standard deviation of the mixing ratios, respectively.



Fig. S10. BVOC mixing ratios versus temperature. Filled circles represent mixing
 ratios; exponential fit lines are presented in black.



Fig. S11. Average diurnal profile for relatively soluble BVOCs and CO<sub>2</sub> for 13-14
August (DOY 225-226) 2015. Filled circles and vertical bars represent the mean and
standard deviation of the mixing ratios, respectively.

### 181 S3. The origin of isoprene

The analysis in Sect. 3.2.1 in the main text indicates a biogenic origin for isoprene, 182 primarily from the Eastern Mediterranean Sea. Figures S12-S17 present the diurnal 183 profiles of isoprene+MBO and MT together with the diurnal profiles of acetonitrile, 184 benzene and toluene. These figures demonstrate significantly different diurnal profiles 185 186 for isoprene+MBO and MT as compared to acetonitrile, benzene and toluene, with a clear increase in mixing ratios during the day for the first two, except for 14-17 187 September (see Sect. S6). Hence, these figures reinforce the lack of a significant 188 189 anthropogenic contribution from the two highways which are located to the west of the measurement site, considering that acetonitrile, benzene and toluene can be used 190

as proxies for traffic emission. Note that a correlation of acetonitrile with acetone and
acetaldehyde suggests that the former is probably also emitted from a biogenic source.
This was most clear for 13-14 August (see Fig. S18). Figure S19 presents a
comparison between the diurnal profile of carbon monoxide (CO) and isoprene+MBO
for 13 August, the only day for which CO measurements were available. This figure
also reinforces the lack of a significant anthropogenic contribution from the two
highways, as CO is used as a proxy for traffic emission.



**Diurnal Profiles 6-7 July 2015** 

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Fig. S12. Average diurnal profile for isoprene+MBO, monoterpenes (MT), benzene,
 toluene and acetonitrile for 6-7 July 2015. Filled circles and vertical bars represent
 the mean and standard deviation of the mixing ratios, respectively.



Fig. S13. Average diurnal profile for isoprene+MBO, monoterpenes (MT), benzene,
 toluene and acetonitrile for 16-18 July 2015. Filled circles and vertical bars represent

205 *the mean and standard deviation of the mixing ratios, respectively.* 



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Fig. S14. Average diurnal profile for isoprene+MBO, monoterpenes (MT), benzene,
 toluene and acetonitrile for 24-26 July 2015. Filled circles and vertical bars represent
 the mean and standard deviation of the mixing ratios, respectively.



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Fig. S15. Average diurnal profile for isoprene+MBO, monoterpenes (MT), benzene,
toluene and acetonitrile for 13-14 August 2015. Filled circles and vertical bars
represent the mean and standard deviation of the mixing ratios, respectively.



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Fig. S16. Average diurnal profile for isoprene+MBO, monoterpenes (MT), benzene,
toluene and acetonitrile for 14-17 September 2015. Filled circles and vertical bars

217 *represent the mean and standard deviation of the mixing ratios, respectively.* 



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Fig. S17. Average diurnal profile for isoprene+MBO, monoterpenes (MT), benzene,
toluene and acetonitrile for 9-12 October 2015. Filled circles and vertical bars
represent the mean and standard deviation of the mixing ratios, respectively.



Fig. S18. Average diurnal profile for acetonitrile, acetone and acetaldehyde mixing ratios and CO<sub>2</sub> flux during 13-14 August 2015 (DOY 225-226). Filled circles and vertical bars represent the mean and standard deviation of the mixing ratios, respectively.



**Fig. S19**. *Comparison between CO and isoprene+MBO profiles on 13 August 2015.* 

The discussion in Sect. 3.2.1 of the main text refers to high day-to-day variations in isoprene+MBO compared to most of the BVOCs, while its mixing ratios ranged from 0.03 ppbv to nearly 9 ppbv. Table S3 compares the day-to-day variation of the investigated BVOCs. The table indicates higher day-to-day variations for isoprene compared to the other investigated BVOCs.

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Table S3. Coefficients of variation based on the daily mean mixing ratios of theinvestigated BVOCs

BVOC	Standard deviation of the daily mean mixing ratios (ppbv)	Coefficient of variation
Isoprene	2.914	1.138
Acetaldehyde	1.539	0.549
Acetone	1.339	0.321
Monoterpene	0.227	0.908
MVK+MACR	0.130	0.650
DMS	0.014	0.323

Fig. S20 demonstrates high isoprene+MBO mixing ratios in case when air masses were transported over the Eastern Mediterranean Sea, but not over the aquafarms. This, in addition to the robustness of the isoprene+MBO mixing ratios with respect to the specific wind direction, reinforces a major contribution of the Mediterranean Sea to isoprene emissions (see Sect. 3.2.1 in the main text).



Figure S20. Backward trajectories for 16 August 2015 (A), and 11 September 2015
(B), for the hours 0900 (A1, B1), 1100 (A2, B2), 1300 (A3, B3), 1500 (A4, B4).



- (D). This example is used to demonstrate high isoprene+MBO mixing ratios when the
  trajectories pass only over the Mediterranean Sea, and not over the aquafarms.
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Figure S21 presents a scatter plot of MBO\* (m87/m69 >13%; see Sect. 3.2.1 in the main text) mixing ratios vs. temperature for the six measurement periods, to complement Figs. 5 and 7 in the main text which show the same analysis for isoprene+MBO and isoprene (m87/m69<13%). Figure S21 demonstrates a weaker association between MBO\* and temperature compared to isoprene (see Fig. 6 in the main text).





Fig. S21. Diurnal average of MBO\* (m87/m69>13%) mixing ratios and dependence
on temperature (T). Upper panels show regression between measured m87/m69>13%
and T and lower panels show mixing ratios for m87/m96>13%. Yellow shaded area
represents daylight hours.

#### 2/8 S4. Origin of MVK+MACR from the memorial garden

Figure 3 in the main text indicates elevated emission of MVK+MACR-isoprene 279 oxidation products-from both the west and southeast. The former can be attributed to 280 isoprene originating from the sea (Sect. 3.2.1 in the main text), while the latter could 281 suggest emission of isoprene from the memorial garden. Considering the distance of 282 the memorial garden (~40-400 m) and the resulting transport time to the measurement 283 site under typical daytime measured wind speed (3.5 m s<sup>-1</sup>), about 0.5-5% of the 284 isoprene could be oxidized assuming an isoprene lifetime of ~37 min (see Sect. 2.2.1 285 in the main text). Our measurements indicated that MVK+MACR mixing ratios reach 286 about 5-9% of the isoprene+MBO mixing ratios. Hence, considering that most of the 287 daytime measured isoprene+MBO contribution from this direction can probably be 288 attributed to MBO (Fig. 5B vs. Fig. 4 in the main text), we do not expect a significant 289 290 contribution of isoprene oxidation to the observed MVK+MACR. To some extent, the apparent elevated contribution to MVK+MACR from the memorial garden can be 291 292 attributed to 2-hydroxy-2-methylpropanal (HMPR), a major OH-induced MBOoxidation product (Kaser et al., 2013 and references therein). Vegetation thinning is 293 an additional potential source for both MVK and MACR (Brilli et al., 2014). 294

## 295 S5. MEGAN v2.1 results

Table S4 provides the fractional contribution of MTs from the vegetation at Ramat Hanadiv as predicted by the MEGAN v2.1 simulations, to complement the discussion in Sect. 3.2.2 in the main text.

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**Table S4.** Emission rates evaluated by MEGAN v2.1

	MT*	Acetone	Acetaldehyde	MBO	DMS
Average	58.62	16.363	10.629	10.248	0.477
$\left(\frac{\mu g}{m^2 \cdot h}\right)$					
Range	131.491	28.021	41.462	46.932	0.817
$\left(\frac{\mu g}{m^2 \cdot h}\right)$					

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\*MT: several key MTs are expected to be emitted from the nature park (see Sect. 2.1
in the main text), increasing in emission rate according to: myrcene (2%) > t-betaocimene (6%) > 3-carene (15%) > limonene (16%) > β-pinene (19%) > α-pinene
(27%), and other MTs contributing 14%.

# **Table S5.** Contribution of specific species to monoterpene (MT) emissions based on

307 MEGAN v2.1 simulations

Species	Quercus calliprinos	Pistacia lentiscus	Rhamnus lycioides	Pinus halepensis	Phillyrea latifolia	Cupressus	Sarcopoterium spinosum	Calicotome villosa
Fraction	48.1	19.8	0.36	14.0	7.12	6.17	2.36	2.12
(%)								

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# S6. Elevated mixing ratios and irregular BVOC diurnal profiles for DOY 257260

312	During DOY 257-260, we measured somewhat elevated mixing ratios for several
313	VOCs (Fig. 2 in the main text). Because this period was much hazier than the other
314	investigated periods and characterized by low solar radiation intensity (see Fig. S22),
315	we hypothesized that the high mixing ratios were induced to some extent by a smaller
316	than usual boundary layer height (BLH) via reduction of atmospheric instability.



Fig. S22. Comparison of average diurnal profiles of downward shortwave solar radiation during DOY 257-260, DOY 262-265 and DOY 257. Note that due to lack of shortwave solar radiation during DOY 257–265, the presented profiles were reconstructed from a satellite dataset (NCEP/DOE AMIP-II Reanalysis (Reanalysis-2) and in-situ global solar radiation measurements.

To investigate this hypothesis, we ran the mesoscale weather research and forecasting (WRF) model, version 3.7.1. A detailed description of the model can be found at <u>http://www.wrfmodel.org/index.php</u>. A 1-km horizontal spacing domain was used with  $190 \times 529$  grid points in the west–east and south–north directions, respectively, covering the whole area of Israel, as shown in Fig. S23.



Fig. S23. Map of the three nested domain grids of WRF simulations in the Eastern Mediterranean (domain resolution: Domain 1 = 9 km, Domain 2 = 3 km, Domain 3 = 1 km). The WRF domain covers areas in southern Lebanon, Israel, West Syria, West Jordan, and South Egypt. Background imagery from © Google Earth.

The 1-km resolution constitutes a compromise between optimal representation 340 of the terrain and land use, suitability of the planetary boundary layer (PBL) 341 parameterizations in the WRF model and computational requirements. The vertical 342 grid included 30 levels within the first 1 km above the ground. Initial and boundary 343 conditions provided NCEP GFS by analysis 344 were (https://rda.ucar.edu/datasets/ds083.2/), which has six hourly time resolutions and 345  $0.25^{\circ} \times 0.25^{\circ}$  horizontal resolution. The high vertical and horizontal resolution 346 enabled us to capture the local effect of terrain on meteorology. 347

348 The model simulations indicated that the BLH for DOY 257 was smaller by ~23.2% than the average for September (see Fig. S25), but not for DOY 258-260. The diurnal 349 profiles of the BVOCs for the period of DOY 257-260, however, differed 350 351 significantly from other periods, by not showing any clear increase during the daytime, and starting to continuously decrease from about 0800-0900 h, except for 352 353 DMS for which the decrease started earlier (see Fig. S24). One explanation for this 354 may be the lower solar radiation and its more moderate increase before noontime compared to the other investigated periods (see Fig. S22), together with expansion of 355 356 the BLH before noontime (see Fig S25). Another explanation is a subsidence of air from the upper troposphere which is typical for the studied area during the summer, 357 leading to a significant change in mixing ratios, such as of  $O_3$ , within the boundary 358 359 layer (e.g., Tyrlis and Lelieveld, 2013; Zanis et al., 2014). Such subsidence can 360 frequently lead to shallowing of the BLH. As is evident from our model simulations, 361 DOY 257-260 were characterized by notably early (~1000 h) shallowing of the BLH 362 compared to the other measurement period (DOY 268-269), strongly supporting the occurrence of subsidence for DOY 257-260. 363

The fact that anthropogenic trace gases showed similar diurnal profiles to 364 those of the BVOCs, but with an earlier decrease in mixing ratios during the morning 365 (Fig. S24), suggests that the former were also significantly affected by the subsidence, 366 while the delayed and more moderate decrease for BVOCs was due to an increase in 367 emission with increasing temperature and radiation intensity. Our analysis is 368 insufficient to conclusively account for the elevated BVOC mixing ratios and 369 irregular diurnal profiles during DOY 257-260. However, we excluded this period 370 371 from the rest of the analyses (except for Fig. 2 in the main text) due to the irregular diurnal profiles for BVOCs during this period. 372



# **Figure S24**. Average diurnal profiles of BVOCs (A) and anthropogenic trace gases

(B) for 14-17 September 2015.



Fig. S25. Average diurnal profile of the boundary layer height (BLH) during DOY
257-260 (upper panel) and DOY 268-269 (lower panel). Gray vertical error bars
represent standard deviation.

# 402 S7. Emission of green leaf volatiles (GLVs) from the memorial garden

403 Our analysis indicated elevated mixing ratios of wounded species' emissions from the 404 memorial garden, where frequent thinning is performed (Sect. 3.2 in the main text).

405	Figure S25 shows the potential sources of GLVs, including methanol (m/z=33.034),
406	hexanal (m/z=83.085) and hexenal (m/z=57.033 and m/z=99.080). For each wind
407	sector, the percentage of time corresponding to several mixing-ratio ranges is
408	presented, individually for each species. Note that hexenal is also detected at
409	m/z=43.018 and m/z=81.080 (Brilli et al., 2011; Pang, 2015), but we did not include
410	these fragments in the hexenal mixing ratios because m/z=43.018 can be affected by
411	1-hexyl acetate and other GLV fragments (m/z=43.018), while m/z=81.080 can be
412	affected by MTs. Hexanal is also detected at m/z=83.085 and m/z=101.096, but we
413	used only m/z=83.085 to evaluate hexanal mixing ratios, considering that it
414	contributed about 99% to the mixing ratios. Fig. S26 indicates elevated emission of
415	GLVs, but comparison of this figure with Fig. 4 in the main text suggests that there
416	was no clearly higher excess of these GLVs from the southeast, compared to the other
417	wounding BVOCs.



Fig. S26. Methanol, hexanal and hexenal mixing ratios as a function of the
contribution from each wind sector. The radial dimension represents the fraction of
time for each wind sector during which the mixing ratios were within a certain range,
as specified in the color key.

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