

Essential Oil Composition of Lavandin (*Lavandula x intermedia*) cultivated in Bismil-Turkey

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Abstract:

The goal of this study was to investigate the essential oil compositions of different parts (stem, leaf, flower and mixture) of *Lavandula x intermedia* in Bismil-Diyarbakir, Turkey. The chemical composition of essential oils obtained by hydrodistillation from fresh Lavandin samples were analyzed using gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC/MS). The results indicate the major components of the studied parts of lavandin was; linalool (24.97-2.52-43.86-39.43 %), linalyl acetate (3.4-0.29-9.37-15.76 %), eucalyptol (33.81-43.81-18.47-12.08 %), camphor (13.12-15.91-8.72-9.21 %), endo-borneol (2.03-5.18-0.68-1.24 %) and alpha-terpineol (2.84-2.47-1.28-3.86 %) in essential oils of stem, leaf, flower and mixture parts of fresh lavandin respectively. It was understood that linalool and linalyl acetate level were the highest in flower and mix parts while eucalyptol, camphor and endo-borneol levels were the highest in stem and leaf parts of the plant.

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1. Introduction

Medicinal and aromatic plants have been of great importance and used for variety of purposes since ancient times. Nowadays, they have been economically important crops for essential oil production globally (Bajalan et al., 2016). Recently, essential oils of these plants have been commercially popular due to their impression as a “well-being” life style (Yang et al., 2010).

The industrial cultivation and production of *Lavandula angustifolia* Mill. and *Lavandula x intermedia* as medicinal and aromatic plants have been rapidly raised during the last years and the World’s interest for *Lavandula* essential oil is still increasing. Therefore, detailed analyses of produced essential oils to figure out their quality and quantity are highly important for the selection of industrial usage. The trade value of essential oil export in the world is approximately 1.90–2.00 billion dollars and about 50 million dollars of this currency belong to *Lavandula* essential oil (Gökdoğan, 2016).

Essential oils, obtained from medicinal and aromatic plants by using various methods such as steam distillation, hydro distillation, cold press or extraction, are mixtures of various chemical constituents including terpenes, alcohols, aldehydes, phenols and esters, which may produce significant fragrances (Grassmann and Elstner, 2003; Ali et al., 2015).

Lavandula is a plant which is fairly resistant to drought and temperature (Weiss, 1997). There are 39 *Lavandula* species (*Lavandula* sp.) which are mostly of Mediterranean origin. However, there are three important species within the genus producing lavender (*Lavandula angustifolia* Mill. = L.

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officinalis L. = L. vera DC), lavandin (*Lavandula intermedia* Emeric ex Loisel. = L. hybrida L.) and Spike lavender (*Lavandula spica* = L. latifolia Medik.) (Tucker, 1985). Lavender essential oil is higher quality than that produced by lavandins because lavender essential oil has lower camphor content than lavandin cultivars. Therefore, lavender essential oils are used in perfumes and aromatherapy, and lavandin essential oils are used in soap, detergents and cosmetics products (Lis-Balchin, 2002). However, lavandin essential oil yield is higher than that from lavenders (Beetham and Entwistle, 1982). *Lavandula* sp. is one of important medicinal and aromatic plants that are cultivated in Turkey. Isparta is the most significant lavandin (L.x *intermedia* Super A) production area of Turkey. In Isparta, lavandin is cultivated on an area of 250 hectares, with an annual production of 2.5 tons (Kara and Baydar, 2011).

Many *Lavandula* species have essential oils with aromatic and medicinal properties that able use in the cosmetic, pharmaceutical and food industries (Torras-Claveria et al., 2007) but specially three of these species are important with their high commercial value: Lavender (*Lavandula angustifolia* Mill. syn. L. *officinalis* Chaix ex Vill syn. L. *vera* DC syn. L. *spica* (true lavender, fine lavender or English lavender), Lavandin (*Lavandula intermedia* Emeric ex Loisel syn. L. *hybrid*, a hybrid of L. *angustifolia* and L. *latifolia*), and Spike lavender (*Lavandula latifolia* Medicus) (Lesage-Meessen et al., 2015). The world production of lavender oil is approximately 200 tons per year. Bulgaria, UK and France are dominating the lavender essential oil production. The world production of lavandin oil is about 1200 tons per year with a rate of 90% representing by France (Karapandzova et al., 2012).

The aim of this study was to determine the essential oil composition of different parts of (stem, leaf, flower and mix) *Lavandula x intermedia* Emeric cultivated in Bismil-Diyarbakır, Turkey by using GC-MS and headspace GC-MS techniques.

2. Materials and Method

2.1. Plant material

Aerial parts of the plant material (*Lavandula x intermedia* Emeric) cultivar was collected from Bismil-Diyarbakır, Turkey in September 2018 by a local farmer when the crop was in full of blossom. The plant materials were studied fresh.

2.2. Isolation of the essential oil

Aerial parts of freshly harvested plants were separated into parts (stem, leaf, flower and their mixture) and immediately subjected to hydrodistillation in a Clevenger's apparatus for 2 h to extract the essential oil. The oil was dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate and stored in a refrigerator at 4 °C prior to analysis.

2.3. Gas chromatography-Mass spectrometry (GC-MS) analysis

GC/MS analyses were carried out using an Agilent 7890N Gas Chromatograph equipped with a split/splitless injector, a HP-5MS capillary column (30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.25 µm) and coupled with

an Agilent 5977B MS Detector, operating in the electron impact (EI) mode at 70 eV. Transfer line temperature was set at 250 °C. The carrier gas was He (1mL/min and 20 psi), and the oven temperature was programmed from 60 °C to 240 °C at a rate of 3 °C/min. The injected volume was 1 µL and the split ratio 25:1. The identification of the compounds was based on the comparison of their retention times (RT) and mass spectra with those from the NIST and Wiley 2008 libraries. Relative percentages of compounds were calculated based on the peak areas from their GC–MS chromatograms.

3. Results and Discussion

3.1. Chemical Composition of the Essential Oil

Table 1. Essential oil composition (%) in fresh stem, leaf, flower and mixture of lavender cultivar (FLS: Fresh lavender stem, FLL: Fresh lavender leaf, FLF: Fresh lavender flower, FLM: Fresh lavender mixed parts)

#	R.T.	Name	FLS Area (%)	FLL Area (%)	FLF Area (%)	FLM Area (%)
1	5.38	alpha-Pinene	0.95	2.65	0.71	0.39
2	5.77	Camphene	0.42	1.22	0.44	0.23
3	6.42	4(10)-Thujene (Sabinene)	0.56	1.65	0.43	0.28
4	6.53	Beta-Pinene	1.41	3.45	1.12	0.67
5	6.76	3-Octanone	0.25	0.27	1.53	0.76
6	6.90	Beta-Myrcene	1.02	2.18	1.46	0.82
7	7.01	3-Octanol	-	-	0.28	-
8	7.34	alpha-Phellandrene	-	0.35	-	-
9	7.53	3-Carene	0.50	1.75	0.84	0.50
10	7.74	alpha-Terpinene	-	-	0.13	-
11	8.00	p-Cymene	0.24	0.62	-	-
12	8.15	D-limonene	4.04	-	1.59	1.39
13	8.23	Eucalyptol (1,8-cineole)	33.81	43.81	18.47	12.08
14	8.43	trans-Beta-Ocimene	0.41	0.51	1.16	0.75
15	8.80	cis-Beta-Ocimene	0.55	0.32	2.15	1.42
16	9.2	gamma-Terpinene	-	0.31	-	-
17	9.50	cis-4-Thujanol	0.35	0.76	-	-
18	9.71	Linalool oxide	-	-	0.20	0.26
19	10.31	alpha-Terpinolen	0.25	0.43	0.62	0.53
20	10.74	Linalool	24.97	2.52	43.86	39.43
21	12.3	L-Pinocarveol	-	0.39	-	-
22	12.54	Camphor	13.12	15.91	8.72	9.21
23	13.3	Pinocarvone	-	0.14	-	-
24	13.42	endo-Borneol	2.03	5.18	0.68	1.24
25	13.5	Lavandulol	-	-	0.33	0.71
26	13.93	Terpinen-4-ol	0.34	0.78	0.23	0.27
27	14.3	Cryptone	-	0.66	-	0.23
28	14.49	alpha-Terpineol	2.84	2.47	1.28	3.86
29	14.59	n-Hexyl butanoate	0.58	-	1.40	1.32
30	14.8	1R)-(-)-Myrtenal	-	0.33	-	-
31	16.13	Isobornyl formate	0.28	-	-	-
32	16.6	Cuminal	-	0.43	-	-
33	17.29	Geraniol	0.45	-	-	0.47

34	17.38	Linalyl acetate	3.04	0.29	9.37	15.76
35	18.94	Lavandulol acetate	0.95	0.86	1.38	2.61
36	20.7	Hexyl (E)-2-methylbut-2-enoate	-	-	-	0.31
37	22.17	Nerol acetate	0.27	-	-	0.64
38	23.01	Geranyl acetate	0.48	-	0.30	1.15
39	24.1	alpha-Gurjunene	-	0.46	-	-
40	24.49	Caryophyllene	0.68	1.82	0.44	0.62
41	28.22	bis(2-Ethylhexyl) ether	0.49	-	-	-
42	28.49	gamma-Cadinene	0.47	1.45	-	-
43	31.28	Caryophyllene oxide	0.31	0.82	-	-
44	33.56	Epicubenol	1.18	2.51	-	-
45	35.22	ALPHA-BISABOLOL	0.43	-	-	1.01
46	35.46	Shyobunol	0.50	0.91	-	-
		TOTAL	98.21	98.21	99.10	98.88

Essential oil composition obtained by GC-MS in stem, leaf, flower and mixture parts of lavandin cultivar were shown in Table 1. The major constituents were determined as linalool (24.97-2.52-43.86-39.43 %), linalyl acetate (3.,4-0.29-9.37-15.76 %), eucalyptol (33.81-43.81-18.47-12.08 %), camphor (13.12-15.91-8.72-9.21 %), endo-borneol (2.03-5.18-0.68-1.24 %) and alpha-terpineol (2.84-2.47-1.28-3.86 %) in essential oils of stem, leaf, flower and mixture parts of fresh lavandin respectively. The highest linalool content was found in flower (43.86 %) while the lowest linalool content was obtained from leaf part of the fresh lavender (2.52 %). The mixture of all parts contained the highest linalyl acetate (15.76 %) and the leaf part contained the lowest linalyl acetate (0.29 %). Eucalyptol level was the highest in leaf part (43.81 %) and lowest in the mixture of all parts (12.08 %). As we can see from the results, flower part (8.72 %) contained the lowest camphor level while the leaf part (15.91 %) contained the highest level.

Previous studies showed that the ranges of linalool, linalyl acetate and camphor in essential oil of *Lavandula x intermedia* are 34.8-43.3 %, 4.35–42.5 % and 7.27-12.5 % respectively (Kara and Baydar, 2013).

Conclusions

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