

## Essential Oil of *Tanacetum parthenium* (L.) from East Part of Kosova

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**Abstract: Problem statement:** We have analyzed the chemical nature of essential oil of *Tanacetum parthenium* (L.) from East part of Kosova. **Approach:** The essential oil from aerial part of *Tanacetum parthenium* (L.), obtained by hidro-distillation was analyzed by GC and GC-MS. **Results:** Out of 25 peaks, 22 components, which constitute 88%, were identified in oil. The main compounds of *Tanacetum parthenium* (L.) from east region of Kosova, were camphor (63%) and camphene (9.6%). This study demonstrates the occurrence of camphor/camphene chemotype of *Tanacetum parthenium* (L.) from east part of Kosova. The present study showed the chemical composition of the hydro-distilled oil of *Tanacetum parthenium* (L.) from East part of Kosova and the results are compared to those reported in the literature. **Conclusion:** After comparison of our data with those reported in literature we can conclude that genetic and environmental factors play role in determining the composition of essential oil of *Tanacetum parthenium* (L.).

**Key words:** *Tanacetum parthenium* (L.), essential oil, east part of Kosova, camphor/camphene chemotype

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### INTRODUCTION

*Tanacetum parthenium* (L.) (known as feverfew) is a medicinal herb which is found in many old gardens<sup>[6]</sup>. It has been used in folk medicine for reducing fever<sup>[8]</sup>.

Essencial oils and extracts of members of genus *Tanacetum* show antibacterial and antifungal activity<sup>[7]</sup>. The volatile compounds from *Tanacetum vulgare* have been examined in detail<sup>[5]</sup>. In the case of *Tanacetum argyrophyllum*, cis-thujone, trans-thujone and 1,8-cineole is reported to predominate in its essential oil<sup>[2]</sup>. Camphor and chrysanthenyl acetate were the main components of the essential oil of *Tanacetum parathenium* (L.) originated from England and Netherlands<sup>[3,4]</sup> but in the region of Turkey<sup>[1]</sup>, the main constituents of *Tanacetum parathenium* (L.) essential oil were camphor, camphene and p-cynene.

The aim of this study was to investigate the chemical nature of essential oil of *Tanacetum parathenium* (L.) from East part of Kosova and the results are compared to those reported in literature.

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

The aerial part of *Tanacetum parthenium* (L.) (0.1 g), growing wild in Kamenica (east part of Kosova), was collected in June 2007. Voucher specimens were deposited in the Herbarium of the Department of Veterinary, University of Prishtina (Number AH2). All samples were collected at full flowering stage. The plants were dried at room temperature (22°C). The essential oil of *Tanacetum parathenium* (L.) was extracted with steam distillation for 4 h of 100 g of air dried plants. The yield was 0.51% (v/w).

The analysis of essential oil was carried out by GC and GC-MS. The HP 5890 II chromatograph equipped with an FID detector and capillary column HP-5MS (30×0.25 mm) was used for quantitative analysis. The GC oven temperature was set at 50°C for 3 min, then programmed to 200°C at a rate of 3°C min<sup>-1</sup>, then programmed from 200-240°C at a rate of 6°C min<sup>-1</sup>. Helium was the carrier gas (1 mL min<sup>-1</sup>). Oil was diluted with acetone (1/100 in acetone, v/v) and 1 µL of diluted sample was injected manually. The percentage

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composition of the essential oil was computed from GC peak areas without correction factors.

Analysis by GC-MS was performed using a chromatograph HP 5890 II GC interfaced to a HP 5972 mass spectrometer (ionization voltage 70 eV) and equipped with capillary column HP-5MS (30×0.25 mm). The oven temperature was held at 50°C for 2 min, then programmed from 60-200°C at a rate of 5°C min<sup>-1</sup>, held for 1 min, then programmed from 200-240°C at a rate of 10°C min<sup>-1</sup>, using He as the carrier gas (1.0 mL min<sup>-1</sup>). The temperatures of injector and detector were 220 and 290°C, respectively.

Qualitative analysis was based on a comparison of retention times and indexes on both columns and mass spectra with corresponding data in the literature<sup>[1]</sup> and computer mass spectra libraries (Wiley and NBS 75K).

## RESULTS

The results obtained by GC and GC-MS analysis of the essential oil of *Tanacetum parthenium* (L.) are presented in Table 1. The yield was 0.51% (v/w). Out of 25 peaks, 22 components which constitute 88%, were identified in oil.

## DISCUSSION

The essential oil from leaves of *Tanacetum parthenium* (L.), obtained by hidro-distillation was analyzed by GC and GC-MS. 22 components, which constitute 88%, were identified in oil. The main compounds of *Tanacetum parthenium* (L.) from east region of Kosova, were camphor (63%) and camphene (9.6%).

Table 1: Chemical composition of *Tanacetum parthenium* (L.) essential oil (RI: Retention Indices)

No.	Components	RI	Percent
1.	tricyclene	926	0.4
2.	$\alpha$ -thylene	929	0.3
3.	$\alpha$ -pinene	939	0.5
4.	camphene	953	9.6
5.	$\beta$ -pinene	979	0.9
6.	$\alpha$ -phellandrene	1003	0.6
7.	$\alpha$ -terpinene	1017	0.3
8.	p-cymene	1026	3.3
9.	$\gamma$ -terpinene	1058	0.4
10.	chrysanthenone	1128	1.3
11.	camphor	1146	63.0
12.	pinacarvone	1164	0.1
13.	borneol	1170	0.3
14.	terpinen-4-ol	1177	0.9
15.	p-cymen-8-ol	1183	0.8
16.	$\alpha$ -terpineol	1189	0.6
17.	myrtenal	1198	0.5
18.	bornyl acetate	1290	3.0
19.	eugenol	1357	0.5
20.	trans-myrtlenolacetate	1387	0.3
21.	isobornyl-2-methylbutanoate	1522	0.3
22.	caryophyllene oxide	1583	0.1

Camphor (63%) in *Tanacetum parthenium* (L.) essential oil from Kosova is in higher quantity than in *Tanacetum parthenium* (L.) essential oil from Turkey which is (56.9%), but quantities of camphen, bornyl acetate and p-cymen are lower than in oil from Turkey<sup>[1]</sup>. Also in *Tanacetum parthenium* (L.) essential oil from Kosova is not present trans-chrysanthenyl acetate which is considered as constituent of *Tanacetum parthenium* (L.)<sup>[4]</sup> essential oil. We didn't found carvacrol in *Tanacetum parthenium* (L.) essential oil from Kosova region, which is present in *Tanacetum parthenium* (L.) essential oil from Turkey<sup>[1]</sup> region.

Our data for essential oil of *Tanacetum parthenium* (L.) differ from those of *Tanacetum parthenium* (L.) essential oil from Danish origin<sup>[3]</sup>. Danish essential oil characterizes with low amount of camphor (26.7%) compared with essential oil from Kosova region which contain 63% of camphor. Also Danish essential oil characterizes with trans-chrysanthenyl acetate (15.7%), but in Kosova oil this component is not present as in case of oil of Turkey<sup>[1]</sup> origin.

The amounts of chemical components in *Tanacetum parthenium* (L.) essential oil from Kosova region are in agreement with *Tanacetum parthenium* (L.) essential oil from Turkey<sup>[1]</sup> region.

## CONCLUSION

The present study presents the chemical composition of the hydro-distilled oil of *Tanacetum parthenium* (L.). The main compounds of *Tanacetum parthenium* (L.) from east part of Kosova, were camphor (63%) and camphene (9.6%). Our results are in agreement with those of *Tanacetum parthenium* (L.) oil from Turkey<sup>[1]</sup> origin but differs from those of *Tanacetum parthenium* (L.) oil from Danish origin<sup>[3]</sup>.

This study demonstrates the occurrence of camphor/camphene chemotype of *Tanacetum parthenium* (L.) from east part of Kosova. After comparison of our date with those reported in literature we can conclude that genetic and environmental factors play role in determining the composition of essential oil of *Tanacetum parthenium* (L.).

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