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# Response of Rose (*Rosa damascena Mill.*) Oil Components to Different Irrigation Water and Nitrogen Applications

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#### Abstract

In this study, the effects of different irrigation water amounts and nitrogen doses on the components of rose oil obtained from rose flowers harvested in different periods were investigated in oil rose (Rosa damascena Mill.). The experiment was set up in Süleyman Demirel University Agricultural Research and Application Center and carried out according to the randomized block factorial experimental design with 3 replications. The experiment trials were created as 4 irrigation water amounts created depending on Class A pan (T<sub>0</sub>: 0.00, T<sub>1</sub>: 0.40, T<sub>2</sub>: 0.80, T<sub>3</sub>: 1.20) and 4 nitrogen levels (N<sub>0</sub>: 0 kg N da<sup>-1</sup>, N<sub>1</sub>: 8 kg N da<sup>-1</sup>, N<sub>2</sub>: 16 kg N da<sup>-1</sup>, N<sub>3</sub>: 24 kg N da<sup>-1</sup>, pure substance). Irrigation was carried out at 10-day intervals by drip irrigation method. According to the study results, differences were observed in the ratios of citronellol, geraniol and nerol which are the important components of rose oil according to the trial subjects. Citronellol ratios were 19.41-38.25 (1<sup>st</sup> year: 25.35-34.40; 2<sup>nd</sup> year: 19.41-30.10; 3<sup>rd</sup> year: 24.16-38.25) and geraniol ratio was 9.62-35.36 (1<sup>st</sup> year: 27.86-33.87; 2<sup>nd</sup> year: 28.12-35.36; 3<sup>rd</sup> year: 9.62-26.62). The C/G ratio was found to be 0.91, 1.00, 1.16, 1.61 and 1.40 in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> harvest periods, respectively.

## Farklı Sulama Suyu ve Azot Uygulamalarının Yağ Gülü (*Rosa damascena Mill.*)'nün Uçucu Yağ Bileşenlerine Etkisi

#### Öz

Farklı sulama suyu ve azot dozlarının, beş farklı dönemde hasat edilen yağ gülünden (Rosa damascene Mill.) elde edilen gül yağı bileşenleri üzerine etkisi araştırılan bu çalışma, Süleyman Demirel Üniversitesi Tarımsal Araştırma ve Uygulama Merkezi'nde, tesadüf blokları faktöriyel deneme desenine göre 3 tekrarlamalı olarak yürütülmüştür. Deneme konuları, Sınıf A sınıfı buharlaşma kabına bağlı olarak oluşturulan 4 sulama suyu miktarı (T0: 0.00, T1: 0.40, T2: 0.80, T3: 1.20) ve 4 azot dozu (N<sub>0</sub>: 0 kg N da<sup>-1</sup>, N<sub>1</sub>: 8 kg N da<sup>-1</sup>, N<sub>2</sub>: 16 kg N da<sup>-1</sup>, N<sub>3</sub>: 24 kg N da<sup>-1</sup>, saf madde) olacak şekilde oluşturulmuştur. Sulamalar, damla sulama yöntemi ile 10 günlük aralıklarla uygulanmıştır. Çalışma sonuçlarına göre, gül yağının önemli bileşenleri olan sitronellol, geraniol ve nerol oranlarında deneme konularına göre farklılıklar görülmüştür. Sitronellol oranları 19.41-38.25 (1.yıl: 25.35-34.40; 2.yıl: 19.41-30.10; 3.yıl: 24.16-38.25), geraniol oranı ise 9.62-35.36 (1.yıl: 27.86-33.87; 2.yıl: 28.12 -35.36; 3.yıl: 9.62-26.62) olarak bulunmuştur. C/G oranları 1., 2., 3. ve 4. hasat dönemlerinde sırasıyla 0.91, 1.00, 1.16, 1.61 ve 1.40 olarak bulunmuştur.

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#### Introduction

Oil rose (Rosa damascena Mill.) is a scented rose species with the highest economic value for the perfume, cosmetics, pharmaceutical and food industries. Turkey is one of the most important oil rose production centers in the world, together with Bulgaria, with its 2500 hectare production area. In Turkey, where the first oil rose production started in 1888, Isparta (Baydar, 2006), Afyonkarahisar, Burdur and Denizli provinces, also known as the Lakes Region, are important production centers of oil rose. The most important products obtained from oil rose are rose oil, rose concrete, rose absolute and rose water.

Rose flower yield, content and quality of essential oil obtained from rose flower are affected by many parameters such as genotype, growing location, growing season, relative humidity, irrigation, fertilization, harvest time, fermentation period of leaves and distillation processes (Weiss, 1997). Baydar and Göktürk Baydar (2005) stated that the rose oil yield varies during the harvest period (May and June) and that the rose oil yield, which is 0.04% in May, is 0.03% in June. Kazaz (1997) stated that rose flower harvest should be done in the early morning hours to increase the essential oil yield.

Water deficit stress is one of the most important abiotic stresses and when combined with nitrogen deficiency in plant cultivation, its effect on yield and quality is higher. As in other plants, limited water and nitrogen applications in Rosa Damascena Mill. significantly affect rose flower yield, essential oil yield (Ucar et al., 2017) and some essential oil components (Ashourabadi et al., 2024). Water deficit reduces the growth and essential oil production of medicinal and aromatic plants in arid and semiarid regions (Farahani et al. 2021). Ashourabadi et al. (2024) reported that citronellol, and geraniol, which are important components of essential oil, increased due to water deficit stress and included 24.48 and 2.89%, respectively. On the other hand, Kiymaz et al. (2022) reported that water stress increased essential oil quality as water stress increased with diminished applied water. Farahani et al. (2021) showed that water stress resulted in 52.4, 46.4, and 43.2% increase in the concentrations of geraniol, citronellol, and nerol.

In this study, the effects of different irrigation water and nitrogen doses on the essential oil components of Rosa Damascena *Mill*. were investigated.

## Material and Method

#### Plant material, planting, and experimental design

The research was conducted in the rose garden of the Rose and Rose Products Research Center in the Agricultural Research and Application Center of Süleyman Demirel University (Figure 1). The experimental area is located between latitude 37.83° and longitude 30.53° and the average altitude is around 1020 m above sea level. Isparta Province, where the research was conducted, is in the Mediterranean Region of southwestern Turkey. According to the long-term climate data of the research area, the average temperature is 11.97 °C, the average relative humidity is 61.1%, the average wind speed is 1.97 m s<sup>-1</sup>, the annual average sunshine duration is 7.4 hours, and the annual total precipitation is 505.7 mm (Anonymous, 2009).

The study was set up in a randomized complete block design with 3 replications in a factorial arrangement. The plots were composed of  $1 \times 10$  m rose rows, and a 2 m gap (unirrigated and unfertilized) was left between the plots. In the experiment, 4 different water levels (as Class A evaporation cup coefficient; T<sub>0</sub>: 0.0, T<sub>1</sub>: 0.40, T<sub>2</sub>: 0.80, T<sub>3</sub>: 1.20) and 4 different nitrogen levels (N<sub>0</sub>: 0 kg da<sup>-1</sup>, N<sub>1</sub>: 8 kg da<sup>-1</sup>, N<sub>2</sub>: 16 kg da<sup>-1</sup>, N<sub>3</sub>: 24 kg da<sup>-1</sup>; as pure substance) were used. The specified nitrogen doses were calculated as pure substance and ammonium nitrate (33% N) was used as the nitrogen fertilizer source.

The field capacity of the soils in the study area is 429.03 mm/120 cm, the wilting point is 253.35 mm/120 cm, and the available water-holding capacity is 175.68 mm/120 cm. The bulk density in the 0-120 cm layer ranged from 1.30 g cm<sup>-3</sup> to 1.42 g cm<sup>-3</sup>, and the soil texture is classified as clay-loam. A 16 mm diameter inline type lateral was used, and each plant row was irrigated with two lateral tubes. Based on the soil infiltration rate (15.5 mm h<sup>-1</sup>), the emitter spacing was set at 0.50 m, and the emitter discharge was 4 l h<sup>-1</sup> under pressure above 1 atmosphere. Consequently, the wetted area ratio was determined to be 33%, following the methodology of Keller and Bliesner (1990). Irrigation began at the beginning of May and ended at the end of September. In the first and second years of the experiment, irrigation was performed 15 times, while in 2012, it was performed 6 times.

#### Determination of main components in rose oil

In this study, the essential oil properties of Rosa damascena Mill., which is produced intensively in Turkey (especially in the Isparta, Burdur and Afyonkarahisar regions) and is also known as Isparta rose or oil

rose, were investigated. Citronellol, geraniol, nerol, phenylethyl alcohol and linalool, which are the main active ingredients of rose oil and give rose oil its characteristic odor, were determined. The main components in rose oil were determined by GC/MS at Süleyman Demirel University, Experimental and Observational Research and Application Center according to Başer et al., (1990), Bayrak et al., (1994) and Baydar and Göktürk Baydar, (2005).



Figure 1. Experimental area.

## Irrigation water

Class A Pan at the meteorological station located in the research area and used for agricultural purposes was used to determine the irrigation water applied to the experimental trials. Daily evaporation values measured from the Class A Pan were calculated cumulatively at 10-day intervals according to the rates specified in the trials using Equation 1 adapted from Ucar et al. (2017).

$$I = A \times T \times E_0 \times P$$

Where;

I: Irrigation water amount, liter, A: Plot area, m<sup>2</sup>, T: Coefficient of Class A Pan, E<sub>0</sub>: Cumulative evaporation amount in the irrigation interval, mm and P: Wetted area, %.

#### Harvest dates

Chemical component analyses of rose oils obtained from rose flowers harvested in 5 different periods in each of the three years of the experiment were carried out; in 2010; on 25 May (1<sup>st</sup> period), 29 May (2<sup>nd</sup> period), 05 June (3<sup>rd</sup> period), 11 June (4<sup>th</sup> period) and 17 June (5<sup>th</sup> period); in 2011; on 06 June (1<sup>st</sup> period), 13 June (2<sup>nd</sup> period), 17 June (3<sup>rd</sup> period), 21 June (4<sup>th</sup> period) and 26 June (5<sup>th</sup> period); in 2012; on 31 May (1<sup>st</sup> period), 05 June (2<sup>nd</sup> period), 11 June (3<sup>rd</sup> period), 15 June (4<sup>th</sup> period) and 20 June (5<sup>th</sup> period).

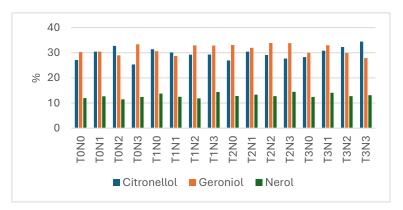
## **Results and Discussion**

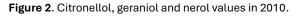
Although there are many components in the composition of rose oil, the most important ones are citronellol, geraniol, nerol, nonadecane, nonadecene, heneicosan, eicosan, tricosan, methyl eugenol, geranyl acetate and phenylethyl alcohol (Garnero, 1982; Baser, 1992; Bayrak and Akgul, 1994). However, among these components, the characteristic odor of rose oil is given especially by monoterpene alcohols (citronellol, geraniol and nerol), which are the main components of rose oil (Garnero, 1982; Baser, 1992; Bayrak and Akgul, 1994). Most of the international studies have focused on monoterpene alcohols such as citronellol, nerol and geraniol. Therefore, in our study, we focused on citronellol, geraniol and nerol. In addition, detailed information is given in the study about the citronellol/geraniol (C/G) ratio (Konur, 1990), which was first used in 1934 to simplify the comparison of oil components and to determine the quality of Bulgarian rose oil.

The components determined in rose oils obtained from rose flowers harvested according to the treatments in a total of 5 different harvest periods [(1<sup>st</sup> period; 25 May) (2<sup>nd</sup> period; 29 May) (3<sup>rd</sup> period; 05

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June) (4th period; 11 June), (5th period; 17 June)] in the 2010 rose flower harvest season are presented in Appendix (Table 1 and Table 6). Among all harvest periods, the highest citronellol rate was obtained in  $T_0N_2$ with 47.71% on June 11, the 4<sup>th</sup> harvest period, followed by  $T_1N_2$  in the last harvest period with 46.17%. The lowest citronellol rate was obtained in  $T_1N_1$  in the first harvest period (May 25) with 19.74%. When the 2010 rose oil samples were evaluated only according to the treatments without considering the harvest periods in terms of average citronellol rates, the highest average citronellol rate among the treatments was determined in  $T_3N_3$  with 34.40%, followed by  $T_0N_2$  and  $T_3N_2$  subjects with 32.72% and 32.25%, respectively (Figure 2). When the average citronellol rates of the harvest periods were evaluated without considering the treatments, the highest average citronellol rate was found in the 4<sup>th</sup> harvest (June 11) (32.78%), and the lowest average citronellol rate was found in the first harvest period (May 25) with a rate of 26.62% (Figure 2). Among all harvest periods, the highest geraniol content was obtained with 43.53% in  $T_2N_2$  during the first harvest period (May 25), and the lowest geraniol content was obtained with 15.47% in  $T_1N_1$  during the last harvest period (June 17). When the average geraniol content was evaluated only according to the treatments without considering the harvest periods, the highest average geraniol content was determined in  $T_2N_2$ (33.87%),  $T_2N_3$  (33.77%) and  $T_0N_3$  (33.37%), while the lowest average geraniol content was determined in T<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub> (27.86%) treatments (Figure 2). When the average geraniol content in rose oils was evaluated in terms of harvest periods, the highest average geraniol content was obtained in the first harvest period, May 25 (38.43%), while the lowest average geraniol content was obtained with 23.33% in the last harvest period (June 17). Among all treatments, the highest nerol rate was determined in  $T_0N_3$  (%20.22), and the lowest nerol rate was determined in  $T_0N_0$  (%4.94). When the average nerol rates were evaluated only according to the trial subjects without considering the harvest periods, the highest average nerol rates were determined in  $T_2N_3$ ,  $T_1N_3$  and  $T_3N_1$  with 14.43%, 14.40% and 14.06%, respectively, while the lowest average nerol rate was determined in  $T_0N_2$  with 11.48% (Figure 2). When only the harvest periods were evaluated in terms of average nerol rate without considering the trial subjects, the highest average nerol rate (%17.76) was obtained from the 1<sup>st</sup> harvest period on 25 May, while the lowest average nerol rate (%8.78) was obtained from the 4<sup>th</sup> harvest period on 11 June.





When the rose oil samples obtained in 2011 were evaluated only according to the treatments (different nitrogen and irrigation levels) in terms of average citronellol content, the highest average citronellol content was determined in  $T_1N_0$  with 30.10%, followed by  $T_1N_3$  and  $T_0N_0$  subjects with 29.99% and 29.78%, respectively. The lowest average citronellol content was obtained from  $T_1N_1$  with 19.41% [Appendix (Table 2 and Table 5)]. When the harvest periods are taken into consideration, the highest average citronellol content was determined in the first harvest period, June 06 (31.11%), and the lowest average citronellol content was determined in the last harvest period, June 26 (21.97%) (Figure 3). When the average geraniol rates in rose oils were evaluated in terms of harvest periods, the highest average geraniol rate was obtained in the 4<sup>th</sup> harvest period (June 21) with 25.33%. When the average geraniol rates were evaluated according to the treatments without considering the harvest periods, the highest average geraniol rates were determined in the

 $T_0N_1$  (35.83%) and  $T_2N_1$  (35.36%), while the lowest average geraniol rates were determined in  $T_0N_2$  (29.49%),  $T_1N_0$  (29.70%) and  $T_0N_0$  (29.90%) treatments (Figure 3). When the average nerol rates were evaluated only according to the treatments without considering the harvest periods in the study, the highest average nerol rates were determined as 13.80%, 13.74% and 13.01% in  $T_3N_2$ ,  $T_1N_3$  and  $T_3N_1$ , respectively, while the lowest average nerol rates were determined as 10.65% and 10.68% in  $T_3N_3$  and  $T_0N_3$ , respectively. When the average nerol rates were evaluated only considering the harvest periods, the highest average nerol rate (14.38%) was obtained from the 2<sup>nd</sup> harvest period on June 13, while the lowest average nerol rate (9.33%) was obtained from the 4<sup>th</sup> harvest period on June 21 (Figure 3).

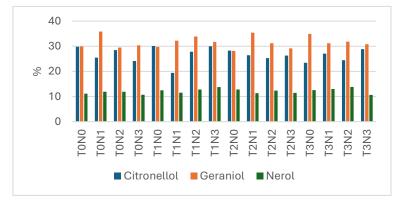


Figure 3. Citronellol, geraniol and nerol values in 2011.

Among all harvest periods in 2012, the highest citronellol rate was obtained in  $T_3N_2$  with 58.59% on 20 June, the last harvest period, and this was followed by  $T_1N_3$  and  $T_1N_1$  subjects with 57.71% and 54.43%, respectively, in the same harvest period. The lowest citronellol rate was obtained in  $T_0N_1$  subject with 11.00% on 05 June harvest. When the average citronellol rates were evaluated only according to the treatments, the highest average citronellol rate was determined in  $T_1N_1$  with 38.25%, followed by  $T_3N_2$  and  $T_1N_3$  subjects with 37.08% and 36.34%, respectively (Figure 4). Among the harvest periods, the highest average citronellol rate was determined on 20 June (42.12%), the last harvest period, and the lowest average citronellol rate was determined in the second harvest period, 05 June (21.82%). Among all harvest periods, the highest geraniol content was obtained from  $T_2N_0$  with 37.04% in the harvest period of June 15, and the lowest geraniol content was obtained from T<sub>3</sub>N<sub>0</sub> with 2.14% in the harvest period of June 11. When the average geraniol content in rose oils was evaluated in terms of harvest periods, the highest average geraniol content was obtained in the first harvest period of May 31 (23.34%), followed by the harvest of the last harvest period of June 20 (19.83%). The lowest average geraniol content was obtained in the 3<sup>rd</sup> (June 11) and 4<sup>th</sup> (June 15) harvest periods with 13.38% and 13.88%, respectively. When the average geraniol rates were evaluated according to the treatments, the highest average geraniol rates were determined in  $T_2N_0$ (26.62%) and  $T_3N_3$  (25.87%), while the lowest average geraniol rates were determined in  $T_0N_2$  (11.76%) and  $T_1N_1$  (11.92%) experimental subjects (Figure 4). When the harvest periods and experimental subjects were evaluated together in terms of nerol rate, the highest nerol rate was determined with 15.89% in  $T_3N_3$  during the last harvest (June 20) period, and the lowest nerol rate was determined with 0.39% in T<sub>1</sub>N<sub>1</sub> during the 3<sup>rd</sup> harvest (June 11) period [Appendix (Table 6)]. When the treatments were evaluated in terms of average nerol rate, the highest average nerol rates among the treatments were determined with 10.26% and 8.88% in  $T_3N_3$ and  $T_1N_0$ , respectively, while the lowest average nerol rate was determined with 3.62% in  $T_0N_2$  (Figure 6). When the harvest periods were evaluated in terms of average nerol content, the highest average nerol content (8.81%) was obtained from the 3rd harvest period on June 15, while the lowest average nerol content (3.95%) was obtained from the 3<sup>rd</sup> harvest period on June 11.

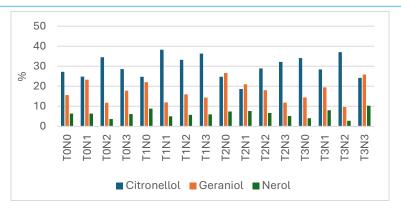


Figure 4. Citronellol, geraniol and nerol values in 2012.

Citronellol/Geraniol (C/G) ratio, which is an important criterion in determining the quality of rose oil, showed differences in rose oils obtained from rose flowers harvested from different periods and different treatments. In 2010, the highest average S/G ratio among the treatments was determined as  $1.23 (T_1N_3)$ ,  $1.01 (T_1N_0)$  and  $3.85 (T_3N_2)$  in 2011 and 2012, respectively, while the lowest C/G ratios in the same years were determined as  $0.76 (T_0N_3)$ ,  $0.60 (T_1N_1) 0.93 (T_2N_0, T_3N_3)$ , respectively. When the harvest periods are considered, the highest C/G as an average of 3 years was determined as 1.61 in the 4<sup>th</sup> period, while the lowest C/G was determined as 0.91 in the first harvest period (Figure 5).

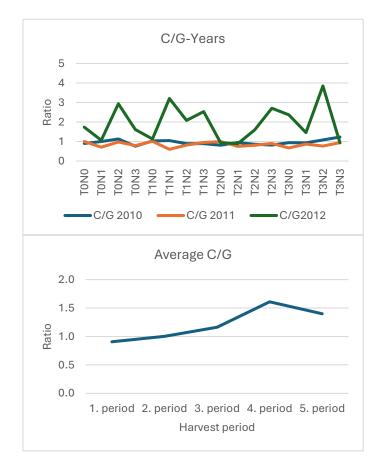


Figure 5. C/G ratios according to treatments and harvest periods.

It has been reported that the basic rose character of rose oil is determined by its citronellol content and that higher citronellol content increases sweetness and main odor when combined with equal amounts of geraniol, whereas when geraniol is low, the main odor and sweetness persist (Kürkçüoğlu, 1995). Also, nerol, one of the important components of volatile oils, not only increases the rose character but also gives a freshness character to rose oil, but when the geraniol content is low, the freshness character of nerol

appears as a very little citrus character, and when the geraniol content is high, the combination of citronellol, geraniol, farnesol and nerol gives it a strong, sweet, floral, fresh and rose character (Kürkçüoğlu, 1995). The citronellol, geraniol and nerol ratios in Turkish rose oils vary between 25-50%, 8-16% and 3-12% (Baser, 1992; Bayrak and Akgül, 1994), and in Bulgarian rose oils they vary between 22-55%, 14-18% and 5-10% (Garnero, 1982; Kürkçüoğlu, 1988). In our study, it was determined that citronellol ratios varied between 19.74-47.71%, geraniol ratios varied between 19.91-43.53% and nerol ratios varied between 4.94-20.22% among the harvest periods and treatments. It was determined that the values obtained for citronellol were generally in accordance with the lower and upper limit values of the previously reported values in Turkish rose oils, although the lower and upper limits showed differences. It was determined that the lower and upper limit values of geraniol ratios were considerably higher than both Turkish and Bulgarian rose oils. It was determined that nerol ratios were generally consistent with both Turkish and Bulgarian rose oils, but the upper limit values were higher. It is thought that the differences in the lower and upper limit values of both geraniol and nerol ratios may be due to cultural processes, ecological conditions and differences in the application in the study. It has been reported by various researchers that the differences in the essential oil components in rose oil are due to various factors such as plant species and variety, region, ecological conditions, cultural processes, harvest time and form, the time from harvesting to processing of rose flowers, differences in flower parts used in oil production, transportation, pretreatments, distillation techniques, packaging and storage (Guenther, 1952; Garnero et al., 1976; Anaç, 1984; Tucker and Maciarello, 1988; Yılmaz and Mengüç, 1991; Başer, 1992; Bayrak et al., 1994). One of the important criteria in determining the quality of rose oil is the citronellol/geraniol (C/G) ratio (Başer, 1992). This ratio was first used in 1934 to determine the quality of Bulgarian rose oil to simplify the comparison of oil components (Konur, 1990). The desired odor quality in rose oil can be achieved when the C/G ratio is between 1.25-1.30 (Başer, 1992). Since the C/G ratio in oil obtained from fermented flowers exceeds these limits, the quality deteriorates. In this study, it was determined that the C/G ratio gradually increased towards the later harvest periods. The results obtained in the study in terms of harvest periods are consistent with the findings of Baydar and Göktürk Baydar (2001), who reported that the S/G ratio increased until the last harvest period in type 1 oils (light green oil obtained as a result of the first distillation; direct oil, fresh oil). In our study, the C/G ratio varied between 0.89-3.85 according to the treatments (water and nitrogen). Kürkçüoğlu (1995) reported that the C/G ratio of the 1<sup>st</sup> oil obtained from fresh rose flowers by hydro-distillation in the Clevenger apparatus was 1.36, while it was 3.17 in the 1st oil obtained from fermented flowers.

In the Figure 6, in order to understand the effect of irrigation and nitrogen individually, the citronellol, graniol and nerol rates in the treatments to which nitrogen was not applied  $(T_0N_0, T_1N_0, T_2N_0 \text{ and } T_3N_0)$  and in the treatments to which irrigation water was not applied  $(T_0N_0, T_0N_1, T_0N_2, T_0N_3)$  are given. In the subjects to which nitrogen was not applied, although it generally varies according to the experimental years, the highest citronellol and geraniol rates were obtained in  $T_2$  or  $T_3$  subjects. When the nerol rate is evaluated in terms of irrigation, it is seen that the nerol values are similar in all irrigation applications except for 2012. More variable results were obtained in terms of nitrogen applications. In terms of nitrogen doses, although it varies according to the years, the highest values in terms of citronellol, geraniol and nerol were obtained from  $N_1$ ,  $N_2$  and  $N_3$  nitrogen applications. From here, it is possible to say that nitrogen and irrigation applications have a positive effect on the increase in citronellol, geraniol and nerol rates and that irrigation applications are more effective than nitrogen.



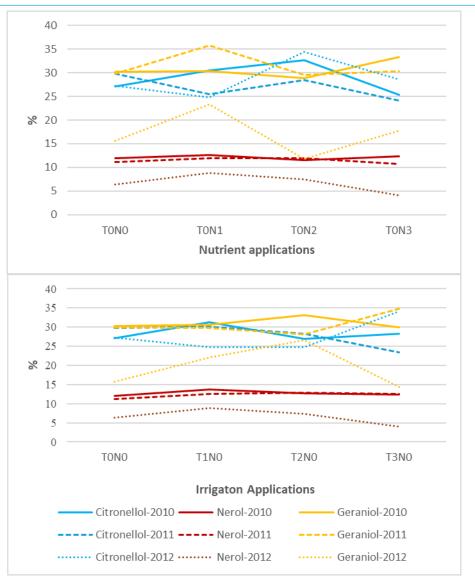


Figure 6. Citronellol, geraniol and nerol ratios in the treatments without water and nitrogen application.

## Conclusion

In this study, which was carried out to determine the effects of different irrigation water and nitrogen amounts on citronellol, geraniol and nerol, which are the components of the essential oil obtained from Rosa Damescana *Mill*. The composition of essential rose oil obtained from Rosa Damascena *Mill*. grown under different irrigation water and nitrogen treatments was found to be highly compliant with oil standards. According to results, although these three important components vary depending on the treatments, nitrogen and irrigation applications generally increased the rates of citronellol and geraniol. When the experimental treatments applied only nitrogen or only irrigation water were evaluated separately, it was seen that the irrigation effect was higher than the nitrogen effect. When the C/G ratios, which are important quality parameters, were examined, the highest C/G ratio was determined in the harvest period in 4 periods.

Undoubtedly, Rosa Damascena Mill, which is mostly grown in rainfed conditions, will be able to achieve essential oil quality by applying appropriate irrigation and nitrogen programs. For this, it will be possible to develop and implement the mentioned programs by considering the ecological conditions of the fields where Rosa Damescana Mill is grown.

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## APPENDIX

Chemical								Treat	nents							
constituents	T₀N₀	T₀N₁	T₀N₂	T₀N₃	T1N₀	$T_1N_1$	$T_1N_2$	T₁N₃	$T_2N_0$	$T_2N_1$	$T_2N_2$	$T_2N_3$	T₃N₀	T₃N₁	T₃N₂	T₃N₃
Mirsen	-	-	0.03	0.08	-	-	-	-	-	0.09	-	-	-	-	0.04	-
Linalool	0.48	0.32	0.36	0.46	0.28	0.25	0.26	0.39	0.40	0.38	0.40	0.40	0.30	0.49	0.42	0.40
Aromadendrene	0.59	0.40	0.52	0.50	0.65	0.59	0.65	0.63	0.73	0.76	0.65	0.63	0.51	0.61	0.50	0.62
Citronellyl acetate	0.73	0.57	0.81	0.76	0.76	0.70	0.78	0.81	0.83	0.85	0.64	0.69	0.57	0.51	0.51	0.72
Caryophyllene/farnesene	0.71	0.69	0.53	0.68	0.76	0.65	0.60	0.33	0.30	0.53	0.71	0.43	0.69	0.73	0.56	0.65
Hexadecane	1.42	1.40	1.01	1.34	0.90	1.28	1.23	1.03	1.17	0.94	1.06	0.97	1.22	0.91	1.10	1.13
Germakren D	1.29	0.70	0.90	0.76	0.96	0.75	1.11	0.96	1.17	0.92	1.18	0.82	0.85	0.69	0.80	0.98
Farnesol	0.07	0.23	0.67	0.33	0.53	0.58	0.18	0.18	0.19	0.30	0.28	0.55	0.38	0.34	0.36	0.51
Neryl acetate	0.22	0.03	0.07	0.23	0.12	0.11	0.15	0.09	0.16	0.05	0.23	0.14	0.21	0.30	0.15	0.09
Citral	0.39	1.14	0.39	0.33	0.39	0.29	0.20	0.43	0.37	0.37	0.51	0.61	0.47	0.50	0.60	0.43
Geranyl acetate	5.06	3.77	3.54	4.94	3.67	4.05	3.89	4.39	4.17	3.67	4.02	5.07	4.76	3.52	4.14	3.57
Citronellol	27.0	30.4	32.7	25.35	31.35	30.11	29.21	29.27	26.94	30.45	29.08	27.66	28.25	30.78	32.25	34.40
Nerol	11.9	12.6	11.4	12.41	13.77	12.45	11.85	14.40	12.78	13.32	12.73	14.43	12.40	14.06	12.70	13.10
Geraniol	30.2	30.3	28.9	33.37	30.58	28.68	32.89	32.85	33.08	31.94	33.87	33.77	29.98	32.95	29.93	27.86
Nonadecane	8.68	8.07	7.61	8.35	6.26	9.64	7.15	5.99	7.13	6.09	5.92	5.56	8.71	5.21	6.62	6.54
9-nonadeken	2.17	1.82	1.91	1.96	1.60	1.97	1.69	1.02	1.67	1.34	1.43	1.30	1.80	1.18	1.58	1.63
Phenylethyl alcohol	1.20	1.16	1.08	1.07	1.11	1.02	0.96	1.06	1.02	1.17	0.97	1.10	1.22	1.16	1.03	1.02
Eikosan	0.50	1.63	0.62	0.61	0.78	0.56	0.45	0.38	0.43	0.51	0.44	0.44	0.62	0.34	0.50	0.47
Methyl eugenol	1.09	1.25	1.51	1.34	1.60	1.59	1.10	1.25	1.15	1.35	1.31	1.28	1.18	1.71	1.25	1.31
Heneikosan	3.83	2.57	3.01	3.34	2.33	3.21	2.99	2.54	3.23	2.57	2.33	1.95	3.47	2.26	2.63	2.66
Eugenol	1.12	0.79	1.06	1.10	0.89	0.77	1.09	1.06	1.15	1.06	1.10	1.00	1.03	3.04	1.18	0.99
Phenylethyl acetate	-	-	0.18	0.28	0.08	-	0.15	-	0.05	0.15	0.19	0.06	0.18	0.29	0.15	0.04

#### Table 1. Oil content (%) and composition in 2010

#### Table 2. Oil content (%) and composition in 2011

Chemical								Treat	ments							
constituents	T₀N₀	T₀N₁	T₀N₂	T₀N₃	T₁N₀	$T_1N_1$	$T_1N_2$	T1N3	T₂N₀	$T_2N_1$	$T_2N_2$	$T_2N_3$	T₃N₀	T₃N₁	$T_3N_2$	T₃N₃
Linalool	0.43	0.47	0.29	0.33	0.37	0.33	0.47	0.42	0.54	0.58	0.40	0.33	0.53	0.46	0.37	0.55
Citronellyl acetate	0.45	0.53	0.56	0.53	0.64	0.40	0.44	0.57	0.61	0.52	0.61	0.75	0.47	0.65	0.59	0.53
Hexadecane	1.45	1.31	1.44	1.52	1.27	1.85	1.28	1.12	1.40	1.41	1.54	1.40	1.36	1.29	1.26	1.49
Geranyl acetate	1.61	2.48	2.43	2.72	2.10	2.85	1.89	1.89	2.04	2.27	2.58	3.02	2.51	2.66	2.56	2.40
Citronellol	29.78	25.46	28.47	24.10	30.10	19.41	27.81	29.99	28.25	26.40	25.25	26.30	23.39	27.03	24.47	28.82
Nerol	11.15	11.92	11.88	10.68	12.50	11.49	12.80	13.74	12.79	11.35	12.37	11.44	12.52	13.01	13.80	10.65
Geraniol	29.90	35.83	29.49	30.33	29.70	32.20	33.83	31.73	28.12	35.36	31.20	29.14	34.87	31.17	31.81	30.82
Nonadecane	11.79	9.85	9.69	14.71	10.60	15.94	9.46	8.76	11.42	9.98	12.22	11.54	11.55	10.52	11.49	11.16
9-Nonadeken	2.55	2.19	4.38	3.11	2.24	3.35	2.05	1.97	2.42	2.13	2.89	2.94	2.27	2.16	2.43	2.32
Phenylethyl alcohol	0.78	0.82	0.90	0.79	0.91	0.82	1.00	0.99	1.05	0.82	0.88	0.97	0.91	1.02	0.90	0.90
Eikosan	0.86	0.70	0.85	1.01	0.76	1.10	0.63	0.61	1.03	0.66	0.88	0.96	0.83	0.73	0.85	0.74
Methyl eugenol	0.83	0.87	1.24	0.73	1.20	0.53	1.03	1.07	1.25	0.72	0.74	0.96	0.78	1.08	0.87	0.96
Heneikosan	4.19	3.47	4.16	5.39	3.80	5.36	3.05	2.99	4.33	3.22	4.36	4.93	4.05	3.50	4.46	3.51
Eugenol	0.95	1.04	1.00	0.85	0.91	1.12	1.04	0.91	1.12	1.01	0.90	0.97	1.04	1.07	0.93	1.23

Chemical								Treat	ments							
constituents	T₀N₀	T₀N₁	T₀N₂	T₀N₃	T₁N₀	$T_1N_1$	$T_1N_2$	T₁N₃	$T_2N_0$	$T_2N_1$	$T_2N_2$	$T_2N_3$	T₃N₀	T₃N₁	T <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub>	T₃N₃
a-pinene	-	-	-	0.13	-	-	-	0.14	-	0.01	-	0.12	-	0.01	-	-
β-mirsen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.06	-	0.02	-	0.05	-	-	-	-
Linalool	0.23	0.32	0.24	0.30	0.42	0.22	0.29	0.30	0.30	0.31	0.30	0.29	0.27	0.24	0.26	0.25
α-quaien	0.29	0.27	0.46	0.29	0.34	0.34	0.36	0.34	0.39	0.17	0.29	0.35	0.41	0.29	0.28	0.26
Trans-caryophyllene	0.48	0.77	0.73	0.45	0.76	0.46	0.53	0.57	0.70	0.67	0.71	0.62	0.59	0.46	0.53	0.54
Terpinen-4-ol	0.05	0.15	0.05	0.01	0.16	-	-	0.07	0.17	0.09	0.04	0.06	0.01	0.05	-	0.12
Citronellyl acetate	0.39	0.30	0.66	0.57	0.52	0.38	0.62	0.75	0.44	0.30	0.51	0.56	0.55	0.56	0.68	0.46
a-humulene	0.07	0.36	0.33	0.14	0.20	0.20	0.25	0.31	0.20	0.23	0.33	0.28	0.23	0.26	0.33	0.21
Hexadecane	1.42	1.12	1.30	1.42	1.43	1.19	1.00	1.25	1.42	1.65	1.38	1.40	1.35	0.87	1.58	1.29
(Z)-Citral	0.08	-	-	-	0.15	-	0.01	0.02	-	0.04	-	0.07	-	0.06	-	0.19
Germakren D	1.15	1.21	1.28	1.14	1.35	0.99	1.17	1.21	1.35	1.00	1.39	1.05	1.44	0.98	1.15	1.23
(E)-Citral	0.23	0.21	0.16	0.12	0.35	0.10	0.12	0.28	0.23	0.24	0.15	0.21	0.06	0.16	0.06	0.46
Geranyl acetate	1.29	1.61	0.92	1.58	2.24	0.48	1.34	1.09	2.02	1.98	1.39	0.82	0.82	1.60	0.58	2.18
Citronellol	27.23	24.78	34.46	28.61	24.77	30.60	33.22	36.34	24.74	18.70	28.86	32.17	34.07	22.73	37.08	24.16
Nerol	6.37	6.38	3.62	6.14	8.88	3.99	5.76	5.93	7.42	7.64	6.68	5.18	4.04	6.45	2.80	10.26
Geraniol	15.66	23.34	11.76	17.77	22.00	9.53	15.94	14.35	26.62	20.97	18.06	11.85	14.40	15.57	9.62	25.87
Eicosane	19.57	16.04	17.61	16.74	15.79	13.60	16.95	15.29	15.01	20.60	16.40	18.05	18.43	11.81	19.19	14.17
9-Nonadekan	4.61	3.62	4.57	4.24	3.86	3.31	4.23	3.74	3.29	4.11	4.17	4.41	3.84	2.66	4.86	3.31
Phenylethyl alcohol	0.40	0.31	0.47	0.60	0.57	0.40	0.58	0.58	0.50	0.37	0.54	0.42	0.37	0.48	0.50	0.64
Eicosane	1.96	1.78	2.04	1.76	1.56	1.38	1.68	1.59	1.38	2.11	1.78	2.03	1.79	1.29	1.94	1.29
Methyl eugenol	1.43	0.96	1.83	1.35	1.21	1.31	1.42	1.91	1.16	0.85	1.70	1.68	1.92	1.20	2.30	1.17
Heneikosan	12.13	11.14	11.94	10.66	8.69	7.93	9.71	9.44	8.03	12.34	10.39	12.00	10.56	7.37	11.16	7.51
Eugenol	1.14	1.62	1.18	2.37	1.97	0.84	1.18	0.98	2.19	1.64	1.27	2.02	1.47	2.47	1.47	2.17
Trikosan	4.15	3.63	4.33	3.56	2.93	2.70	3.21	3.44	2.58	3.89	3.55	4.29	3.32	2.40	3.59	2.25

#### Table 3. Oil content (%) and composition in 2012

#### Table 4. Citronellol, geraniol and nerol ratios according to harvest periods in 2010

		May.25			May.29			June 5			June 11			June 17		Avg C	Avg G	Avg N
Treatments	С	G	Ν	С	G	Ν	С	G	Ν	С	G	Ν	С	G	Ν	•		
$T_0N_0$	32.12	32.84	15.41	25.5	34.31	14.25	30.48	29.8	15.24	23.05	25.17	4.94	24.27	28.95	9.93	27.08	30.21	11.95
$T_0N_1$	23.86	39.23	18.49	41.43	24.53	12.02	24.08	36.85	15.93	31.00	33.10	10.02	31.87	18.25	6.94	30.45	30.39	12.68
$T_0N_2$	31.12	34.15	15.25	21.18	39.43	10.53	36.27	26.38	12.65	47.71	21.57	9.16	27.34	23.15	9.82	32.72	28.94	11.48
T₀N₃	24.88	40.26	20.22	24.18	40.52	11.11	23.75	36.07	13.97	20.63	26.68	6.51	33.33	23.32	10.26	25.35	33.37	12.41
Average	28.00	36.62	17.34	28.07	34.70	11.98	28.65	32.28	14.45	30.60	26.63	7.66	29.20	23.42	9.24	28.90	30.73	12.13
$T_1N_0$	28.64	38.16	19.43	36.75	29.96	15.2	28.58	31.13	15.83	26.68	35.95	10.68	36.1	17.71	7.72	31.35	30.58	13.77
$T_1N_1$	19.74	39.11	15.83	30.11	33.79	14.41	26.78	35.11	17.66	43.91	19.91	8.61	30	15.47	5.76	30.11	28.68	12.45
$T_1N_2$	22.9	41.16	16.87	22.28	38.02	11.09	25.68	33.95	15.97	29.03	34.06	8.12	46.17	17.26	7.18	29.21	32.89	11.85
$T_1N_3$	24.5	41.00	19.68	34.38	27.93	13.08	30.16	32.83	15.64	34.92	27.98	11.39	22.41	34.49	12.22	29.27	32.85	14.40
Average	23.95	39.86	17.95	30.88	32.43	13.45	27.80	33.26	16.28	33.64	29.48	9.70	33.67	21.23	8.22	29.99	31.25	13.12
$T_2N_0$	23.4	42.33	19.24	37.27	28.25	14.22	21.15	36.37	12.86	27.4	33.2	7.46	25.48	25.25	10.11	26.94	33.08	12.78
$T_2N_1$	23.96	41.25	17.29	35.05	30.83	14.98	27.9	34.51	18.06	26.22	32.1	7.15	39.12	20.99	9.12	30.45	31.94	13.32
$T_2N_2$	21.88	43.53	18.32	32.57	30.71	14.95	22.19	40.06	13.45	28.53	33.77	7.22	40.24	21.26	9.7	29.08	33.87	12.73
$T_2N_3$	24.69	40.23	19.04	34.37	31.25	16.16	24.69	37.12	16.62	31.88	34.55	10.46	22.69	25.71	9.89	27.66	33.77	14.43
Average	23.48	41.84	18.47	34.82	30.26	15.08	23.98	37.02	15.25	28.51	33.41	8.07	31.88	23.30	9.71	28.53	33.16	13.32
T <sub>3</sub> N <sub>0</sub>	26	38	17.28	30.87	29.27	13.2	32.28	29.39	14.17	27.69	31.77	9.67	24.41	21.48	7.7	28.25	29.98	12.40
$T_3N_1$	27.2	37.11	16.47	23.86	42.39	13.87	30.82	31.36	17.45	36.53	29.25	12.08	35.48	24.62	10.41	30.78	32.95	14.06
$T_3N_2$	35.18	33.36	16.65	31.13	30.51	14.11	23.08	34.88	12.44	46.4	20.54	8.08	25.47	30.37	12.24	32.25	29.93	12.70
$T_3N_3$	35.81	33.17	17.04	27.97	32.31	14.83	30.26	28.74	14.03	42.95	20.17	8.94	35.03	24.92	10.66	34.40	27.86	13.10
Average	31.05	35.41	16.86	28.46	33.62	14.00	29.11	31.09	14.52	38.39	25.43	9.69	30.10	25.35	10.25	31.42	30.18	13.07

C: Citronellol, G: Geraniol, N: Nerol, Avg: Average

Treatments	June 6				June 13			June 17			June 21			June 26			Avg G	Avg N
freatments	с	G	N	с	G	N	с	G	N	с	G	Ν	с	G	N			
$T_0N_0$	40.83	21.52	11.12	31.59	29.82	13.08	24.89	36.43	10.07	21.73	38.39	8.70	29.86	23.33	12.76	29.78	29.90	11.15
$T_0N_1$	20.92	46.56	9.13	21.25	37.19	15.01	31.41	38.91	8.55	22.49	31.66	13.63	31.21	24.83	13.27	25.46	35.83	11.92
$T_0N_2$	19.63	32.09	12.21	17.48	46.89	13.95	28.97	35.42	16.46	51.55	4.88	1.77	24.72	28.19	15.02	28.47	29.49	11.88
$T_0N_3$	26.67	35.04	11.69	19.24	47.67	13.75	28.03	27.00	12.10	37.02	22.23	10.48	9.56	19.72	5.39	24.10	30.33	10.68
Average	27.01	33.80	11.04	22.39	40.39	13.95	28.33	34.44	11.80	33.20	24.29	8.65	23.84	24.02	11.61	26.95	31.39	11.41
$T_1N_0$	40.06	21.40	9.08	17.62	43.17	11.92	30.09	33.43	16.28	36.66	20.38	9.06	26.09	30.14	16.16	30.10	29.70	12.50
$T_1N_1$	22.96	37.12	13.52	18.76	38.75	16.73	24.11	34.95	15.13	20.52	39.49	8.33	10.71	10.71	3.75	19.41	32.20	11.49
$T_1N_2$	23.03	46.46	9.60	21.98	41.15	14.47	27.84	33.82	14.79	40.05	16.97	7.26	26.16	30.77	17.87	27.81	33.83	12.80
$T_1N_3$	39.13	19.49	8.25	31.98	35.44	16.05	24.90	37.63	12.37	23.53	34.87	15.83	30.43	31.20	16.19	29.99	31.73	13.74
Average	31.30	31.12	10.11	22.59	39.63	14.79	26.74	34.96	14.64	30.19	27.93	10.12	23.35	25.71	13.49	26.83	31.87	12.63
$T_2N_0$	30.01	21.37	12.05	23.14	32.18	17.01	32.57	39.24	9.08	34.01	13.14	6.54	21.51	34.69	19.26	28.25	28.12	12.79
$T_2N_1$	39.75	20.83	9.24	24.27	40.47	15.24	31.14	40.12	8.15	18.46	32.34	7.08	18.38	43.06	17.06	26.40	35.36	11.35
$T_2N_2$	28.06	30.17	10.46	31.02	27.03	9.96	25.80	34.92	14.81	26.49	27.82	13.45	14.89	36.05	13.16	25.25	31.20	12.37
$T_2N_3$	28.90	32.90	12.81	18.77	37.96	10.75	26.89	24.52	8.57	31.81	15.28	6.66	25.12	35.04	18.42	26.30	29.14	11.44
Average	31.68	26.32	11.14	24.30	34.41	13.24	29.10	34.70	10.15	27.69	22.15	8.43	19.98	37.21	16.98	26.55	30.96	11.99
T₃N₀	22.83	42.39	10.13	24.10	34.96	15.67	28.93	36.21	8.15	19.46	31.22	13.40	21.65	29.59	15.25	23.39	34.87	12.52
T <sub>3</sub> N <sub>1</sub>	27.77	34.90	13.13	18.20	39.69	13.06	26.08	34.69	14.46	42.19	14.37	6.19	20.90	32.18	18.20	27.03	31.17	13.01
$T_3N_2$	25.78	34.00	12.60	23.19	36.13	16.89	25.14	37.50	15.78	25.89	29.58	13.23	22.34	21.85	10.51	24.47	31.81	13.80
$T_3N_3$	61.42	8.65	2.77	21.86	38.48	16.61	22.72	33.62	11.01	20.04	32.64	7.62	18.04	40.69	15.25	28.82	30.82	10.65
Average	34.45	29.99	9.66	21.84	37.32	15.56	25.72	35.51	12.35	26.90	26.95	10.11	20.73	31.08	14.80	25.93	32.17	12.50

#### Table 5. Citronellol, geraniol and nerol ratios according to harvest periods in 2011

C: Citronellol, G: Geraniol, N: Nerol, Avg: Average

## Table 6. Citronellol, geraniol and nerol ratios according to harvest periods in 2012

		May.31			June 5			June 11			June 15			June 20		Avg	Avg G	Avg N
Treatments	С	G	Ν	С	G	Ν	С	G	Ν	С	G	Ν	С	G	Ν		•	
$T_0 N_0$	34.97	14.72	5.71	15.83	9.05	3.78	27.81	2.18	0.53	36.41	16.58	8.14	21.12	35.79	13.71	27.23	15.66	6.37
$T_0N_1$	27.53	24.28	9.88	11.00	18.34	2.32	18.30	34.91	7.06	18.64	30.29	9.03	48.45	8.88	3.62	24.78	23.34	6.38
$T_0N_2$	19.37	30.11	7.27	25.87	12.10	4.45	43.85	2.61	0.71	36.31	10.21	4.41	46.89	3.77	1.24	34.46	11.76	3.62
$T_0N_3$	15.93	27.06	6.29	22.20	19.92	7.51	18.72	16.21	5.75	36.99	20.24	9.30	49.23	5.41	1.87	28.61	17.77	6.14
Average	24.45	24.04	7.29	18.73	14.85	4.52	27.17	13.98	3.51	32.09	19.33	7.72	41.42	13.46	5.11	28.77	17.13	5.63
$T_1N_0$	21.41	22.51	8.37	17.14	16.29	5.92	24.69	21.04	8.87	40.95	15.85	8.37	19.64	34.32	12.85	24.77	22.00	8.88
$T_1N_1$	26.05	21.47	8.62	18.92	16.08	6.91	-	-	-	53.59	5.79	2.83	54.43	4.33	1.59	38.25	11.92	4.99
$T_1N_2$	17.91	27.99	7.03	25.42	7.69	3.07	24.41	20.82	9.05	49.63	11.15	4.61	48.72	12.06	5.02	33.22	15.94	5.76
T1N₃	23.58	30.64	11.47	28.13	5.41	1.73	34.97	5.58	2.01	37.31	25.84	13.08	57.71	4.26	1.35	36.34	14.35	5.93
Average	22.24	25.65	8.87	22.40	11.37	4.41	28.02	15.81	6.64	45.37	14.66	7.22	45.13	13.74	5.20	32.63	16.25	6.47
$T_2N_0$	31.27	15.76	6.08	19.41	32.60	5.40	17.45	32.55	7.27	17.34	37.04	11.73	38.24	15.16	6.63	24.74	26.62	7.42
$T_2N_1$	23.54	20.99	8.47	19.08	26.74	4.38	2.19	2.54	0.39	29.48	22.29	12.51	19.23	32.29	12.43	18.70	20.97	7.64
$T_2N_2$	26.05	29.09	11.65	20.35	17.53	6.48	34.89	3.07	0.93	16.01	36.18	12.86	47.00	4.43	1.48	28.86	18.06	6.68
$T_2N_3$	20.25	21.11	7.88	26.08	12.36	5.70	28.24	4.33	1.43	40.54	18.63	9.84	45.73	2.80	1.04	32.17	11.85	5.18
Average	25.28	21.74	8.52	21.23	22.31	5.49	20.69	10.62	2.51	25.84	28.54	11.74	37.55	13.67	5.40	26.12	19.37	6.73
$T_3N_0$	26.39	15.96	5.58	19.63	32.97	4.95	33.20	2.14	0.53	47.40	11.10	5.00	43.75	9.82	4.14	34.07	14.40	4.04
T <sub>3</sub> N <sub>1</sub>	-	-	-	28.67	11.25	4.46	18.87	17.65	7.33	17.89	35.99	14.99	48.24	12.96	5.49	28.42	19.46	8.07
$T_3N_2$	14.58	21.32	4.19	28.84	13.82	5.32	36.53	4.92	1.71	46.84	4.60	1.85	58.59	3.45	0.95	37.08	9.62	2.80
T <sub>3</sub> N <sub>3</sub>	22.00	27.13	10.26	22.55	15.65	7.11	13.72	27.20	5.70	35.62	23.16	12.36	26.93	36.20	15.89	24.16	25.87	10.26
Average	20.99	21.47	6.68	24.92	18.42	5.46	25.58	12.98	3.82	36.94	18.71	8.55	44.38	15.61	6.62	30.56	17.44	6.22

C: Citronellol, G: Geraniol, N: Nerol, Avg: Average