

## A study on essential oil yield and components of dried and fresh foliage of peppermint (*Mentha piperita* L.) cultivated in Turkey

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### Abstract

In the study, essential oil yield and its components dried and fresh foliage obtained from peppermint [*Mentha piperita* L. (Lamiaceae)] cultivated in Konya ecological conditions were investigated. The yield of essential oil from dried and fresh peppermint foliage was determined to be 3.2 % and 2.9 %, respectively. The major essential oil components of dried and fresh foliage peppermint oil were determined as mentone (50.80 %), mentol (34.55 %) and mentone (48.18 %), mentol (21.77), respectively. The aim of this research attempts to contribute to knowledge of differences between essential oil yield and components of the dried and fresh foliage peppermint (*Mentha piperita* L.) cultivated Konya ecological conditions, Turkey.

**Keywords:** Peppermint, *Mentha piperita* L., Essential oil, Component, Menthone, Menthol

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### Introduction

The increase in the world population, the diversity of human needs and the increase in demand for natural products and the importance of medicinal and aromatic plants have also increased (Polatçı et al., 2009). Turkey is one of the rare countries with ecological conditions suitable for the agriculture of cultivated medical and aromatic plants. Medicinal and aromatic plants that are exported from our country or consumed in the inner market have been usually collected from flora of Turkey (Kan, 2005).

*Mentha* species are commercially cultivated in many countries because of the essential oil and herb. In Turkey, peppermint cultivated in the gardens, in front of the houses and on the fields since ancient times have been used for medicinal purposes such as antispasm, carminative, refreshing, stimulant and diuretic effects and it widely has been used as spices, culinary herb and herbal teas. Mint is the richest natural source of menthol, caffeic acids, flavonoids such as apigenin (Gruenwald, 2004) which has a wide application area in medicine, food and cosmetics industry (Baytop, 1984).

Peppermint (*Mentha piperita* L.) is a perennial, herbaceous that is belong to Lamiaceae (Labiatae) family. The origin of peppermint is the Mediterranean Region, especially Anatolia and Egypt (Esetlili et al., 2015) and widespread in cultivation throughout all over the world (Rita and Animesh, 2011). Peppermint is a species that emerges as a result of hybridization of *Mentha aquatica* L. and *Mentha spicata* L. species (*Mentha piperita* L. *M. aquatica* x *M. spicata*) (Büyükbayraktar, 2009). In addition it is known as the British mint, this plant is also known as “nane” in Turkey (Baytop, 1994). This plant, has an important place in terms of essential oil and essential oil content and among to mint

species is the most benefited from essential oil in the world. The essential oil of peppermint obtained from herb's leaves and widely uses in traditional medicine applications for the purpose of analgesic, anesthetic, antiseptic, astringent, carminative, decongestant, expectorant, nervine, stimulant, stomachic, inflammatory diseases, ulcer and stomach problems (Shrivastava, 2009).

The aim objective of the work presented was to determine the effects differences between essential oil yield and components of the dried and fresh foliage peppermint (*Mentha piperita* L.) cultivated Konya ecological conditions in Turkey.

### Materials and Methods

**Plant material:** The plant material used in the trial, is Peppermint (*Mentha piperita* L.). This study was carried out to essential oil yield and components of the dried and fresh foliage peppermint cultivated, Selçuk University, Faculty of Agriculture, Medical Plants Research and Application Farm in Konya ecological conditions. The harvested leaves of this plant were dried at the shade conditions.

**Essential Oil Distillation and Analysis:** The foliage of the plants were subjected to hydrodistillation for 3 h using Clevenger type apparatus to produce essential oil. Essential oil is calculated as volume (ml / 100 g) GC-MS instrument was used to determine the essential oil components. The essential oils were stored at -20°C until analyzed. GC analysis was performed on a Agilent 6890N Network GC system combined with Agilent 5975C VL MSD Network Mass Selective Detector. The GC conditions were; column, DB Wax tr; 60.0m x 0.25mm x 0.25µm; oven temperature programme: The column held initially at 60°C for 10 min

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after injection, then increased to 220 °C with 4°C/min heating ramp for 10 min and increased to 240°C with 10°C/min heating ramp without hold; inject or temperature 250°C; carrier gas; He; in let pressure, 9.60psi; linear gasvelocity, 7 cm/sec; initial flow 0.3 ml/min ;split ratio,65.0:1; injected volume 1.0µl (EP6).

## Results and Discussion

**Essential oil yield (%):** In the study, the yield of essential oil from dried and fresh peppermint foliage was determined to be 3.2 % and 2.9 %, respectively. It can be said that dried peppermint on essential oil yield is effective in this study. At the same time, it is known that effect of plant genetic structure, ecological and cultivated conditions are important in the yield of essential oil. In the other researchs, The oil yield of peppermint obtained the fresh or partly dried plant, varied from 0.1 -3.75 % (Aflatuni, 2005). The differences between the study in Konya ecological conditions and the results obtained from other works, it could be said that from research conditions.

**Essential oil components (%):** It was identified commonly total 23 chemical components of essential oils from dried and fresh peppermint that cultivated in Konya ecological conditions. A total of 23, accounting for 89.88 and 83.39 % of the total oil, were identified in the *M. piperita* L. essential oils.

In this study, it was determined which menthol and menthone as major components of peppermint volatile oil. The major essential oil components of dried and fresh foliage peppermint oil were determined as menthone (50.80

%), menthol (34.55 %) and mentone (48.18 %), menthol (21.77), respectively. the amount of 1.8 cineole in the peppermint essential oil components varied from 3.21 to 3.83 % (Table 1). It has been determined that the effect of dried on the volatile oil components of the peppermint obtained from this work is important.

The chemical composition of *M. piperita* is characterized by the presence of oxygenated monoterpenes such as menthol, menthone, menthyl acetate, sabinene hydrate menthofurone and 1,8 cineole.

Kızıl et al. (2010) reported that menthol content 35.64 %, menthone content 38.06 % and cineole content 3.62% obtained from *M. piperita* essential oil. Moreover, menthol content of different peppermint origin varied from 10 to 63% and menthone content from 12 to 76%.

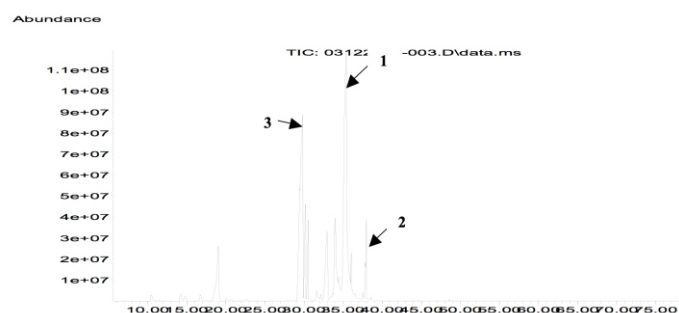
The other studies were determined main component as menthol (% 26-30), menthone (% 14-21) (Zheljzakov ve ark.2009). According to monographs of European Pharmacopoeia are cineole (3.5-14.0%), menthone (14.0-32.0%) and menthol (30.0-55.0%) (Shrivastava, 2009). The results obtained from this study were found to be appropriate when compared to the pharmacopoeia of Europe.

## Conclusion

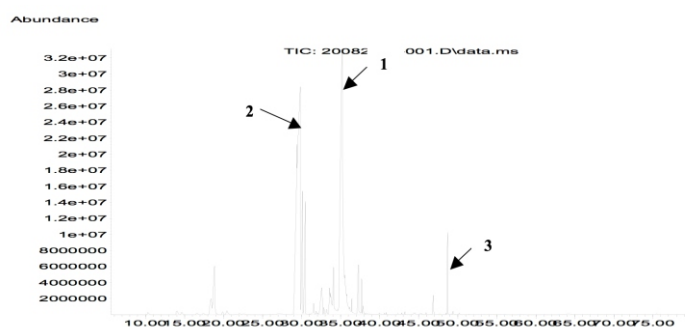
According to the results of our study, it was reported that differences between essential oil yield and components of the dried and fresh foliage peppermint (*Mentha piperita* L.) cultivated in Konya ecological conditions, Turkey. Compared with these results, it was determined that dried foliage had better yields of essential oil yield and essential oil contents than fresh foliage.

**Table 1.** Essential oil composition of dried and fresh foliage peppermint (%)

| RT*  | Compounds                 | Percentage       |                  |
|------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|      |                           | Dried peppermint | Fresh peppermint |
| 1022 | α-Pinene                  | 0.24             | 0.54             |
| 1150 | Camphene                  | 0.05             | 0.02             |
| 1197 | β-Pinene                  | 0.46             | 0.83             |
| 1203 | Sabinene                  | 0.26             | 0.42             |
| 1218 | Myrcene                   | 0.18             | 0.27             |
| 1234 | Menthol                   | 34.55            | 21.77            |
| 1237 | (Z)-β-Ocimene             | 0.23             | 0.24             |
| 1243 | γ-Terpinolene             | 0.36             | 0.26             |
| 1577 | L-Menthone                | 49.18            | 50.09            |
| 1584 | Cis-3-Hexenyl Isovalerate | 0.31             | 0.05             |
| 1687 | Linalool                  | 0.34             | 0.19             |
| 1695 | Trans-SabineneHydrate     | 0.12             | 0.1              |
| 1724 | Isopulegone               | 0.16             | 0.25             |
| 1751 | Cis-Isopulegone           | 0.16             | 0.07             |
| 1760 | Trans-Caryophyllene       | 1.11             | 1.81             |
| 1768 | IsoMenthol                | 0.15             | 0.11             |
| 1828 | 1.8-Cineole               | 3.22             | 3.83             |
| 1943 | Germaçrene D              | 1.82             | 1.4              |
| 2007 | Piperitone                | 0.75             | 0.99             |
| 2014 | Delta Cadiene             | 0.03             | 0.03             |
| 2193 | Limonen-10-yl Acetate     | 0.04             | 0.05             |
| 2236 | Cis-Jasmone               | 0.05             | 0.06             |
| 2185 | ( E )-IsoEugenol          | 0.02             | 0.03             |
|      | <b>Total</b>              | <b>89.88</b>     | <b>83.39</b>     |



**Figure 1.** Essential oil composition of dried foliage peppermint chromatogram 1. L-Menthone, 2. 1.8-cineole, 3. Menthole



**Figure 2.** Essential oil composition of fresh foliage peppermint chromatogram 1. L-Menthone, 2. Menthole, 3. 1.8-cineole

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