



Chemical composition of the Essential oil from Aerial parts of *Achillea filipendulina* Lam. From Iran

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ABSTRACT

The hydrodistillation volatiles separated from flowers, leaves and stems of *Achillea filipendula* Lam, a growing wild plant collected in the Kurdistan province of Iran were investigated. The essential oil of the plant was investigated. The hydrodistillation Volatiles Component Separated From Flowers, Leaves and stems of *Achillea filipendula* Lam. Were analyzed by GC and GC/MS. The main Components in the flower Oil were Alpha-terpineol(11.2%) chrysanthenyl acetate(10.6%) gamma-terpinene(8.6%). The main components in the leaves oil were 1,8 – Cineole (30%) chrysanthenyl acetate (18.7%) and Bornyl acetate(14%). The main constituents in the stem oil were Borneol (18%), 1,8- cineole (14.4%) Chrysanthenyl acetate (12.4%) and Bornyl acetate (11.3%).

1. Introduction

Achillea (Composite) comprises 115 species, which are mainly distributed in Europe, Asia and North Africa and also is introduced plant in the New World[1]. The flora of Iran comprises 19 species of *Achillea* of which 7 are endemic[2,3]. Various parts of different species of the genus *Achillea* are widely used in folk medicine due to numerous pharmacological properties, such as antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, anti-allergic and antioxidant activities[4,5] the essential oils of the *Achillea filipendula* showed high antibacterial activity against seven gram positive and gram negative bacteria[6]. Previous chemical investigation on different species of with Iranian Origin *Achillea* have been shown also the presence of sesquiterpene lactones and essential oils[7-13]. In this investigation the essential oil of *Achillea filipendula* Lam., growing with Iranian Origin obtained and analysis and reported

2. Results and Discussion

The percentage composition of the oils is given in Table I in order of their elution from the DB-5 column. Twenty-nine compounds were identified in stem oil of *Achillea filipendula* representing 93.8% of the oil composition. The main compounds were

borneol(17.9%), α -pinene(14.4%), 1,8-cineole(14.42%) and chrysanthenyl acetate (12.42%). Other notable constituents was sphulenol(5.88%).

In the leaf oil, twenty compounds were identified representing 98.27% of the oil composition. The main compounds were 1,8-cineole (29.89%), α -pinene (12.0%), chrysanthenyl acetate (16.75%), bornyl acetate(13.7%), α -pinene (8.38%) and Terpinen-4-ol (5.74%) were found in large amounts. Twenty-three compounds were identified in the flower oil representing 93.8% of the oil composition. The main compounds were α -terpineol(14.56%), chrysanthenyl acetate(13.44%), γ -terpinene(11.17%), bornyl acetate(10.0%), α -camphenolenal(7.62%) and α -pinene (7.44%).

As can be seen from the above information, the oils from stems, leaves and flowers of *Achillea filipendula* are rich in regard to monoterpenes (80.084%, 97.39% and 84.702%, respectively), While the oils from stems, leaves and flowers of *Achillea filipendula* are poor in regard to sesquiterpene(8.915%, 0.345% and 8.138%, respectively).

Some earlier works have been reported on the essential oils of various *Achillea* species.

The main component of *Achillea cretica* L. essential oil were caryophylladienol-II (13.4%), β -maaliene (6.1%),

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