CHEMCICAL CONSTITUENTS IN VOLATILE OILS OF

CINNAMOMUM PORECTUM (ROXB.) KOSTERM. FROM PANG-NGA AND

SONGKHLA PROVINCES

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ABSTRACT

Studying on volatile oils in leaves, green fruits, ripe fruit and wood of Cinnamomum porrectum

(ROXB.) KOSTERM. from Southern Literature Botanical Garden in Songkhla province, Wat Nirot Rangsi

and Tai Muang farm in Pang-nga province, by water distillation. Oil yields were reported base on oven dry

weight showed that volatile fruits oils had the maximum yield 3.50 - 10.54%, followed with volatile

wood oils 3.85% and volatile leaves oils showed the lowest yield 0.43 – 0.72.%. Analyzed the chemical

compositions of volatile oils by GC-MS and identified them by compared retention time and mass spectra

chromatogram with standard library. The results found that the major components in volatile oils from

wood was safrole (97.71 %), in leaves and fruits were divided in to 4 groups: volatile oils that had safrole

as major component (90.92 – 96.02 %) gave root beer odor, volatile oils that had Z-Citral (8.43 – 36.99 %),

E-citral (28.88 - 50.18 %), Citronellol (1.82 - 17.28 %) and Limonene (0.12 - 12.02 %) as major

component gave lemon grass and orange odor, volatile oils that had 1,8-cineole as major component

(57.66 – 61.61 %) gave cajuput odor, volatile oils that had Linalool as major component (95.01 %) gave

flower and spice odor. Chemical compositions in green fruits and ripe fruits of lemongrass odor were not so

different. They composed of 1,3,8-p-menthatriene 41.16-43.13% and Citral 46.86-49.49%, but in root

beer odor, green fruits had safrole only 26.71 %, ripe fruits had safrole 90.68 %. Utilization of volatile

oils depended on theirs chemical compositions.

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