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Dear Editor-in-chief of *Industrial Crops and Products*

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We are submitting a paper entitled Essential Oil Chemical Diversity of Tunisian *Mentha* spp. collection.

To start with, *Mentha* systematic is complicated and often questionable due to natural interspecific hybridation in section *Mentha*. Despite the importance of genus *Mentha* as a medicinal and aromatic plant with industrial potentials, research regarding this genus in Tunisia is still limited and few studies have addressed its genetic diversity.

The aim of this study was to analyze chemical composition of hydro distilled essential oils of 60 mint accessions, representing seven *Mentha* species (*M. aquatica* L., *M. longifolia* L., *M. piperita* L., *M. pulegium*., *M. rotundifolia* L., *M. spicata* L. and *M. spicata* var. *crispa* 'moroccan'), to determine their essential oil components and further to classify these accessions based on their phytochemical traits.

High polymorphism and great diversity was found in essentials oils compositions and several chemotypes are observed in species from various locations

We this manuscript, we expect to contribute to this field and hope it will be considered for publication on *Industrial Crops and Products*.

Yours faithfully,

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- Cluster analysis classified these accessions into six chemical groups.
- High polymorphism and great diversity was found in essential oil composition.
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Introduction

Mentha is an aromatic perennial herb that is widespread throughout the temperate zones of the northern hemisphere, although a few are found in the southern hemisphere too (Harley and Brighton, 1977; Mkaddem et al., 2007). They are fast growing and generally tolerate a wide range of agro-climatic conditions, with a global distribution across Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and North America (Chambers, 1992; Mkaddem et al., 2007). Mints an important medicinal and aromatic plants, comprise a groups of 25-30 species of the genus *Mentha* (Gupta et al., 2017). In Tunisia, the genus *Mentha* is represented by the species *Mentha rotundifolia* L., *Mentha longifolia* L. Huds., *Mentha spicata* (*Mentha viridis*) L., *Mentha aquatica* L., and *Mentha pulegium* L. (Pottier-Alapetite, 1981). Many naturalized species (*Mentha piperita*, *Mentha spicata*, *Mentha longifolia*) are cultivated for family usages or for small commerce (Mkaddem et al., 2007).

The systematics of the *Mentha* genus is very complicated and still unclear. This is mostly due to the existence of variation in basic chromosome number, frequent interspecific

hybridization, cytomixis, polymorphism in morphology and essential oil composition under different environmental conditions, colonial mutant propagation, as well as the occurrence of polyploidy, aneuploidy and nothomorphs (Gobert *et al.*, 2002; Tucker and Chambers, 2002; Tyagi, 2003; Denslow and Poindexter, 2009; Tucker, 2012; Jabeen *et al.*, 2012 and Jedrzejczyk *et al.*, 2018).

Mints are cultivated for their essential oils and herbage yields. They have several applications in pharmaceutical, perfumery, food, confectionery, and cosmetic industries (Gobert *et al.* 2002., Zeinali *et al.*, 2004; Kumar *et al.*, 2015). This makes many *Mentha* species very priceless for industry, as mint oil is a supplement for wide spectrum of products (Jedrzejczyk *et al.*, 2018). *Mentha canadensis* (Japanese mint), *Mentha cardiaca* (Spearment), *Mentha spicata* (Native spearmint), *Mentha pulegium* (Corn mint), *Mentha* × *gracilis* (Scotch spearmint) and *Mentha* × *piperita* are the most significant species for the industry (Smolik *et al.*, 2007; Hua *et al.*, 2011; Rodrigues *et al.*, 2013).

The essential oil composition of *Mentha* species has received considerable study due to its commercial importance. The EO components can be categorized by compound class such as hydrocarbon, alcohol, ester, aldehyde, ketone, or miscellaneous compounds (Bahl *et al.*, 2000; Voirin *et al.*, 1999). *Mentha* aerial parts bears essential oils containing a large number of aroma chemicals like menthol, menthone, isomenthone, menthyl acetate and menthofuran (Sangwan *et al.*, 2001; Simões and Spitzer, 2001). Different chemotypes are characterized by distinct smells and bioactivities, indicating different uses in aromatic and medicinal industries (Karousou *et al.*, 2007). On the basis of biosynthetic pathway followed in different species of *Mentha*, subjected to varying geographical conditions, mints were classified based on the dominant monoterpene compound prevailing in essential oils; linalool and linalyl acetate are produced by linalool pathway; menthol, menthone and menthofuran result from menthol pathway; and carvone, dihydrocarvone and carveol outcome from

carvone pathway (Mahmoud and Croteau, 2001; Lawrence, 2007; Šarić-Kundalić *et al.*, 2009).

Mentha L. accessions from different geographical population generally explain numerous variations in the essential oil properties (Orav *et al.*, 2004; Oyediji and Afolayan, 2006; Hajlaoui *et al.*, 2008). The existence of different chemotypes, based on qualitative differences within a taxon, is a common feature in most *Mentha* species and hybrids (Kokkini and Vokou, 1989). Several chemotypes was observed in *Mentha* L. from various locations. Nine chemotypes have been reported for five *Mentha* species including *Mentha arvensis*, *Mentha aquatic*, *Mentha longifolia*, *Mentha spicata*, *Mentha suaveolens* (Kokkini, 1992). A series of chemotypes of *Mentha spicata* have been described in previous studies, such as pulegone, carvone, linalool, piperitone, piperitone oxide, menthone/isomenthone, pulegone/menthone/isomenthone and pulegone/piperitone (Baser *et al.*, 1999; Telci *et al.*, 2004, 2010). Two chemotypes of *Mentha longifolia* (menthofuran, and cis-piperitone oxide/piperitenone oxide chemotypes) are reported from Southern Africa (Viljoen *et al.*, 2006). Studies showed three chemotypes of *Mentha pulegium* L. with the following major oil components: (1) pulegone, (2) piperitenone and/or piperitone and (3) isomenthone/neoisomenthol (Topalov and Dimitrov, 1969; Cook *et al.*, 2007). Different chemotypes was observed for the species *Mentha rotundifolia* growing in various parts of the world (Kokkini and Papageorgiou, 1988; El Arch *et al.*, 2003). In addition to chemotypic and genetic factors, essential oils may be linked to numerous intrinsic as well as extrinsic factors including development stage (Rodriguesa *et al.*, 2013; Maffei *et al.*, 1989), growth conditions (Maffei and Scannerini, 1999; Karray-Bouraoui *et al.*, 2009) and climate conditions (Catherine *et al.*, 2007). The interaction of different genotype with environment has great interest in many aspects of genomic and breeding research (Patel *et al.*, 2015).

The evolution of chemical complexity has been a major driver of plant diversification, with novel compounds serving as key innovations (Boachon *et al.*, 2018). However, to the best of our knowledge no systematic chemical investigations have been carried out on essential oil composition of *Mentha* spp in Tunisia. Therefore, aim of the present study was to investigate the chemical diversity among the *Mentha* spp growing in Tunisia and to characterize the chemotypes of this genus. This study will contribute to the knowledge of chemical diversity of a *Mentha* that could improve the use of Tunisia *Mentha* spp. Our study may be useful to mint evolution study and future breeding programs.

2. Materials and methods

2.1. Plant material

Sixty accessions of *Mentha* spp. were collected from natural habitats and cultivated fields during the flowering stage from 51 Tunisian localities (Fig. 1, Table 1). Mint accessions represent most of the geographic range covered by the species in Tunisia. GPS was used to locate the origins of these accessions. Their taxonomic identities were attributed in a previous work with morphological descriptors and dichotomous keys. Thirty three morphological descriptors were considered from *Mentha* standardized descriptors (Upov, 2007), several flora volumes (Tutin *et al.*, 1972; Pottier-Alapetite, 1981; Cullen *et al.*, 1984-2000), and several publications (Tucker and Naczi, 2006, Lawrence 2006 and Šarić-Kundalić *et al.*, 2009). This morphological study was carried from May to August during three seasons from 2015 to 2017.

2.2. Essential oil Extraction

Aerial parts of 60 mint accessions were collected in the flowering stage. Leaves were air dried for one month in the absence of light at room temperature and then stored in sealed

paper bags. Dried aerial parts were subjected to steam distillation for 3 h using a Clevenger-type apparatus. Plant material (50 g) was distilled in 500 ml dH₂O in a 1000 ml flask. The oil phase was separated and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and kept in brown glass bottle at 4 °C for further analysis. Three replicates were performed for each plant material.

2.3. Essential oil analysis

Essential oils were diluted 1/10 in n-hexane (v/v, VWR, Leuven, Belgium) prior to analysis. Gas chromatography analysis of volatile components was carried out using an Agilent 6890N GC equipped with a flame ionization detector (FID, Interscience Louvain-La Neuve, Belgium) equipped with an Optima 5 MS (Macherey-Nagel, Düren, Germany) capillary column (30 m × 0.25 mm I.D., 0.25 µm film). GC-FID was performed using splitless injection, with injector set at 280°C. The oven temperature program was initiated at 40°C, held for 2 min then raised at 8°C/min to 280°C and then maintained at 280°C for 5 min. Helium (He) was used as a carrier gas at a flow rate of 35 ml/min. Volume injected: 1 µL (diluted in hexane). Retention indices (RI) were determined by co-injection of a series of a mixture of aliphatic hydrocarbons alkanes (C₇-C₃₀ at 10 ng/ µL in n-hexane, sigma, Bornem, Belgium). The retention indices of all components were determined according to the Van Den Dool's method (Van Den Dool *et al.*, 1963).

Gas chromatography with mass spectrometry (GC-MS, Agilent 6890-USA) was done for essential oil qualitative and quantitative analysis using the electron impact ionization (70 eV) method and mass spectra. GC-MS conditions were the same as in the GC-FID analysis. One µl of essential oil solutions was injected in the splitless mode.

2.4. Component identification

Identification of the components was made by determination of their retention indices (KI) relative to those of a homologous series of n-alkanes (C7-C30) and by matching their recorded mass spectra with those stored in the spectrometer database from the Wiley 275L and the literature values (Adams, 2001). Whenever possible, the identification were confirmed by confirmed by comparison the recorded retention data with those of pure available standard compounds injected in the same conditions. Most of the non-identified components are present as traces with relative abundances of less than 0.01%. The identified constituents are listed in the order of their elution.

2.5. Data Analysis

Essential oil components percentage content was treated by multivariate statistical procedures. A cluster analysis was performed using Euclidean distance coefficient functions based on the dissimilarity between pairs. Hierarchical cluster analysis (HCA) was performed using the Ward's method with square Euclidean distance measure was used to construct the dendrogram. The Principal Components Analysis (PCA) and the cluster analysis were carried out with SPSS Version 20.

3. Results and discussion

Chemical characterization of mints accessions illustrated a diversity of their essential oil yields (0.45 - 2.5 %, w/w based on dry weight) (Figure 2, Table 2). There is little correlation between the changes of essential oil yield and the geographic positions (longitude, latitude and altitude) of collection sites of these accessions. The average essential oil yield of each species is in accordance with some reported oil yields at full flowering for wild *M. pulegium* (1.2%, Hassanpouraghdam et al., 2011), *M. arvensis*, *M. piperita*, *M. spicata* and *M. longifolia* (1.7%, 1.2%, 1.2%, 1.0%, respectively, Hussain et al., 2010) but some studies

178 reported much higher yields in *M. pulegium* (3.8%, Kokkini *et al.*, 2004; 3.9%, Cook *et al.*,
179 2007). These results clearly indicate the existence of huge variation between and within the
180 species. These variations may be linked to numerous intrinsic as well as extrinsic factors.
181 Several studies suggest that oil yield is correlated with species, climatic conditions; etc.
182 (Voirin *et al.*, 1990; Kokkini *et al.*, 2004). Variations in essential oil yield can be attributed to
183 genetic, environmental and ontogeny factors, as well as analytical methods (Lawrence, 2002;
184 Heywood, 2002; Ghasemi *et al.*, 2016). The quantitative composition of the essential oils of
185 many aromatic plants is greatly influenced by the genotype and agronomic conditions, such as
186 harvesting time, plant age and crop density (Marotti *et al.*, 1994). Results from selected
187 studies revealed that the amount of essential oil content in the leaves is strongly ontogeny
188 dependent, and therefore, harvest time may have significant consequences to essential oil
189 quantity and quality (Mrlianova *et al.*, 2001). The environmental factors during the growth
190 period such as the amount of available water are very important in the yield of dried material
191 and essential oil (Farahani *et al.*, 2009). Essential oil content in fresh materials is slightly
192 higher than that of dried one (Patora *et al.*, 2003).

193 Essential oils extracted and analyzed from the sixty mint accessions include 63
194 chemical constituents, representing 87-100 % of total oils. These oil components are listed in
195 order of their elution on the DB-1 column (S1: Supplementary Data). There was a significant
196 variation among the accessions for qualitative and quantitative major constituents. The
197 number of identified compounds for each essential oil ranged from 15 to 46.

198 Considerable variations were observed at chemical level among the investigated
199 accessions of '*pulegium* group', which revealed the existence of two distinct chemotypes/
200 sub-groups (Table 3). Accessions Acc 5, Acc10, Acc 20, Acc 24, Acc26, Acc 27, Acc31,
201 Acc57, and Acc59 were characterized by the presence of higher amounts of pulegone (39.95-
202 77.17%), menthone (0.57–28.44%) and isomenthone (0.99 -28.9%). Further, accessions Acc3,

203 Acc7, and Acc40 were dominated by isomenthone (59.43-77.73%), menthone (1.46%-
204 27.55%), pulegone (0.16-28.45%) and cis-isopulegone (0.44-6.54%).

205 A total of six investigated accessions of '*longifolia* group' could be classified in to two
206 chemotypes. Accessions Acc30, Acc46, Acc49 and Acc52 were found to be rich in pulegone
207 (59.98-67.42%), menthone (7.15%-15.38%), isomenthone (5.03% to 9.16%) and 1.8-cineole
208 (5.39- 8.11%). Further, accession Acc34 and Acc36 were dominated by menthone (31.08-
209 40.20%), pulegone (29.23-35.2%), 1.8-cineol (6.36-10.41%) and menthol (4.93-5.70%).

210 The '*rotundifolia* group' (Acc2, Acc8, Acc11 and Acc 29) represented by only one
211 chemotype, which was characterized by the presence of piperitone oxide (45.79-74.25%)
212 followed by menthol (0-4.49%), limonene (0-4.48%) and viridiflorol (0.62-4.56%).

213 Essential oil of accession Acc1, belongs to '*piperita* group' was found to be rich in
214 linalool (45. 86%), linalyl acetate (14. 29%), 1.8-cinéole (9.311%) and β -myrcene (8.75%).

215 On the other hand, Accessions belonging to '*aquatica* group' (Acc6, Acc17, Acc44
216 and Acc50) could be arranged as only one chemotype and were rich in linalool (27.29%-
217 47.2%) and linalyl acetate (13.90-18.4%).

218 Accessions belonging to '*spicata* group' could be arranged as two distinct
219 chemotypes. Among these, Acc4, Acc9, Acc12, Acc13, Acc14, Acc16, Acc18, Acc23, Acc32,
220 Acc33, Acc35, Acc37, Acc39, Acc41, Acc42, Acc43, Acc59, Acc45, Acc53, Acc51, Acc54,
221 Acc55, Acc56 and Acc 60) were rich in carvone (39.21-62.51%), 1.8-cineole (7.24-12.49%),
222 limonene (6.07-18.45%), and dihydro-carveol cis (1.17-6.56%). However, accessions Acc38
223 are dominated by pulegone (38.74%), menthone (28.56%), 1.8-cineole (10.413%), and
224 menthol (5.64%).

225 The '*spicata* var. *crispa* 'moroccan' group' (Acc15, Acc19, Acc21, Acc28 and Acc47)
226 represented by only one chemotype, which was dominated by carvone (62.69-75.53%)
227 followed by limonene (10.52-17.94%), transcarveol (0-5.22%) and dihydro-carveol cis (0.39-

3.62%). Finally, the two accessions (Acc22 and Acc 25) belonging the ‘unidentified group’ represented by only one chemotype, which was characterized by carvone (57-65.54%), 1,8-cineole (9.61-10.18%), limonene (6.63-8.72%), and dihydro-carveol cis (2.28-3.77%) as main constituents.

Above chemotypic differentiation of the *Mentha* accessions was also validated statistically. To evaluate whether the identified essential oil constituents may be useful in reflecting similarity and differences within the investigated accessions. **Principal component analysis (PCA)** is one of the multivariate methods that were applied to determine the most significant characteristics in the data set. The same data set (60 accessions \times 18 components) was used in this section. The first three PCs revealed the highest variation. The other PCs are shown in table S2 (Supplementary Data) for more information. The first PC (PC1) explained 24.18% of total variation and possessed positive correlation with pulegone and menthone and high negative correlation with L-carvone, limonene and 1,8-cineol. The second PC2 showed 19.52% of total variance and had positive correlation with linalool, linalyl acetate, β -myrcene and α -terpinyl acetate and the third PC3 explained piperitenone oxide, bornyl acetate and viridiflorol as positive component accounted for 14.61% of the total variance. Since PC1 and PC2 possessed a great share in respect to compounds, so scatter plot of PC1 and PC2 were applied to determine phytochemical distance (Fig. 3a-3b). According to PCA analysis the studied accessions were divided into four groups. As depicted in (Fig. 3a-3b) the presence and amount of some essential oil chemical compounds are useful for the identification of groups. For example, the ‘*aquatica* group’ (Acc6, Acc17, Acc44 and Acc50) and ‘*piperita* group’ (Acc1) were characterized by linalool, linalyl acetate, β -myrcene, and α -terpinyl acetate and were situated in the top right quadrant of the plot. The ‘*spicata* group’ was characterized by carvone, 1,8-cineole, limonene, and dihydro-carveol cis and was situated in the low right quadrant of the plot.

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A dendrogram constructed from the statistical analysis of the identified constituents, was displayed in Fig 4. Essential oils composition showed remarkable differences among *Mentha* spp. accessions. Dendrograms show that the 60 *Mentha* species can be clustered into six clusters. The existence of chemical diversity within the species and similarity with the accessions of other species could easily be seen from the distribution pattern of the *Mentha* accessions in different clusters. The twelve accessions of ‘*Pulegium* group’ were distributed in two clusters (I: 09 accessions and II: 03). Further, six accessions of ‘*longifolia* group’ were found to be divided in two clusters (I: 4 and III: 2). However, four accessions of ‘*rotundifolia* group’ were found placed in cluster IV due to similar chemical characters. Accessions belonging to the ‘*pipperita* group’ and ‘*aquatica* group’ were placed in the same cluster V. Except for one accession of ‘*spicata* group’, placed on the cluster III, the other accessions of this group were grouped in cluster VI with accessions of *M. spicata* var. *crispa* ‘*moroccan*’ and the two unidentified accessions.

These results clearly showed that the certain taxonomically different species were grouped in same cluster because of the presence of similar major chemical constituents. Further, the existence of different chemotypes, based on qualitative differences within a taxon, is a common feature in most *Mentha* species and hybrids (Kokkini and Vokou, 1989). Although many species and hundreds of subspecies and/or varieties were described by previous researchers, the species make up the *Mentha* genus is not clearly distinct in taxonomy, and numerous chemotypes are widely distributed around the world. Moreover, one chemotype usually could be found in several species (Kokkini *et al.*, 1995; Telci *et al.*, 2004). *Mentha* accessions used in the present study represent a widely variation in the content of these constituents.

Compositional analysis of the essential oils of *Mentha* taxa has revealed a comprehensive diversity in the oil components, and the different chemovarieties have been reported from various regions of the world. There is a huge variation in the chemical composition of *M. pulegium*, Literature data suggests that *M. pulegium* is a chemical polymorph species in both qualitative and/or quantitative composition (Kokkini *et al.*, 2004). Studies showed three chemotypes of *M. pulegium* L. with the following major oil components: (1) pulegone, (2) piperitenone and/or piperitone and (3) isomenthone/ neoisomenthol (Topalov and Dimitrov, 1969; Cook *et al.*, 2007). Pulegone was found to be one of the main constituents of *M. pulegium* oils followed by menthone also in other studies; Lawrence 1978, Sivropoulou *et al.*, 1995, Beghidja *et al.*, 2007, Bekhechi 2008, Baser *et al.*, 1999; Lorenzo *et al.*, 2002; Agnihotri *et al.*, 2005; El-Ghorab, 2006; Diaz-Maroto *et al.*, 2007; Mata *et al.*, 2007; Hajlaoui *et al.*, 2009; Boukhebt *et al.*, 2011; Ait-Ouazzou *et al.*, 2012, and Cherrat *et al.*, 2014. Possible explanation for such differences could be associated with habitats, environmental growing conditions, collecting periods, etc. (Boukhebt *et al.*, 2011). In present study, pulegone (Acc 5, Acc10, Acc 20, Acc 24, Acc26, Acc 27, Acc31, Acc57, and Acc5) and isomenthone (Acc3, Acc7, and Acc40) rich accessions have been identified for *M. pulegium*. Further, present study revealed the existence of a new essential oils/chemotypes (isomenthone) of the specie *M. longifolia* (Acc3, Acc7, and Acc40) which were not described before from in this region.

The present study showed that pulegone should not be considered as a specific chemosystematic marker for *M. pulegium* because pulegone was found also in the oils of *M. longifolia*, whose chemosystematics is most complicated. In present study, pulegone (Acc30, Acc46, Acc49 and Acc52) and isomenthone (Acc34 and Acc36) rich accessions have been identified for *M. Longifolia*. With the extent of morphological diversity in *M. longifolia*, a great degree of chemical variation in the species might be expected as well. Indeed, results from previous studies on several wild and cultivated *M. longifolia* have produced a number of

chemotypes. Identified chemotypes of *M. longifolia* include those dominated by menthone (Fraisse *et al.*, 1985; Vidal *et al.*, 1985; Mimica-Dukić *et al.*, 2003; Oyedeji and Afolayan, 2006; Hajlaoui *et al.*, 2010), pulegone (Fleisher and Fleisher, 1991; Oyedeji and Afolayan, 2006; Gulluce *et al.*, 2007; Mkaddem *et al.*, 2009; Hajlaoui *et al.*, 2010), piperitenone oxide (Maffei, 1988; Baser *et al.*, 1999; Venskutonis, 1996; Rezaei *et al.*, 2000; Mastelic and Jerkovic, 2002; Viljoen *et al.*, 2006; Gulluce *et al.*, 2007; Hussain, 2009), piperitone oxide (Fraisse *et al.*, 1985; Vidal *et al.*, 1985; Kokkini and Papageorgiou, 1988; Fleisher and Fleisher, 1998; Karousou *et al.*, 1998; Baser *et al.*, 1999; Viljoen *et al.*, 2006; Hussain, 2009), carvone (Lawrence, 1978; Fraisse *et al.*, 1985; Vidal *et al.*, 1985; Kokkini *et al.*, 1995; Mastelic and Jerkovic, 2002; Monfared *et al.*, 2002; Younis and Beshir, 2004; Lawrence, 2007), piperitone (Ghoulami *et al.*, 2000; Rasooli and Rezaei, 2002; Rezaei *et al.*, 2000; Džamić *et al.*, 2010), trans-dihydrocarvone (Mimica-Dukić *et al.*, 1991; Džamić *et al.*, 2010), isomenthone (Mimica-Dukić *et al.*, 1991; Mimica-Dukić *et al.*, 2003; Mkaddem *et al.*, 2009), menthofuran (Mimica-Dukić *et al.*, 1991; Viljoen *et al.*, 2006), menthol (AlBayati, 2009; Hajlaoui *et al.*, 2010), 1,8-cineole (Fleisher and Fleisher, 1998; Oyedeji and Afolayan, 2006), isopiperitenone (Rezaei *et al.*, 2000), piperitenone (Ghoulami *et al.*, 2000), and borneol (Hussain, 2009).

Piperitone oxide is mentioned as the main constituent of *M. rotundifolia* oil also by many other authors (Miyazawa *et al.*, 1998; Benayad 2004; Brada *et al.*, 2007; Lawrence 2007; Hajlaoui *et al.*, 2009). Piperitone oxide is the typical component of *M. rotundifolia* oils and can be used as chemical markers. In contrast with our results the study of Riahi *et al.*, (2013) shows that essential oils from Beja locality were most complex and present 45 compounds representing 96.83% of the total oil composition. The major components of these oils are caryophyllene (26.67%), germacrene D (12.31%) and carveol (7.38%). Essential oils

from Bizerte include 40 components, representing 95.81% of total oils. Those oils are dominated by Pulegone (32.09%), Piperitenone oxide (17.28%) and 5-Acetyl Thiazole (11.26%). Our results confirmed previous reports which cite different chemotypes for *M. rotundifolia* growing in various parts of the world (Kokkini and Papageorgiou, 1988; El Arch *et al.*, 2003). Two chemotypes have been found in the essential oils of *M. rotundifolia* (L.) growing in Greece, which are characterized by piperitone oxide and menthyl acetate, respectively as the main compounds (Kokkini and Papageorgiou, 1988). In others reports, the major compound of *M. rotundifolia* essential oils is Pulegone (85%, El Arch *et al.*, 2003). According to Lorenzo *et al.* (2002), Piperitenoneoxide and (z)-sabinene hydrate were the major components in *M. rotundifolia*.

M. piperita L (Acc1) did not contain menthol and menthone as major compounds commonly found in peppermint essential oil (İşcan *et al.*, 2002; Mimica Dukić *et al.*, 2003; Hussain *et al.*, 2010). Instead they were found to be rich in linalool (45,86%), linalyl acetate (14,29%), 1,8-cinéole (9.311%) and β -myrcene (8.75%) as decribed by Mimica-Dukic *et al.*, 2003; Gracindo *et al.* 2006 and Garlet *et al.*, 2013

Although the wild growing *M. aquatica* seems to be the only species of the genus characterized by a specific essential oil composition with menthofuran as a main compound (Malingré *et al.*, 1974; Kokkini 1992; Mimica-Dukic *et al.*, 2003) plants rich in linalool and/or linalyl acetate are also known from cultivation (Harley 1977 and Kokkini 1992). Moreover, there are results of the changes in monoterpene composition of *M. aquatica* essential oil produced by gene substitution from the other mint species (Hefendehl 1972). Furthermore, it is well known that the chemical composition of the essential oils depends on various complex factors, both endogenous and exogenous such as chemotypes, geographical and climatic conditions, collection time, drying conditions, mode of distillation, etc. (Bozin *et al.*, 2006).

There is a huge variation in the chemical composition of *M. spicata*, wild as well as cultivated, around the world. A series of chemotypes of the species have been described in previous studies, such as pulegone, carvone, linalool, piperitone, piperitone oxide, menthone/isomenthone, pulegone/menthone/isomenthone and pulegone/piperitone (Baser *et al.*, 1999; Telci *et al.*, 2004, 2010). Carvone is mentioned as the main constituent of *M. spicata* oil also by many other authors (Adam *et al.*, 1998; Mkaddem *et al.*, 2009; Zhao *et al.*, 2013; Brahmi *et al.*, 2016). Four chemotypes of *M. spicata* are found in Greece, characterized by the dominant occurrence of linalool, carvone/dihydrocarvone, piperitone oxide/piperitetone oxide, and menthone/isomenthone/pulegone, respectively (Kofidis *et al.*, 2004). Carvone is mentioned as the main constituent of *M. spicata* oil also by many other authors (Adam *et al.*, 1998; Chauhan *et al.*, 2009; Mkaddem *et al.*, 2009; Zhao *et al.*, 2013; Brahmi *et al.*, 2016). However, in the present study, an Except for one accession of '*spicata* group', all the rest of accession were grouped together into a single chemotype carvone. This supports that *M. spicata* populations in Tunisia show certain stability in essential oils. An alternative hypothesis, which was widely accepted, is that interspecific and intraspecific hybridization occurring naturally may contribute to the variable chemical composition. This is supported by the present investigation too. *M. spicata* Acc 38 were collected at the place where *M. longifolia* (Acc 34) was growing naturally, implying that natural gene exchange may occur among these plants. As already described, these were incorporated into *M. longifolia* group. Further, present study revealed the existence of a new essential oils/chemotypes (pulegone) of the specie *M. spicata* which were not described before from this region.

The taxonomy of *Mentha* is complex due to interspecific hybridization and polyploidy of the species in the genus (Denslow and Poindexter, 2009; Tucker, 2012; Jabeen *et al.*, 2012 and Jedrzejczyk, *et al.*, 2018). Further, the occurrence of huge chemical variations among

Mentha accessions collected from diverse localities seems to be due to the divergent climatological and geographical conditions; existing variations in oil content and composition may be attributed to factors related to ecotype and the environment including temperature, relative humidity, irradiance and photoperiod (Chauhan *et al.*, 2009). Similarly, chemotype of the plants, cultivation practices and method of extraction also leads to variation in oil content and chemical composition (Pavela, 2009). Other factors affecting essential oil composition, relates to agronomic and genotype conditions, such as harvesting time, plant age and crop density (Telci *et al.*, 2010; Marotti *et al.*, 1994). Similarly, different photoperiodic treatment was also shown to be influencing concentrations of oil components in *Mentha* species (Fahlen *et al.*, 1997).

4. Conclusion

The results of present study clearly indicated that there were large amount of biochemical diversity among the investigated populations of genus *Mentha*. Accessions with similar chemotypic characters differed considerably in their taxonomic rang. Therefore, chemical constituents could not be necessarily correlated with their taxonomical category. The existence of different chemotypes, based on qualitative differences within a taxon, is a common feature in most *Mentha* species and hybrids (Kokkini and Vokou, 1989). These chemotypes offers the great opportunity for production of *Mentha* to meet the market supplies of specific essential oils or individual compounds. Further, present study revealed the existence of a new essential oils/chemotypes (isomenthone) of the species *M. longifolia* (Acc3, Acc7, and Acc40) which were not described before from this region. As well, the existence of a new essential oils/chemotypes (pulegone) of the specie *M. spicata* which were not described before from this region. Further, the characterization of essential oil variation is of commercial importance as well as helpful in the development of *Mentha* resources for perfume and pharmaceutical industries.

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Figure Captions

Fig 1. Distribution map of the studied accessions of *Mentha* spp

Fig 2. Essential oil yield of different accessions of *Mentha* spp.

Fig 3. a) PCA Score plot for main variation of essential oil compositions among Tunisian *Mentha* spp accessions. b) Loading plot for volatile constituents explaining 44.29% of the variation on PC1 and PC2 axes.

Fig 4. Dendrogram generated by cluster analysis of the essential oil composition of sixty. using the HCA by Ward's method and Euclidean distances. i) pulegone; ii) isomenthone; iii) menthone/pulegone ; iv) piperitenone oxide; v) linalool; vi) carvone.

Table 1. Latin names, collecting sites, habitats of a sixty Tunisian accessions of *Mentha* spp.

Accession	<i>Mentha</i> spp.	Locality	longitude Latitude and altitude	Habitat
Acc3		Al Ayaida-Beja	36°46'01.66"N/ 9°01'47"E/ 568 m	Riverside
Acc5		Maagoula-Beja	36°42'29.78" N/ 9°11'57.09"E/ 151 m	Riverside
Acc7		Tabarka- Jandouba	36°55'41.19"N/ 8°44'13.96"E/ 820 m	Riverside
Acc10		Ain El Awafi- El Kef	35°58'50.41"N/ 9°05'44.40"E/ 740 m	Riverside
Acc20		Zaghouan	36°24'00.48"N/ 10°08'48.61"E/ 423 m	Riverside
Acc24		Ain Kamech-Nabeul	36°27'03.72"N/ 10°44'10.38"E/ 270 m	Riverside
Acc26		El agiula- Gafsa	34.41130N/ 008.7409 E/ 252 m	Riverside
Acc27		El kasar - Gafsa	34.39501 N/ 008.80772 E/ 283 m	Riverside
Acc31		Mornag-Ben Arous	36°33'43.32"N/ 10°18'48.66"E/ 155.26 m	Cultivated field
Acc40		Cherfech-Ariana	36°56'04.28"N/ 10°02'21.547"/ E 58.27 m	Riverside
Acc57		Silaian	36°04'06.53"N/ 9°22'42.4"E/ 5.98 m	Riverside
Acc59	<i>M. pulegium</i> L.	Sejnane-Bizerte	36°57' 62.53"N/ 9°32'53.305"E / 105 m	Pasture
Acc 30		Mornag-Ben Arous	36°33'43.32"N/ 10°18'48.66"E/ 155.26 m	Cultivated field
Acc 35		Bouchama-Gabes	33°45'23.93"N/ 10°03'59.72"E/ 1.88 m	Cultivated field
Acc36		Dgech- Tozeur	33°51'28''N/ 007°57'29"E/ 38 m	Cultivated field
Acc46		Borj twil-Ariana	10°09'55.81"N/ 36°55'46.840"E / 100.8 m	Cultivated field
Acc49		El karia-Gassrine	34°55'52.45"N/ 8°52'50.31"E/ 9.14 m	Cultivated field
Acc52	<i>M. longifolia</i> L.	Bir hfay-Sidi Bouzid	34°55'54.23"N/ 9°10'57.55"/ 871 m	Cultivated field
Acc1	<i>M.×piperita</i>	Ain El Goussa -Beja	36°46'11.68" N/ 9°01'53.41" E/ 568 m	Cultivated field
Acc6		Maagoula-Beja	36°55'57.09" N/ 9°11'57.09"E/ 207 m	Cultivated field
Acc17		Tebolba-Monastir	35°38'56.91"N/ 10°65'08.69"E/ 20 m	Cultivated field
Acc44		Borj twil-Ariana	36°55'46.84"E/ 10°09'55.814"N/ 100.84 m	Cultivated field
Acc50	<i>M.aquatica</i> L.	Chott Mariem-Sousse	35°55'20.76"N/ 10°34'08.95" E	Cultivated field
Acc2		Al Ayaida- Beja	36°46' 06.41" N/9°01' 51.20"E/ 568 m	Riverside
Acc8		Tabarka- Jandouba	36°35'31.56"N/ 8°44'14.06"E/ 243 m	Riverside
Acc11		in El Less- El Kef	35°57'21.67"N/ 9°05'47.27"N/ 740 m	Riverside
Acc29	<i>M. rotundifolia</i> L.	Chebika- Kairouan	35°34'01.34"N/ 9°58'52.31"E/ 400 m	Cultivated field
Acc15		El Jam-Mahdia	35°17'49.32"N/ 10°42'29.79"E/ 238 m	Cultivated field
Acc19		Tebolba-Monastir	35°38'56.91"N/ 10°65'08.69"E/ 665 m	Cultivated field
Acc21		Zaghouan	36°24'06.31"N/ 10°08'49.67"E/ 289 m	Cultivated field
Acc28		Chebika- Kairouan	35°37'29.22"N/ 10°02'08.94"E/ 3,37 m	Cultivated field
Acc47	<i>M. spicata</i> var. <i>crispa</i> 'moroccan'.	Chott Mariem-Sousse	35° 55'20.76"N/ 10°34'08.95" E	Cultivated field
Acc4		Medjez-el bab-Beja	36°38'59.47"N/ 9°37' 05.29" E/ 568 m	Cultivated field
Acc9		Bou salem Jandouba	36° 36'33.53"N/ 8°85'82.07"E/ 243 m	Cultivated field
Acc12		Essers- El Kef	35°29'53.8"N/ 10°36'34.4"E/ 33 m	Cultivated field
Acc13		Bir Salah- Sfax	35°12'43.27"N/ 10°42'37.19"E/ 114 m	Cultivated field
Acc14		Thyna- Sfax	34°40'23.14"N/ 10°40'58.23"E/ 400 m	Cultivated field
Acc16		El Jam-Mahdia	35°17'49.32"N/ 10°42'29.79"E/ 238 m	Cultivated field
Acc18		Tebolba-Monastir	35°38'56.91"N/ 10°65'08.69"E/ 665 m	Cultivated field
Acc23		Nabeul	36°27'03.72"N/ 10°44'10.38"E/ 270 m	Cultivated field
Acc32		Mornag-Ben Arous	36°33'43.32"N/ 10°18'48.66"E/ 155.26 m	Cultivated field
Acc33		Chott Salem-Gabes	33°53'44.05"N/ 10°6'38.88"E/1.69 m	Cultivated field
Acc35		Bouchama-Gabes	33°45'23.93"N/ 10°03'59.72"E/ 1.88 m	Cultivated field
Acc37		Dgech- Tozeur	33° 51'28''N/ 007°57'29"E/ 38 m	Cultivated field
Acc38		Dgech- Tozeur	33°59'80"N/ 007°57'10"E/ 31 m	Cultivated field
Acc39		Zir tenbib -Kebili	008°89' 659"E/ 33.70'644"N/ 17 m	Cultivated field
Acc41		Sidi makhlouf-Medenine	33°22'42.229"E/ 10°42'42.229"N/ 36.4 m	Cultivated field
Acc42		Darghoulia-Medenine	10°38'36.496"E/ 33°23' 32.870"N/ 61.9 m	Cultivated field
Acc43		Darghoulia-Medenine	33°23'32.870" E/ 10°39'19.535"N/ 32.7 m	Cultivated field
Acc60		Sejnane-Bizerte	9°32'53.305"E/ 36°57' 62.53"N/ 105 m	Pasture
Acc42		Darghoulia-Medenine	10°38'36.496"E/ 33°23' 32.870"N/ 61.9 m	Cultivated field
Acc43		Darghoulia-Medenine	33°23'32.870" E/ 10°39'19.535"N/ 32.7 m	Cultivated field
Acc45		Borj twil-Ariana	36°55'46.84"E/ 10°09'55.81"N/ 100.84 m	Cultivated field
Acc53		Edhraa-Sidi Bouzid	35° 00'10.87"N/ 9°22'36.90"/ 9.27 m	Cultivated field
Acc51		El karia-Gassrine	34°55'52.45"N/ 8°52'50.31"E/ 9.14 m	Cultivated field
Acc54		Bir hfay-Sidi Bouzid	34°55'54.23"N/ 9°10'57.55"/ 871 m	Cultivated field
Acc55		Siliana	36°04,06.53"N/ 9°22'42.4"E/ 5.98 m	Cultivated field
Acc 56	<i>M. spicata</i> L.	Siliana	36°04,06.53"N/ 9°22'42.4"E/ 5.98 m	Cultivated field
Acc 22		Zaghouan	36°24'06.31"N/ 10°08'49.67"E/ 289 m	Cultivated field
Acc25	<i>Unidentified</i>	Zaghouan	36°24'06.31"N/ 10°08'49.67"E/ 289 m	Cultivated field

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745 **Table 2.** Essential oil yields of 60 Tunisian accessions of *Mentha* spp.

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<i>M. spicata</i> L.												
Accessions	Acc4	Acc9	Acc12	Acc13	Acc14	Acc16	Acc18	Acc23	Acc32	Acc33	Acc35	Acc37
Oil yields	1.02	0.77	1.22	1.35	1.30	1.37	1.12	0.78	0.87	1.08	0.62	0.80

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748 **Table 2.** (continued)

<i>M. spicata</i> L.												
Accessions	Acc 41	Acc 42	Acc 43	Acc 60	Acc 45	Acc 53	Acc 51	Acc 54	Acc 55	Acc 56	Acc 38	Acc 39
Oil yields	1.07	1.02	0.68	0.73	1.10	0.52	0.77	0.45	0.59	0.68	1.08	0.62

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750 **Table 2.** (continued)

<i>M. spicata</i> var. <i>crispa</i> 'moroccan'						<i>M. rotundifolia</i> L.				<i>M. piperita</i>		
Accessions	Acc 15	Acc 19	Acc 21	Acc 28	Acc 47	Acc 29	Acc 11	Acc 8	Acc 2	Acc 50	Acc 1	
Oil yields	1.55	1.47	1.22	0.7	1.18	1.18	1.01	1.25	1.25	2.07	1.70	

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752 **Table 2.** (continued)

	<i>M. aquatica</i> L.						<i>M. longifolia</i> L.				<i>Unidentified</i>		
Accessions	Acc 50	Acc 44	Acc 17	Acc 6	Acc 52	Acc 49	Acc 46	Acc 36	Acc 35	Acc 30	Acc 59	Acc 22	Acc 25
Oil yields	2.07	1.88	1.75	1.77	1.10	1.65	1.78	1.70	0.62	1.35	1.87	1.40	1.10

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754 **Table 2.** (continued)

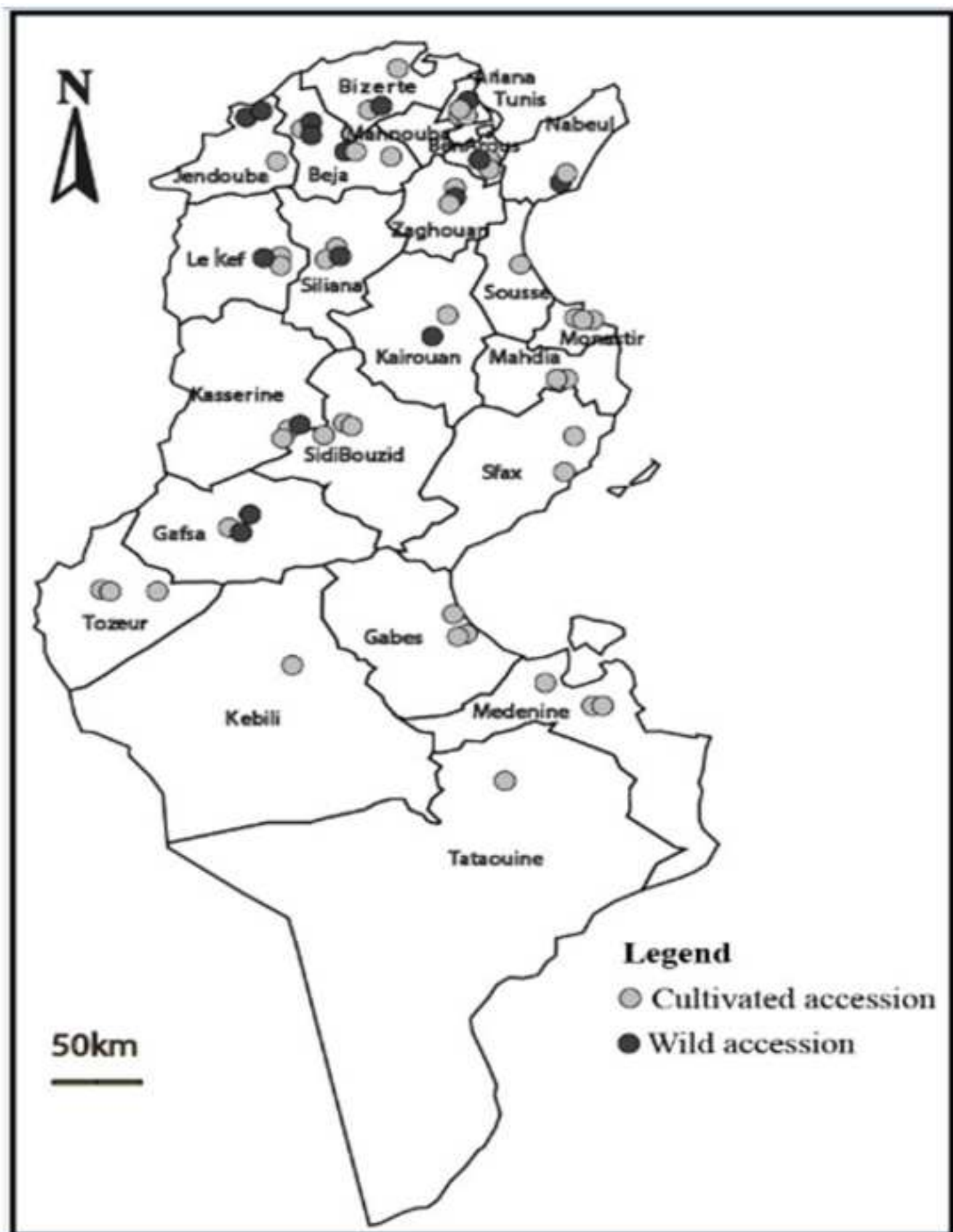
<i>M. pulegium</i> L.												
Accessions	Acc 10	Acc 20	Acc 24	Acc 26	Acc 27	Acc 31	Acc 40	Acc 57	Acc 59	Acc 3	Acc 5	Acc 7
Oil yields	2.47	1.13	2.17	1.48	1.78	1.82	1.68	2.08	1.87	2.07	2.13	1.88

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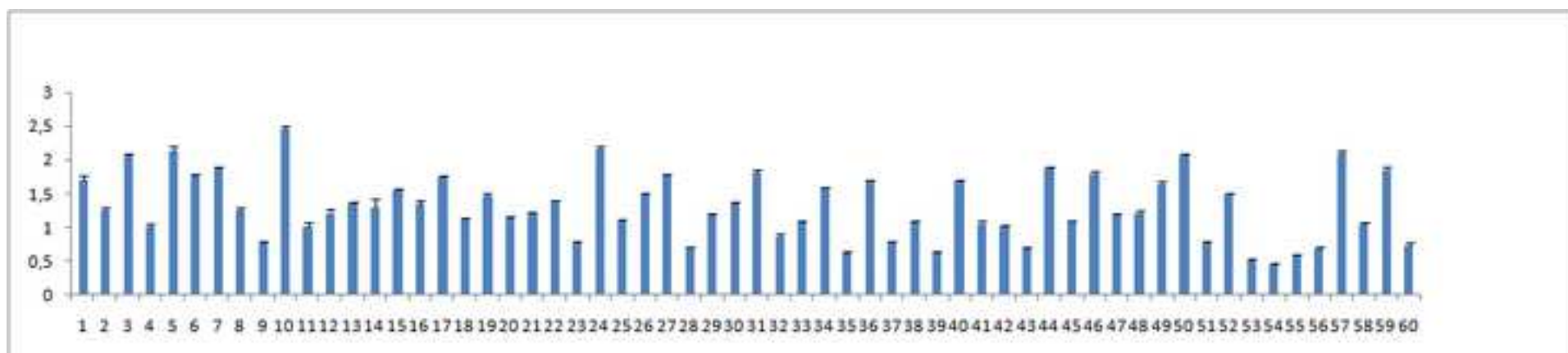
Table 3. Important essential oil components (%) of *Mentha* accessions and chemotypes

	<i>Pulegium group</i>		<i>Longifoliagroup</i>		<i>Rotundifolia group</i>	<i>Piperita group</i>	<i>Aquatica group</i>	<i>Spicata group</i>		<i>Spicata var. crispa 'moroccan' group</i>	<i>Unidentified group</i>
	Chemotype 1	Chemotype 2	Chemotypes 1	Chemotypes 2				Chemotypes 1	Chemotypes 2		
β-myrcene	0-0.17	0-0.28	0.24-0.43	0.29-0.41	0.12-0.98	8.75	7.72-7.84	0.76-1.21	0.417	0.5-1.21	3-3.329
Limonene	0.26-1.94	1.50-3.88	0.49-0.81	0.79-1.39	0-4.48	1.2	1.12 -5.61	6.07-18.45	0.783	10.52-17.94	6.63-8.72
1.8-cineole	0-0.72	0-0.21	5.31-8.11	6.63-10.34	0-0.22	9.31	3.98 - 8.31	7.24-12.49	10.413	0-5.4	9.61-10.18
Linalool	0-0.09	0-0.22	0-0.068	0-0.05	0-0.76	45.87	27.22-47.02	0-1.57	0	0.17-0.28	0.03-0.26
Menthone	0.57-28.44	1.46-27.54	7.14-15.38	31.08-40.20	0-1.88	0	0-0.7	0-6.12	28.562	0-0.32	0-0.163
Isomenthone	0.99-28.90	59.43-77.73	5.03-9.16	1.33-1.76	0-1.50	0	0	0-0.37	1.906	0-1.21	0.45-0.52
Cis-isopulegone	0.82-1.53	0.40-6.54	1.35-1.74	0-0.61	0	0	0-0.630	0-0.023	0	0.28-0.59	0.42-1.56
Menthol	0-0.22	0	0.61-1.40	4.93-5.7	0-4.49	0	0	0.152-0.54	5.646	0	0
Dihydro-carveol cis	0-0.07	0	0	0-0.21	0	0	0	1.17-6.56	0	0.39-3.62	2.28-3.77
Trans carveol	0-0.05	0	0-0.27	0-0.17	0	0	0	0.04-0.35	0	0-5.22	0.28-0.48
Pulegone	39.95-77.17	0.16-28.45	59.98-67.42	29.23-35.2	0-10.43	0	0.09 - 3.72	0.49-3.42	38.74	0-3.43	1.67-2.01
L-carvone	0-3.93	0-0.86	0.21-0.82	0.40-2.61	0-12.20	0.08	0 - 1.4	39,21-62,51	0.549	62.69-75.53	57-65.54
Linalyl acetate	-	0-0.84	0-0.44	0	0-0.58	14.29	13.91-18.39	0	0	0	0
Bornyl acetate	0-0.68	0	0-0.31	0-0.09	0.35-0.78	0	0	0.021-0.083	0	0	0-0.19
Piperitenone	0.135-0.85	0-0.07	1.08-3.56	0.47-1.26	0-0.031	0	0	0.01-0.41	1.034	0-0.11	0.04-0.11
Alpha-terpinyl acetate	-	0	0	0	0	0	0 - 7.7	0.04-0.61	0	0-0.07	0-0.04
Piperitenone oxide	0-1.8	0-0.29	0-0.61	0	45.79-74.25	0	0	0.02-0.1	0	0-0.12	0-0.15
Viridiflorol	0-0.18	0-0.37	0	0	0.62-4.56	0	0 - 0.06	0-0.06	0	0	0-0.02

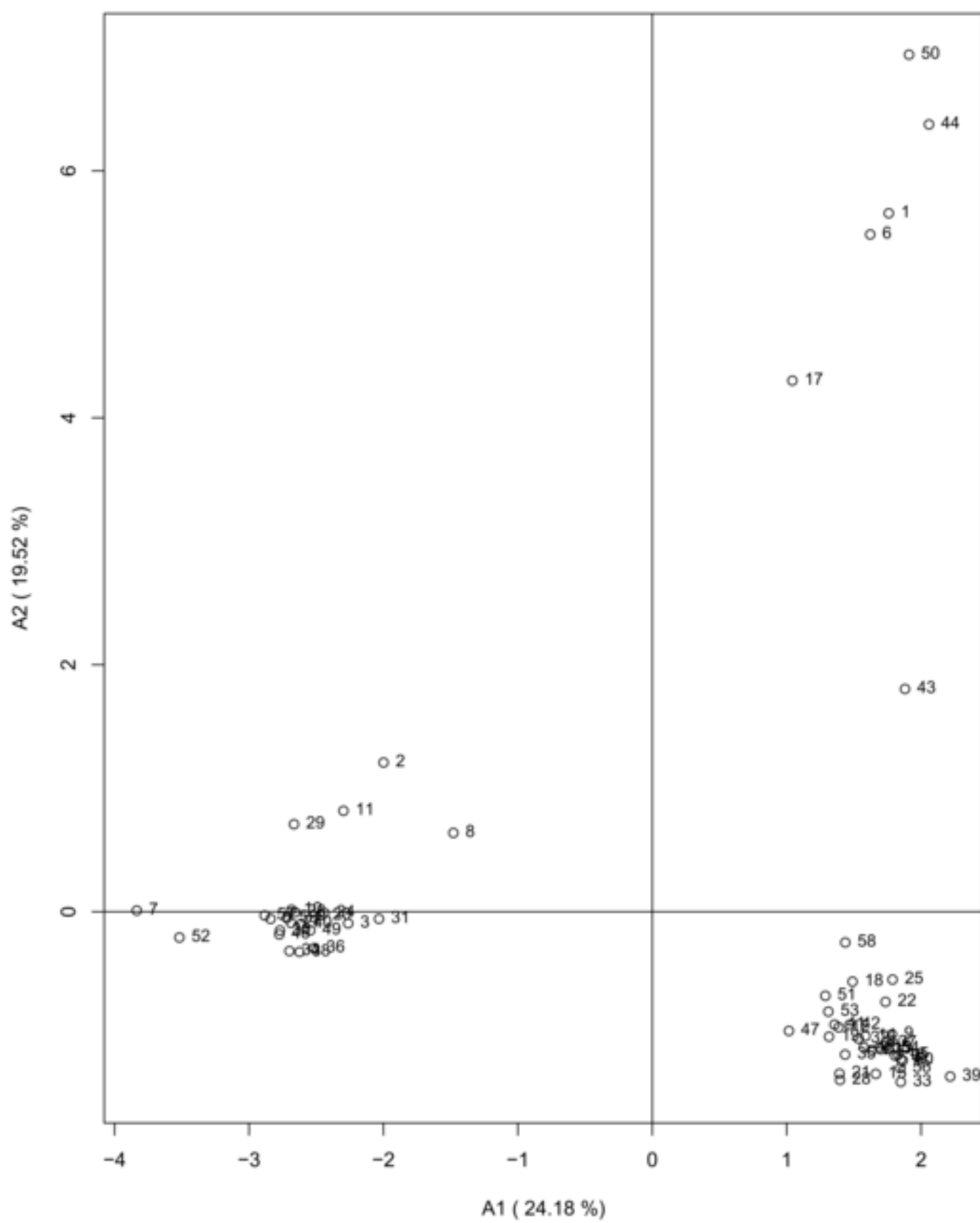
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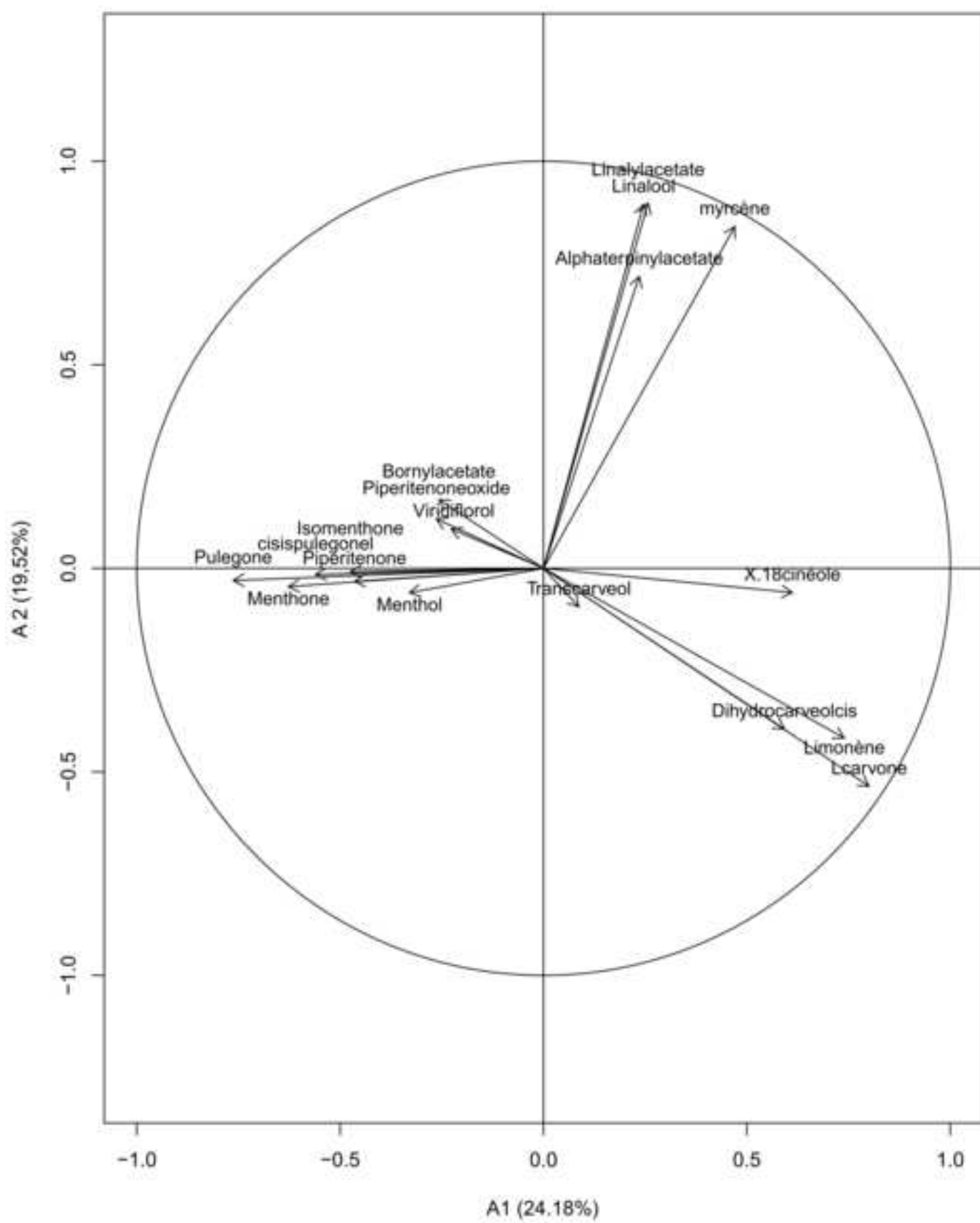
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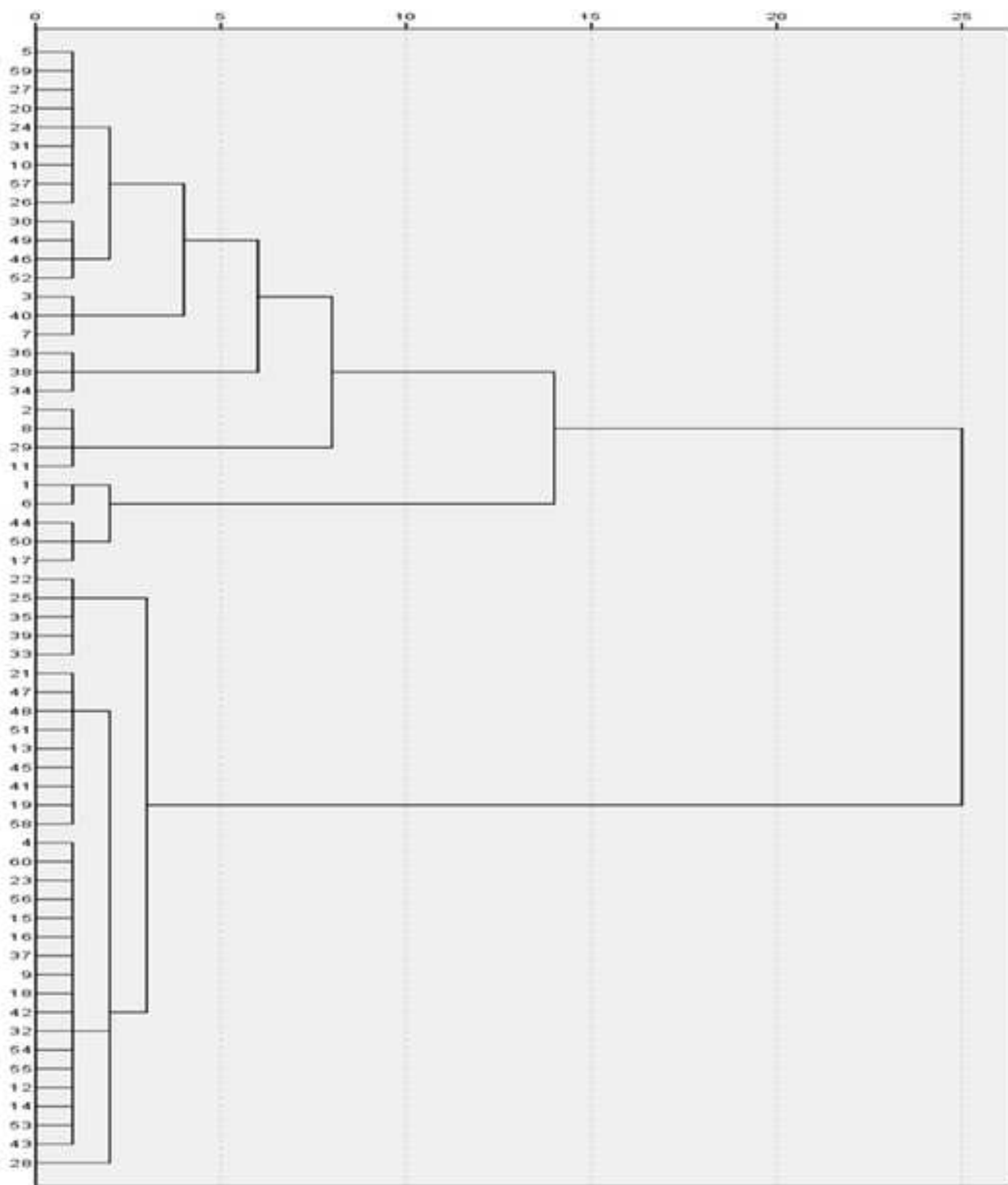
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