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### RESEARCH ARTICLE

#### CHEMICAL COMPOSITION OF ESSENTIAL OIL OF *TEUCRIUM PSEUDOSCORODONIA SUBSP. BAETICUM*, ENDEMIC PLANT OF NORTH OF MOROCCO.

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#### Abstract

The chemical composition of essential oil of dry leaves of *Teucrium pseudoscorodonia subsp. baeticum* of North of Morocco from Perdicaris forest was investigated by GC-MS analysis. The detected components were aromatic compounds (12.38 %), oxygenated monoterpenes (7.78 %), fatty acids related compounds (6.91 %), alkaloids (2.12 %), flavonoids (1.82 %), and lactones (0.62 %) and the main components were N-Formylmorpholine (25.07 %), morpholine, 4-acetyl- (17.61 %) and 2-Oxabicyclo[2,2,2]octan-6-one, 1,3,3-trimethyl- (6.47 %).

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#### Introduction:-

North of Africa houses nearly 1700 species and subspecies endemic, more than 50 % exist only in Morocco. The largest number is in Morocco and Algeria. The herbarium MPU (University of Montpellier 2) have a huge part, followed by the Museum P (National Museum of Natural History, Paris) and RAB (Scientific Institute, Rabat) with respectively 3054, 1059 and 933 exsiccata. *Teucrium pseudoscorodonia subsp. Baeticum* is an endemic plant of north of Morocco (El Oualidi J. and Khamar H., 2012) and *Teucrium* is the largest genera of the *Lamiaceae* in Morocco (Navarro T. and El Oualidi J. 1997. Synopsis of the Genus *Teucrium* L. (*Lamiaceae*) In Morocco. Acta Botanica Malacitana 22:187-203). Since the end of XVIII century, different authors have studied this genus; Desfontaines (1798), Ball (1878), Cosson (1873; 1881), Battandier (1917), Battandier and Trabut (1890), Pau (1924), Litardier and Maire (1921), Humbert (1924), Font Quer (1928; 1932), Emberger and Maire (1927; 1941), Maire (1929a, b; 1931; 1932; 1933; 1939), Jahandiez and Maire (1934), Sennen (1936), Sauvage and Vindt (1955; 1965; 1967), Cohen (1956), El Oualidi (1987; 1991), El Oualidi and Ibn Tattou (1993), El Oualidi and Navarro (1995), Navarro and El Oualidi (1996) and El Oualidi and al. (1997a; 1997b).

*L=T. pseudoscorodonia var. baeticum* (Boiss. and Reuter) Maire in Jahand. and Maire, Cat. Pl. Maroc 3: 613 (1932); The genus *Teucrium* L. (*Lamiaceae*) comprises more than 300 species (J.A. Franco, Nova Flora de Portugal (Continente e Açores), II, Lisboa, 1984. B. Valdés, S. Talavera, E. Fernández-Galiano, Flora vascular de Andalucía Occidental, Ketres Editora, Barcelona, 1987). It is present in the Mediterranean basin ((Boiss. and Reuter)). (Tutin, T. G., Heywood, V. H., Burges, N. A., Moore, D. M., Valentie, D. H., and Webb, D. A. (1976). Flora Europaea (Vol. 3). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

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The specie of *Teucrium pseudoscorodonia* subsp. *baeticum* prefers broad-leaved forests, generally on acid soil, from sea level up to 1500 m (Pignatti, 1982).

Many species of *Teucrium* are known for their utilization in traditional folk medicine and are claimed to exhibit interesting biological properties, e.g., hypoglycaemic, hypolipidemic, antipyretic, antiulcer and antibacterial (Nagao, Ito, Kohno, Kuroda, and Fujita, 1982; Autore et al., 1984; Gharaibeh, Elayan, and Salhab, 1988; Tariq, Ageel, Al-Yahya, Mossa, and Al-Said, 1989; Roman-Ramos, Flores-Saenz, Partida-Hernandez, Lara-Lemus, and Alarcon-Aguilar, 1991; Fernandez, Iglesias, and Villar del Fresno, 1997; Galati et al., 2000; Rasekh, Khoshnood-Mansourkhani and Kamalinejad, 2001; Couladis, Tzakou, Verykokidou, and Harvala, 2003).

*Teucrium* species have been used as medicinal plants for more than 2000 years and some of them are still used in folk medicine as antispasmodic, tonic, antipyretic and antiseptic (M.M. Hassan, F.J. Muhtadi, A.A. Al-Badr, J. Pharm. Sci. 68 (1979), 800). This genus is chemically characterized by volatile constituents (A. Velasco-Negueruela, M.J. Pérez-Alonso, Phytochemistry 29 (1990) 1165. C. Cavaleiro, L.R. Salgueiro, T. Antunes, I. Sevinato-Pinto, J.G. Barroso, Flav. Frag. J. 17 (2002) 287).

### Materials and methods:-

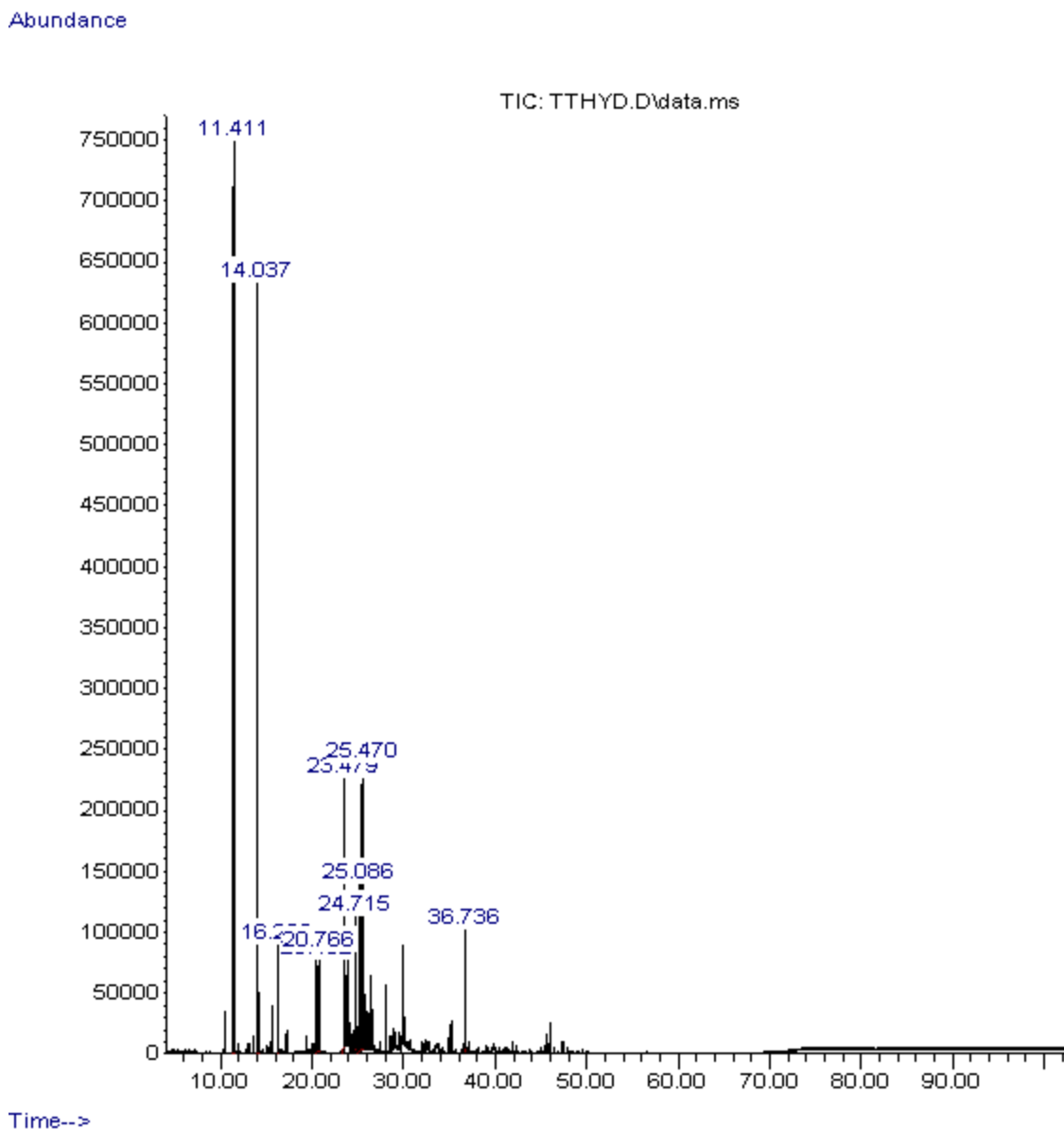
The *Teucrium pseudoscorodonia* subsp. *Baeticum* was collected from The Perdicas forest (Site of Biological and Ecological interest) in Tangier in Morocco. The site is located on the outskirts of the town of Tangier (Tangiers) at the western extremity of the southern side of the Straits of Gibraltar. Forest-cover is highest on the northern slopes between 80 and 240 m in altitude. The climate is hot and humid thermomediterranean.

The leaves of *Teucrium pseudoscorodonia* subsp. *Baeticum* were dried at room temperature then submitted to hydrodistillation to extract essential oil using Clevenger apparatus. The yield was 0.2 %. The mass spectrometry chromatography (GC-MS) (Department of Organic Chemistry, Seville, Spain) was carried out using Agilent Model 7890A coupled to Agilent 5975C inert MSD with Triple-Axis Detector and Agilent Technologies 7693 Auto sampler using split ratio 5:1 Agilent 5183-4647 liner 4 mm ID LPD and HP5 column (30 m x 0.320 mm x 0.25 µm). The column temperature was kept to 280 °C for 30 min then programmed to 300 °C at a rate 3 °C/min. Flow rate of helium as a carrier gas was 20 ml/min.

**Table 1:-** GC-MS Composition of essential oil of *Teucrium pseudoscorodonia* subsp. *baeticum* of Morocco

No.	Compounds	Tr (min)	%
1	2-Butenal, 3-methyl-	10.461	0.93
2	<b>N-Formylmorpholine</b>	<b>11.411</b>	<b>25.07</b>
3	2-Pentanone, 5-(acetyloxy)-	11.846	0.16
4	3-Heptanone, 2,6-dimethyl-	13.053	0.29
5	Succinic acid, cyclohexylmethylisohexyl ester	13.62	0.3
6	<b>Morpholine, 4-acetyl-</b>	<b>14.037</b>	<b>17.61</b>
7	2,2-Dimethylpentyl cyclohexanecarboxylate	14.97	0.15
8	2-n-Hexylcyclopentanone	15.582	1.05
9	Cyclobutanecarboxylic acid, 2-tetrahydrofurylmethyl ester	15.651	0.91
10	<b>3-Piperidinol, 6-methyl-</b>	<b>16.263</b>	<b>2.44</b>
11	1-Heptadecyne	17.007	0.3
12	Morpholine, 4-propionyl-	17.207	0.5
13	Allyl Isothiocyanate	19.399	0.5
14	Proline, 3-hydroxy-4-methyl-	19.891	0.19
15	1,1-Dodecanediol, diacetate	20.011	0.25
16	trans-1,2-Dimethylsilacyclohexane	20.166	0.24
17	<b>Cyclohexanecarboxylic acid, 2-tetrahydrofurylmethyl ester</b>	<b>20.492</b>	<b>2.2</b>
18	<b>3-Piperidinone, 1-ethyl-</b>	<b>20.766</b>	<b>2.12</b>
19	<b>Heptylcyclohexane</b>	<b>23.479</b>	<b>6.02</b>
20	Cyclohexanone, 2,6-dimethyl-2-(2-oxopropyl)-	23.622	0.4
21	<b>2-Acetyl-6-methyl-2,3-dihydropyran</b>	<b>23.816</b>	<b>1.82</b>
22	1,3-Hexadiene, 3-ethyl-2-methyl-, (Z)-	23.999	0.77
23	1,3-Hexadiene, 3-ethyl-2-methyl-, (Z)-	24.280	0.38
24	Pentanoic acid, morpholide	24.554	0.51

25	<b>2,6-Pyridinediamine</b>	<b>24.715</b>	<b>2.9</b>
26	<b>3-Methyl-2-butenic acid, 2-ethylcyclohexyl ester</b>	<b>25.086</b>	<b>3.75</b>
27	<b>2-Oxabicyclo[2,2,2]octan-6-one, 1,3,3-trimethyl-</b>	<b>25.470</b>	<b>6.47</b>
28	4-Hepten-3-one, 2,6-dimethyl-	25.847	1.55
29	2-Cyclopenten-1-one, 3-methoxy-4-methyl-	26.265	0.86
30	Thiophene, 2-(2-methylpropyl)-4-Octen-3-one	26.460	1.78
31	Phosphonofluoridic acid, ethyl-, 2-methylpentyl ester	26.631	0.23
32	Cyclohexanone, 2-(1-methylethyl)-	27.467	0.27
33	Silane, dimethyldi-2-propenyl-	27.999	1.62
34	Hexanoicacid, morpholide	28.56	0.4
35	2-Chlorophenylhydrazine	28.806	0.3
36	2H-Pyran-2-one, 6-hexyltetrahydro-	28.954	0.42
37	1,3-Dioxolane, 4-[[2-methoxy-4-octadecenyl]oxy]methyl]-2,2-dimethyl	29.498	0.43
38	2-Butyl-2,7-octadien-1-ol	29.756	0.4
39	<b>L-Alanine, N-L-alanyl-</b>	<b>29.876</b>	<b>2.62</b>
40	2,6-Dimethyl-4-thiopyrone	30.082	0.81
41	1,3-Dioxolane, 4-[[2-methoxy-4-octadecenyl]oxy]methyl]-2,2-dimethyl	30.677	0.23
42	Piperidine, 3,5-dimethyl-	32.033	0.52
43	Acetoxyceticacid, morpholide	32.388	0.19
44	4,8,12,16-Tetramethylheptadecan-4-olide	32.754	0.31
45	5-t-Butyl-hexa-3,5-dien-2-one	33.532	0.17
46	4-Bromo-4-methyl-5-oxo-tetrahydro-furan-2-carboxylic acid	33.807	0.17
47	trans-4a-Methyl-decahydronaphthalene	34.940	0.37
48	Bicyclo[2,2,1]heptan-2-one, 1,7,7-trimethyl-, (+/-)-	35.186	0.91
49	4,8,12,16-Tetramethylheptadecan-4-olide	36.605	0.21
50	<b>Acetohydrazide, 2-(4-morpholyl)-N2-[(4-methylcyclohex-3-enyl)methylene]-</b>	<b>36.736</b>	<b>2.9</b>
51	Dihydro iso-jasmone	37.154	0.25
52	2-Methyl-8-nitroisoxazolizidine	38.115	0.14
53	Acetic acid, 7-chloro-3-methyl-6-oxo-hept-2-enyl ester	38.951	0.17
54	Cycloundecanone	39.740	0.29
55	Hydrazinecarboxamide, 2-(2-thienylmethylene)-	40.467	0.15
56	E-9-Methyl-8-tridecen-2-ol, acetate	40.988	0.14
57	Oxalicacid, dimorpholide	41.903	0.3
58	2H-Pyran-2-one, 6-hexyltetrahydro-	42.252	0.2
59	3-Bornanone, oxime	43.797	0.13
60	(4R*,5R*,9S*)-5,9-Dimethylspiro[3,5]nonan-1-one	45.045	0.14
61	Methylphosphonic acid, fluoroanhydride, (2-isopropyl-5-methylcyclohexyl) ester	45.457	0.14
62	Hexanoicacid, 5-tridecyl ester	45.600	0.36
63	Benzylalcohol, 4-methoxy-6-fluoro	45.714	0.15
64	Dodecanoicacid, ethenyl ester	45.834	0.21
65	Hexanoic acid, undec-2-enyl ester	45.977	0.87
66	Phosphonofluoridic acid, methyl-, cycloheptyl ester	46.441	0.14
67	2-Benzimidazolinethione, hexahydro	47.374	0.18
68	Fumaricacid, di(3-hexyl) ester	47.854	0.14
	<b>Oxygenated monoterpenes</b>	<b>7.78</b>	
	<b>Lactones</b>	<b>0.62</b>	
	<b>Fattyacidsrelatedcompound</b>	<b>6.91</b>	
	<b>Alkaloids</b>	<b>2.12</b>	
	<b>Flavonoids</b>	<b>1.82</b>	
	<b>Aromaticcompound</b>	<b>12.38</b>	
	<b>Others</b>	<b>68.37</b>	



**Figure 1:-** GC-MS chromatogram of essential oil of *Teucrium pseudoscorodonia* subsp. *baeticum* of north of Morocco.

### Results and discussion:-

The GC-MS analysis (table 1 and figure 1) showed that the essential oil of *Teucrium pseudoscorodonia* subsp. *baeticum* from Tangier is mainly composed of N-Formylmorpholine (25.07 %), morpholine, 4-acetyl- (17.61 %) and 2-Oxabicyclo[2,2,2]octan-6-one, 1,3,3-trimethyl- (6.47 %). Moreover, the amount of aromatic compounds were 12.38 %, oxygenated monoterpenes (7.78 %), fatty acids related compounds (6.91 %), alkaloids (2.12 %) and flavonoids (1.82 %).

Although, the chemical composition of essential oil of Moroccan specie is completely different of *Teucrium scorodonia* subsp. *scorodonia* sample oils from Corsica and *T. scorodonia* subsp. *Baeticum* sample oils from Algeria (Djabou N. and al. 2012). The amount of oxygenated monoterpenes found in Moroccan subspecies was 7.78 % but in Corsican and Algerian *Teucrium* oils were respectively 2 % and 4.4 %. Also the main components found in previous works (Djabou N., and al. 2012) were (E)- $\beta$ -caryophyllene, germacrene B and  $\alpha$ -humulene whose not present in the Moroccan specie.

Also, the comparison of our results with those of Maccioni S. and al. (2007) and Velasco Negueruela, A., and al. (1990) showed a total difference on the chemical composition.

These phytochemical differences could be related to genetic background, materials and method used to extract essential oil. In our investigation we extracted oil from dry leaves of the plant but in the works of Djabou N., and al. (2012) the extraction was applied on fresh aerial parts.

The obtained oil suggests an interesting application as a biopesticide because of the abundance of morpholine which derivatives are used as fungicides in cereals ergosterol biosynthesis inhibitors (Raymond, G. M., and al. 1999).

### Conclusion:-

In conclusion the present work showed that *Teucrium pseudoscorodonia* subsp *baeticum* essential oil from North of morocco, have mainly components of interest like nitrogen compounds, oxygenated monoterpenes and alkaloids, which could be suitable for pharmaceutical and agricultural use.

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