

PP56. New natural products from *Clinopodium thymifolium* (Scop.) Kuntze (Lamiaceae) essential oil

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Clinopodium thymifolium (Scop.) Kuntze (syn. *Micromeria thymifolia* (Scop.) Fritsch) is an aromatic plant species widespread in the Mediterranean region, from north-eastern Italy across the Western Balkans to Hungary and Albania [1,2]. *C. thymifolium* has been used in folk medicine of the Mediterranean area for a long time [3]. Also, due to a high content of the essential oil in its leaves, it is used as a condiment and sometimes used in cooking [4,5]. For this reason, and the marked tendency to broaden the use of condiments and spices, some efforts are being made to introduce this plant as a new crop species (currently successfully cultivated in northern Italy) [4]. The beneficial effects of Lamiaceae species on human health have been frequently ascribed to essential-oil ingredients. Volatiles of *C. thymifolium* have been well studied – previous studies showed that the qualitative compositions of the investigated *C. thymifolium* oils were very mutually similar and dominated by oxygenated *p*-menthane monoterpenoids [6,7]. However, in this work, a comprehensive chemical analysis, in combination with detailed spectral analyses and chemical synthesis of selected compounds, has led to the identification of a series of esters of menthol stereoisomers in *C. thymifolium* essential oil, including some new natural products.

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