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1 **Comparison of Volatile Compounds from Clary Sage (*Salvia sclarea* L.) Verticillasters**
2 **Essential Oil and Hydrolate**

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1 Abstract

2 The volatile compounds of essential oil (EO) and corresponding hydrolate (HY) extracted by
3 steam distillation from clary sage (*Salvia sclarea* L.) cv “Domaća mirisna” grown in Serbia
4 were identified using gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS). The most abundant
5 compounds of EO were linalyl acetate (43.5%) and linalool (25.9%), followed by α -terpineol,
6 germacrene D, and geranyl acetate. In the corresponding HY (recovered water-soluble fraction
7 of EO) the dominant were linalool (63.3%) and α -terpineol (26.8%), followed by geraniol.
8 These differences in composition between clary sage EO and HY could be explained by linalyl
9 acetate's low water solubility. Clustering of 55 clary sage EO accessions (from literature) shows
10 the presence of several chemotypes: linalyl acetate+linalool, linalyl acetate+sclareol,
11 linalool+geranyl acetate, germacrene D+ β -caryophyllene, caryophyllene oxide, and three
12 unspecified chemotypes (geranyl acetate, methyl chavicol, and α -terpineol). According to this
13 classification, clary sage cv “Domaća mirisna” belongs to a moderate linalyl acetate chemotype
14 (between 19.8 and 45.7%). Further investigations need to focus on clary sage HY and their
15 potential applications because HYs could increase economic gain as a by-product. However,
16 their utilization for other purposes (cosmetic, postharvest fruit processing, organic agriculture,
17 *etc.*) could be a safe solution for wastewater produced during EO distillation.

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19 **Keywords:** volatile compounds, hydrolate, steam distillation, chemotype, linalyl acetate,
20 linalool, α -terpineol

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22 Introduction

23 Clary sage (*Salvia sclarea* L.) is a biannual or perennial herbaceous plant from the Lamiaceae
24 family, cultivated as an ornamental plant and an industrial crop in temperate and sub-temperate
25 climatic regions¹. Its shoot is covered with glandular trichomes, leaves form leaf rosette in the

26 first year, while from the second year onwards, they are arranged along with the stem in pairs.
27 Leaves are simple and big, wide ovate, acute on the top. The leaf surface is curly and covered
28 with hairs, due to this, clary sage is also called Bear's ear². Its lilac or white inflorescences
29 arranged in verticillasters are attractive to bees and used as herbal tea against periodontal
30 diseases (gingivitis, stomatitis, and aphthae), colds, and stomach aches³.

31 Clary sage is an economically significant essential oil (EO) bearing plant. According to
32 literature, essential oil content in fresh clary sage verticillasters varied between 0.1-1.0% v/w,
33 depending on variety^{4,5}, agrotechnical measures (mineral nutrition, application of herbicides,
34 plant density, shading, propagation)⁵⁻⁹, environmental conditions¹⁰⁻¹², harvesting stage^{13,14}, etc.
35 Because of its refreshing and long-lasting scent, clary sage EO is widely used in aromatherapy,
36 perfumery, food, alcoholic beverage, and tobacco industries³. Furthermore, clary sage is also a
37 significant source of sclareol, which is the major compound in concrete¹⁵. Sclareol is the
38 starting material for synthesizing ambergris-like odorants Ambrox[®], a valuable compound used
39 in perfumery, and in cleaning products and household care (air fresheners, disinfectants,
40 laundry detergents)¹⁶. Utilization of residual biomass after distillation and EO production of
41 clary sage for further conversion into value-added products such as sclareol, and other
42 diterpenes (sclerenbol, ambecler, hetabrol, and tabeceron) is a known and applied technique¹⁷⁻
43 ¹⁹.

44 Hydrolate (HY) obtained as a by-product during distillation, without further processing, could
45 be used as valuable material. However, linalool which was previously reported as the main
46 compound in clary sage HY has been used extensively in pharmaceutical and cosmetic
47 preparations (in perfumes, hygiene products, and cleaning agents)²⁰. Furthermore, considering
48 that clary sage EO is added to fortified wines and liqueurs because of its musky note, it is
49 assumed that its corresponding HY could be used for flavoring soft drinks because of its similar
50 aroma^{20,21}. In addition, a large number of biological activities of clary sage EO³, indicate the

51 high biological perspective of its HY. All these potential applications of clary sage HY need to
52 be further studied in detail.

53 The principle of by-products synergy, which turns HYs into valuable raw material for
54 application in other branches of industry, is of great importance considering economic gain,
55 environmental sustainability, and social benefits¹⁹. Studies showed that HYs could be used as
56 an alternative for antimicrobial agents against common food-borne and spoilage pathogens²²,
57 and as natural disinfectants for areas in contact with food²³⁻²⁵. For example, plant HYs could
58 be used for decontamination and preservation of processed carrots, lettuce, parsley, apple, and
59 strawberry fruit against pathogens during storage²⁶⁻³⁰. Further, they can be incorporated into
60 functional beverages for the treatment or prevention of hyperlipidemia, cardiovascular and
61 neurological disorders, mental health, as well as for women's hormonal and reproductive health
62 conditions³¹⁻³³. Lemongrass HY could be used as natural flavoring matter for herbal ice
63 cream³⁴, while cinnamon HY could be applied for coating eggs with pectin to increase shelf
64 life during storage³⁵. Moreover, HYs have the potential for application in organic agriculture
65 as natural pest control agents³⁶, or control phytopathogens³⁷. In addition, HYs can be used in
66 aromatherapy³⁸, as well as in the cosmetic industry as a replacement for the water phase in
67 body gels³⁹.

68 Considering this, and especially the rising popularity of HYs, this study aimed to determine the
69 chemical composition of clary sage EO and its corresponding HY as a by-product of the same
70 process. Furthermore, a comparison with data from literature was made to find a correlation
71 between clary sage EO and HY, as well as to classify clary sage chemotypes according to
72 references collected from scientific databases (Scopus, Web of Science, PubMed,
73 ScienceDirect, Directory of Open Access Journals, JSTOR).

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75 **Material and method**

76 *Plant material*

77 Clary sage cv “Domaća mirisna” was cultivated at experimental plots at the Institute of Field
78 and Vegetable Crops Novi Sad (Department of Vegetable and Alternative Crops Bački
79 Petrovac) during 2020 (three years old crop). In the complete flowering stage, the upper parts
80 with verticillaster were harvested (from experimental plot 15×10 m) early in the morning, and
81 immediately transported to a distillation unit.

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83 *Steam distillation*

84 A total of 100 kg of fresh plant material was distilled during 3 h as previously described²¹.
85 Briefly, plant material was placed in a stainless still distillation vessel, hermetically sealed, and
86 supplied with steam. The steam passes through plant material, and further water vapour and
87 entrained volatiles go through the condenser and cooler, and finally collected in the Florentine
88 glass flask. After this process was completed, EO together with HY was decanted from the
89 Florentine flask, and placed in a separation funnel overnight. The average yield of EO was
90 0.39%, according to three replications. Hydrolate dripped through filter paper into a sterile
91 plastic bottle. Anhydrous sodium sulphate was added to the funnel to remove water traces from
92 the EO. The Likens-Nickerson extraction procedure was applied to recover EO remaining in
93 HY as we previously described⁴⁰. Briefly, total of 400 ml of HY were used for simultaneous
94 distillation and extraction with dichloromethane by the Likens-Nickerson apparatus for 2 h.

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96 *Analysis of volatile compounds*

97 Both EO (diluted with dichloromethane), as well as recovery EO obtained from HY were
98 analyzed using Agilent 7890A gas chromatograph (GC) equipped with a flame ionization
99 detector (FID), a split/splitless injector, and a nonpolar HP-5MS fused-silica capillary column
100 (30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.25 μm). Helium was used as the carrier gas with an inlet pressure of 19.6

101 psi (constant pressure mode, 1 mL/min flow rate at 210 °C). Splitless injections with an
102 injection volume of 1 µL were used for all analyses. The oven temperature was linearly
103 programmed from 60 to 300 °C at a rate of 3 °C/min. All GC parameters set according to
104 Adams Retention Times Locked (RTL) GC/MS library conditions in order to obtained
105 comparison of retention times with library data. Gas chromatographic-mass spectrometric
106 (GC-MS) analysis was performed using an Agilent 7890A GC coupled to an Agilent 5973
107 MSD spectrometer. The column and analysis conditions were the same as in GC-FID. The
108 components were identified based on three-way comparison: comparison of obtained retention
109 times with R_t of authentic standards from Adams Retention Times Locked GC/MS library data;
110 comparison of retention indices with literature RI's (Adams ver. 4 and NIST RI ver. 17
111 databases) and with comparison of obtained EI mass spectra with reference spectra (Adams
112 ver. 4, Wiley ver. 7, and NIST ver. 17 databases). The relative percentage of the identified
113 compounds of the EO was computed from the peak area from GC-FID chromatogram.

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115 *Statistics*

116 The colour plot diagram as well as the phylogenetic cluster tree were calculated and plotted
117 using R software 4.0.3. Principal component analysis (PCA) was done with the StatSoft
118 Statistica, ver. 10.0, Palo Alto, CA, USA.

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120 **Results and discussion**

121 According to Table 1, in the clary sage EO from this study there are detected 30 compounds
122 (comprising 97.7%), and the most abundant were linalyl acetate (43.5%) and linalool (25.9%).

123 A significantly lower number of compounds (15, comprising 99.8%) were detected in HY, and
124 the dominant were linalool (63.3%) and α -terpineol (26.8%). However, according to the two
125 previous conducted research (comparing EO and HY composition of clary sage), as well as

126 from this study, in the EO the dominant compound was linalyl acetate, which content varied
 127 between 43.0 and 60.6%, while linalool content varied between 11.1 and 27.1% (Table 1).
 128 Linalool content in all three HY samples varied from 62.5 to 89.5%, while α -terpineol varied
 129 between 10.5 and 26.8%. Oxygenated monoterpenes were dominant in clary sage sample EO
 130 and HY from Serbia, with 82.2% and 93.5%, respectively, as well as from India (80.4% and
 131 90.3%, respectively)⁴¹ and Italy (76.6% and 100.0%, respectively)⁴².

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133 **Table 1.** Chemical composition of clary sage essential oil (EO) and corresponding hydrolate
 134 (HY) from this study and from literature.

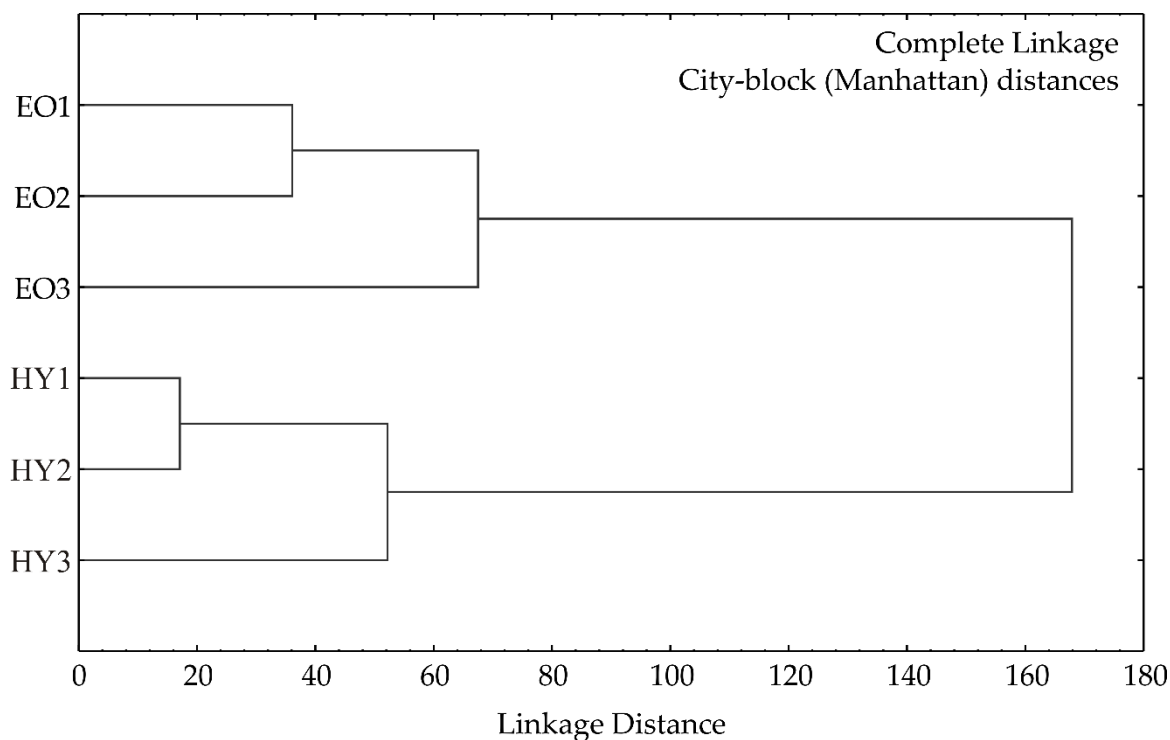
No	Compound	RI _{exp}	RI _{lit}	This study		Verma ⁴¹		Ovidi et al. ⁴²	
				EO1	HY1	EO2	HY2	EO3	HY3
1	3-Z-Hexenol ^O	848	850	nd	0.7	nd	nd	nd	nd
2	2-Z-Hexenol ^O	858	854	nd	0.6	nd	nd	nd	nd
3	<i>n</i> -Hexanol ^O	859	863	nd	0.3	nd	nd	nd	nd
4	1-Octen-3-ol ^O	974	974	nd	0.1	nd	nd	nd	nd
5	Myrcene ^{MT}	988	988	1.0	nd	7.3	2.0	nd	nd
6	Limonene ^{MT}	1025	1024	0.4	tr	3.1	2.2	0.6	nd
7	<i>Z</i> - β -Ocimene ^{MT}	1034	1032	0.2	nd	2.0	0.5	1.5	nd
8	<i>E</i> - β -Ocimene ^{MT}	1044	1044	0.6	nd	4.8	1.2	0.8	nd
9	<i>Z</i> -Linalool oxide (furanoid) ^{OMT}	1068	1067	tr	0.5	0.8	tr	nd	nd
10	Terpinolene ^{MT}	1086	1086	0.1	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
11	<i>E</i> -Linalool oxide (furanoid) ^{OMT}	1087	1088	nd	0.5	nd	nd	nd	nd
12	Linalool ^{OMT}	1099	1095	25.9	63.3	27.1	62.5	11.1	89.5
13	Menthol ^{OMT}	1172	1167	nd	0.1	nd	nd	nd	nd
14	Terpinen-4-ol ^{OMT}	1175	1174	tr	0.3	nd	nd	nd	nd
15	α -Terpineol ^{OMT}	1188	1186	5.0	26.8	2.1	20.6	1.5	10.5
16	Linalool formate ^{OMT}	1214	1214	0.1	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
17	Nerol ^{OMT}	1225	1227	0.9	1.9	0.2	1.8	nd	nd
18	Linalyl acetate ^{OMT}	1256	1254	43.5	nd	43.0	nd	60.6	nd
19	Geraniol ^{MT}	1257	1249	nd	4.6	0.7	4.8	nd	nd
20	Thymol ^{OMT}	1292	1289	nd	0.1	nd	nd	nd	nd
21	δ -Elemene ST	1335	1335	0.3	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
22	Neryl acetate ^{OMT}	1362	1359	2.1	nd	1.3	0.2	nd	nd
23	α -Copaene ST	1373	1374	1.0	nd	nd	nd	1.8	nd
24	Geranyl acetate ^{OMT}	1381	1379	4.4	tr	3.1	0.4	1.4	nd
25	β -Cubebene ST	1388	1387	0.4	nd	nd	nd	2.7	nd
26	β -Elemene ST	1389	1389	0.3	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
27	<i>E</i> -Caryophyllene ST	1417	1417	2.4	nd	1.4	tr	3.4	nd
28	β -Copaene ST	1427	1430	0.2	nd	nd	nd	6.7	nd
29	α -Humulene ST	1452	1452	0.2	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
30	Germacrene D ST	1480	1484	5.0	nd	0.1	nd	nd	nd
31	β -Selinene ST	1487	1489	0.2	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
32	Bicyclogermacrene ST	1496	1500	0.8	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
33	<i>E,E</i> - α -Farnesene ST	1508	1505	0.1	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
34	δ -Cadinene ST	1522	1522	0.3	nd	nd	nd	1.0	nd
35	Spathulenol ^{OST}	1576	1577	0.3	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
36	Caryophyllene oxide ^{OST}	1580	1582	0.2	nd	nd	0.1	nd	nd

37	β -Eudesmol ^{OST}	1648	1649	0.2	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
38	Sclareol ^{OD}	2223	2222	1.6	nd	nd	tr	nd	nd
	Monoterpene hydrocarbons	%		2.3	4.6	17.4	6.1	6.0	-
		No compounds		5	2	5	5	3	
	Oxygenated monoterpenes	%		82.2	93.5	80.4	90.3	76.6	100.0
		No compounds		10	9	7	6	4	2
	Sesquiterpene hydrocarbons	%		10.9	-	1.5	-	17.4	-
		No compounds		12	-	2	-	5	-
	Oxygenated sesquiterpenes	%		0.7	-	-	0.1	-	-
		No compounds		3	-	-	1	-	-
	Oxygenated diterpenes	%		1.6	-	-	-	-	-
		No compounds		1	-	-	-	-	-
	Other*	%		-	1.7	-	-	-	-
		No compounds		-	4	-	-	-	-
	Total identified (SUM %)			97.7	99.8	99.2	96.5	100.0	100.0

135 RI_{exp} – Experimentally obtained Retention Index, RI_{lit} – Retention Index from the literature, nd – not detected, * – aliphatic
136 hydrocarbons, aldehydes, alcohols, acids, as well as their esters, and alkyl-aromatic alcohols.
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138 The difference between the chemical composition of clary sage EO and HY composition could
139 be explained by data that linalool is well soluble in water (1.336 mg/ml), while linalyl acetate
140 is practically water-insoluble (0.054 mg/ml)⁴³. Taking into account that clary sage HY contains
141 a large quantity of linalool, it is occurring as a valuable by-product, especially because of the
142 large-scale production of EO by steam distillation in a significantly larger proportion than EO.
143 Linalool possesses a typical flowery fresh odour and it is widely used in the flavor and
144 fragrance industry, but it also expresses various biological activities. Further, linalool is a key
145 compound for the industrial production of other fragrance compounds such as geraniol, nerol,
146 and citral⁴⁴. Potential applications of clary sage HY could be for the production of soaps,
147 detergents and shampoos as a replacement for the water phase, as well as for further industrial
148 processes such as re-extraction of pure linalool.

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150 Fig. 1 shows dendrograms of cluster analysis for the tested clary sage samples. The complete
151 linkage algorithm and City block (Manhattan) distances were used to measure proximity
152 among the samples. City block distances (shown on the ordinate axis) are measured as the
153 average difference across dimensions of the tested samples.



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155 **Figure 1. Cluster analysis of the clary sage samples**

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157 The dendrogram presented in Figure 1 is based on the chemical composition of clary sage EO
 158 and HY samples. The resulting dendrogram showed two main clusters, the first cluster
 159 contained EOs samples (EO1-EO3). The second cluster comprised HY samples (HY1-HY3).
 160 The linkage distance (shown on the ordinate axis) between the two main clusters was evident
 161 (nearly 170).

162 According to the chemical composition (GC-MS chromatography data), which were presented
 163 in Table 2, Pearson's coefficients of correlation between clary sage essential oil and
 164 corresponding hydrolate samples showed that a strong correlation existed between EO samples
 165 (statistically significant at $p \leq 0.001$ level) and hydrolate samples (also at $p \leq 0.001$ level). 0.901
 166 - 0.977 for clary sage EO and 0.957-0.995 for hydrolate samples. High correlations were
 167 observed between EO1-3 and HY1-3 samples, statistically significant at $p \leq 0.01$ level.

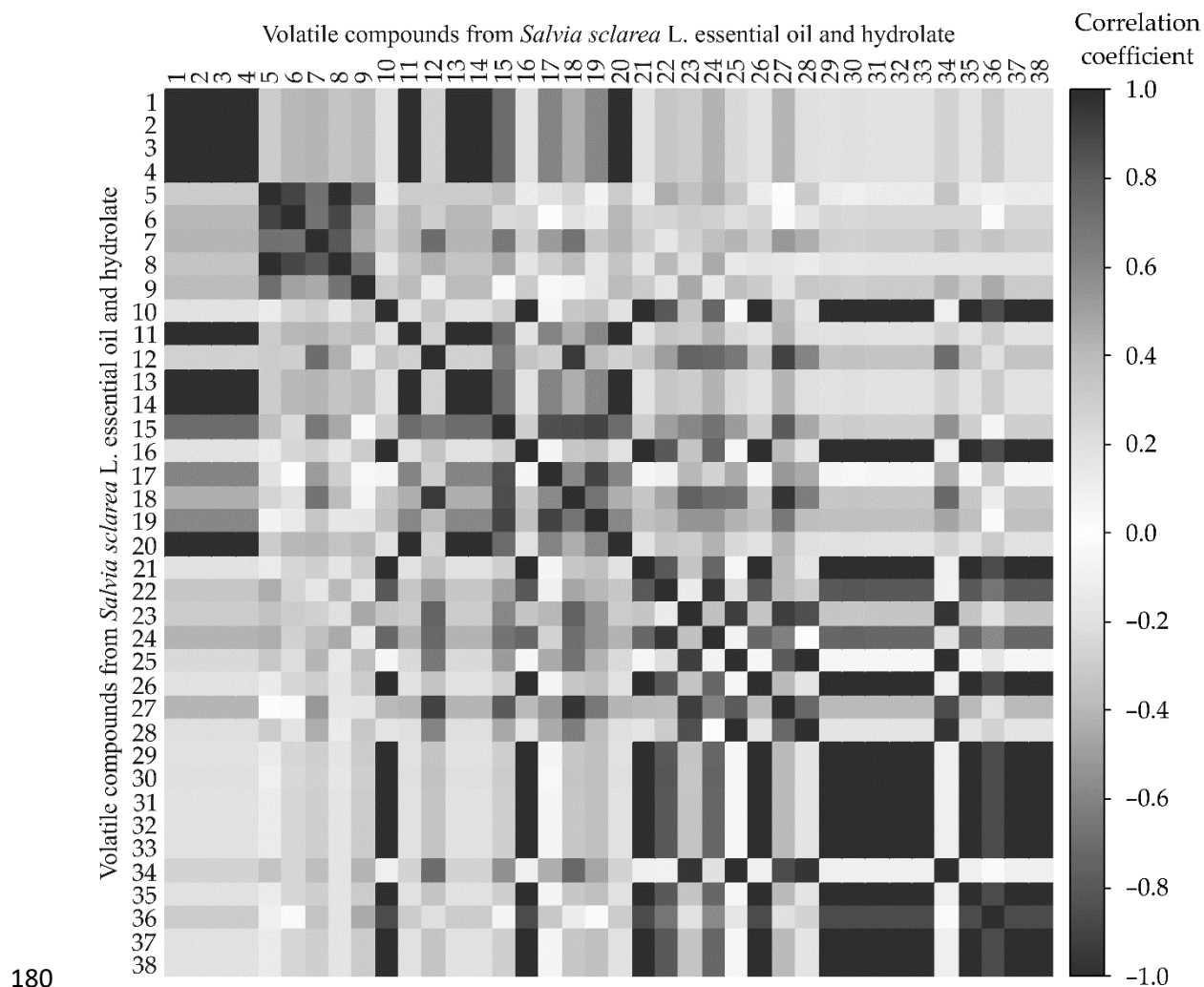
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169 **Table 2. Correlation matrix between clary sage essential oil and hydrolate samples**

	EO2	EO3	HY1	HY2	HY3
EO1	0.977 ⁺	0.917 ⁺	0.463 [*]	0.471 [*]	0.487 [*]
EO2		0.901 ⁺	0.459 [*]	0.480 [*]	0.500 [*]
EO3			0.123	0.127	0.143
HY1				0.995 ⁺	0.957 ⁺
HY2					0.976 ⁺

170 ⁺correlation statistically significant at p<0.001 level, ^{*} correlation statistically significant at
171 p<0.01 level
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173 The correlation analysis was also conducted to analyze the similarities in active compounds
174 content of the clary sage EO and HY, and the results were illustrated in Figure 2. The darker
175 blue tone of the squares, which shows a relation between two samples, presents a stronger
176 correlation between these samples. The lighter color suggests a specific distinction between
177 samples, a lower correlation between two samples. On the other hand, the red color describes
178 a negative correlation between the compounds discovered by GC-MS. The result presented in
179 Figure 2 was based on all the data in Table 1 (EO 1-3; HY 1-3).

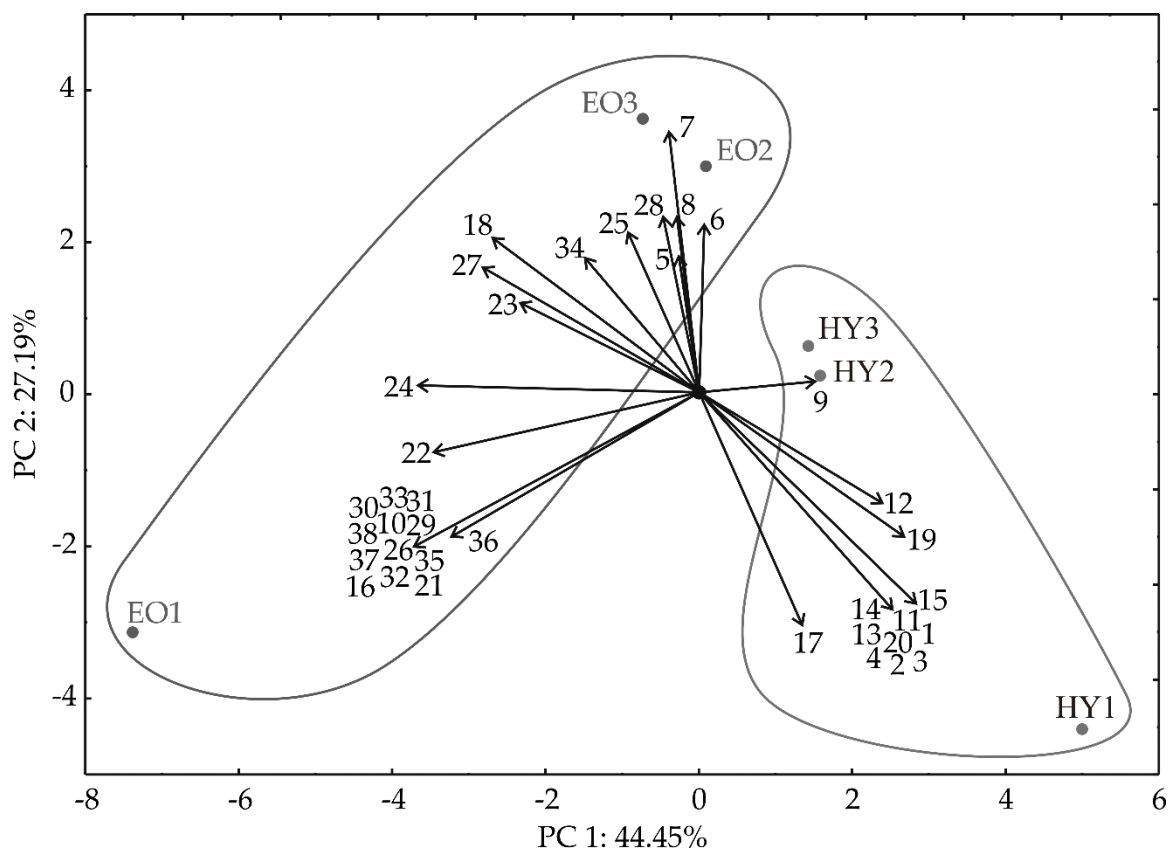


181 **Figure 2. Correlation between volatile compounds of clary sage essential oil and**
 182 **hydrolate samples**

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184 The PCA of the essential oil compounds in samples explained that the first two principal
 185 components summarized 71.64% of the total variance in the 38 parameters (active compounds).

186 The EO and HY samples were different mainly in the content of: δ -cadinene, *E*-caryophyllene,
 187 α -copaene, geranyl acetate, β -cubebene, nerol, linalyl acetate, geraniol, thymol, α -copaene, *E*-
 188 linalool oxide (furanoid), linalool, menthol, terpinene-4-ol, α -terpineol, 3-*Z*-hexenol, 2-*Z*-
 189 hexenol, *n*-hexanol, and 1-octen-3-ol.



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191 **Figure 3. The PCA biplot diagram describing the relations between essential oil**
 192 **compounds of clary sage essential oil and hydrolate**

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194 Same as in the case of EO content, the chemical composition of EO primarily depends on many
 195 factors, such as genotype (origin/population/hybrid)⁴⁵⁻⁵¹ as well as on environmental conditions
 196 (growing season, elevation, soil conditions *i.e.*, non-polluted soils or polluted with heavy metal,
 197 or salinity)⁵¹⁻⁵⁶ and growing technology (propagation, plant density, fertilization, plants health
 198 condition, *etc.*)^{6,8,9,57,58,59}. Further, harvest (plant part, *i.e.* inflorescence or leaf, position of
 199 inflorescence on stem *i.e.* primary or secondary, phenological stage *i.e.* full blooming or seed
 200 ripening)^{4,10,13,14,47,51,60,61,62} and postharvest processing (storage period, extraction method,
 201 distillation time)^{13,21,41,63,64} play a significant role in EO quality. In addition, differences in the
 202 chemical composition of EO could occur as a consequence of the applied analysis
 203 technique^{65,66}.

204 A review of the 39 scientific papers dealing with clary sage EO composition and one from this
 205 study was used to construct an unrooted tree (Table 3; Figure 4). Clustering of 55 accessions
 206 shows the presence of several chemotypes of clary sage EO according to dominant compounds.
 207

208 **Table 3.** Chemical composition of clary sage essential oil (10 compounds presented with more
 209 than 1.5% in average) according to reference review (references are sorted from oldest to
 210 newest)

N°	REFERENCE	linalyl acetate	linalool	α -terpineol	geranyl acetate	germacrene D	sclareol	β -caryophyllen	geraniol	caryophyllene oxide	neryl acetate	SUM of 10 compounds
1	Elnir et al. ⁴⁶	0.3	1.7	0.3	38.3	0.8	0.0	0.0	24.3	0.0	3.0	68.7
2	Elnir et al. ⁴⁶	35.0	31.0	10.3	5.4	2.7	0.0	0.0	5.7	0.0	2.6	92.7
3	Elnir et al. ⁴⁶	12.6	26.6	3.7	20.2	2.6	0.0	0.0	12.8	0.0	2.6	81.1
4	Elnir et al. ⁴⁶	4.2	22.0	2.5	22.5	4.8	0.0	0.0	22.0	0.0	1.9	79.9
5	Dzumayev et al. ⁵⁰	25.0	34.0	11.0	5.4	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	3.2	79.4
6	Souleles and Argyriadou ⁶⁶	14.3	17.2	15.1	7.5	0.0	5.2	1.2	6.5	1.5	5.2	73.7
7	Moretti et al. ⁶⁷	19.2	9.9	7.5	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.4	37.7
8	Peana et al. ⁶⁸	12.7	2.6	47.4	1.3	1.6	0.0	2.9	0.6	0.0	2.1	71.2
9	Pitarokili et al. ⁴⁴	19.8	30.4	5.1	12.1	2.6	3.5	2.0	4.2	0.7	7.8	88.2
10	Pitarokili et al. ⁴⁴	31.1	18.5	7.6	4.5	0.0	5.6	2.3	0.0	2.3	2.0	73.9
11	Lorenzo et al. ^{51*}	45.1	17.0	1.7	1.6	13.2	1.2	3.9	0.0	0.0	1.1	84.8
12	Fraternale et al. ⁶⁹	20.9	24.5	9.8	6.3	0.9	1.8	3.0	1.2	5.3	3.6	77.3
13	Farkaš et al. ⁶⁰	13.7	18.9	6.5	4.3	5.0	15.7	2.1	0.0	0.8	2.2	69.2
14	Tognolini et al. ⁷⁰	67.5	8.8	0.8	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.3	81.1
15	Cai et al. ⁴⁷	49.8	28.1	5.1	2.8	0.3	0.0	0.8	2.2	0.8	1.6	91.5
16	Cai et al. ⁴⁷	29.5	17.0	3.2	1.7	0.5	0.0	0.6	1.4	0.5	1.0	55.4
17	Cai et al. ⁴⁷	51.6	28.8	4.4	2.3	0.6	0.0	1.0	2.1	0.7	1.3	92.8
18	Cai et al. ⁴⁷	48.2	28.5	5.0	2.8	1.3	0.0	1.3	2.5	0.5	1.5	91.6
19	Ogutcu et al. ⁷¹	5.5	1.2	1.6	2.2	24.7	0.0	16.2	0.0	1.9	1.1	54.4
20	Schmiderer et al. ¹⁵	57.7	13.5	3.0	0.4	2.9	7.5	1.7	0.0	0.0	2.0	88.7
21	Džamić et al. ⁷²	52.8	18.2	5.0	0.0	0.8	0.1	1.8	0.0	0.3	0.5	79.5
22	Saharkhiz et al. ⁶¹	23.1	30.0	11.1	8.4	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.7	77.9
23	Kuzma et al. ⁹	2.6	38.6	14.3	5.8	0.6	0.6	1.1	7.7	2.2	3.0	76.5
24	Verma ⁴¹	43.0	27.1	2.1	3.1	0.1	0.0	1.4	0.7	0.0	1.3	78.8
25	Yadav et al. ⁴⁸	51.2	23.6	3.8	3.3	1.3	1.3	3.2	0.0	1.2	1.4	90.3
26	Yadav et al. ⁴⁸	60.8	14.5	1.8	2.2	2.6	1.3	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.9	86.0
27	Yadav et al. ⁴⁸	45.7	29.8	5.3	3.0	0.2	2.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.5	88.1
28	Verma et al. ¹³	28.0	34.3	5.0	3.5	0.4	1.5	0.0	6.7	0.0	1.7	81.1
29	Sharopov and Setzer ¹²	39.2	12.5	5.5	3.5	11.4	1.2	2.4	0.0	0.2	1.9	77.8
30	Sharma and Kumar ⁵⁷	28.8	4.0	1.0	6.0	0.5	7.0	2.6	0.0	3.7	2.7	56.3
31	Kumar et al. ⁸	21.6	31.9	13.3	7.0	0.2	6.4	2.4	0.0	0.4	3.5	86.7
32	Hristova et al. ⁶⁴	56.9	20.8	2.6	1.2	5.1	0.2	3.4	0.0	0.2	0.7	91.1
33	Yuce et al. ⁷³	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	11.5	5.1	0.0	24.1	0.0	42.0
34	Sharopov et al. ⁷⁴	36.3	23.5	8.1	2.3	0.5	14.6	0.6	0.0	1.1	1.1	88.1
35	Dogan et al. ¹¹	11.3	8.5	4.5	0.0	0.7	0.0	1.8	0.0	15.5	0.0	42.3
36	Andrade et al. ⁷⁵	60.1	28.8	5.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	94.0
37	Zutic et al. ⁴⁹	56.0	17.4	4.2	3.9	0.0	3.5	0.7	0.0	1.8	2.0	89.5
38	Zutic et al. ⁴⁹	41.5	17.9	5.7	5.9	3.6	7.5	2.6	0.0	0.6	2.8	88.1
39	Safaei-Ghomi et al. ⁵⁹	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.9	0.0	9.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.6
40	Koutsaviti et al. ⁶³	21.9	19.7	6.8	4.4	4.4	13.2	0.7	2.3	0.1	2.3	75.8
41	Kumar et al. ⁵²	26.8	31.2	0.0	5.1	3.1	0.0	1.0	1.7	0.0	2.5	71.4

42	Raafat and Habib ⁴⁵	1.0	38.1	13.4	4.9	2.0	0.1	1.0	5.7	1.3	2.5	70.0
43	Raafat and Habib ⁴⁵	35.3	10.8	6.5	3.5	10.6	1.2	2.3	4.4	0.5	1.8	76.9
44	Tuttolomondo et al. ^{4**}	38.8	22.4	5.8	2.6	4.4	5.5	2.7	0.0	0.0	1.5	83.7
45	Tuttolomondo et al. ^{4**}	39.0	25.6	7.2	3.0	4.5	2.9	2.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	85.9
46	Tuttolomondo et al. ^{4**}	41.6	24.0	6.5	2.7	3.6	3.2	2.2	0.0	0.0	1.5	85.3
47	Karayel ⁶	6.0	10.1	2.7	1.7	1.9	0.0	3.4	1.6	19.4	0.9	47.7
48	Kostova et al. ⁷⁶	40.3	22.7	7.7	4.6	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.1	2.8	79.7
49	El-Gohary et al. ¹⁰	10.6	6.5	2.1	0.9	0.6	33.9	1.3	0.0	2.7	0.5	59.1
50	Grigoriadou et al. ⁵⁶	21.4	3.4	0.0	0.0	5.9	5.3	11.3	0.0	11.4	1.1	59.8
51	Ovidi et al. ⁴²	62.6	11.1	1.5	1.4	0.0	0.0	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	80.0
52	Tasheva et al. ⁷⁷	34.6	17.7	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.6	0.8	0.0	2.3	65.8
53	Raveau et al. ⁵³	53.0	10.0	1.9	3.8	14.8	0.3	3.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	87.3
54	Aćimović et al. ²¹	40.3	28.6	8.4	4.0	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.8	2.1	86.8
55	This study	43.5	25.9	5.0	4.4	5.0	1.6	2.4	0.0	0.2	2.1	90.1
	AVERAGE	31.6	19.4	6.0	4.5	3.2	3.1	2.3	2.1	1.9	1.9	

211 *average value of the essential oil percentage composition from the plants harvested at full flowering stage during
212 two years (1999 and 2000)

213 **average value of the essential oil percentage composition obtained from inflorescences forming on the main
214 and secondary stem

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217 In 36 accessions, linalyl acetate and linalool were the most abundant compounds, and this
218 chemotype (hereinafter linalyl acetate + linalool) is the most valuable for industrial application.

219 According to relative ratio of this two compounds, this chemotype could be divided into two

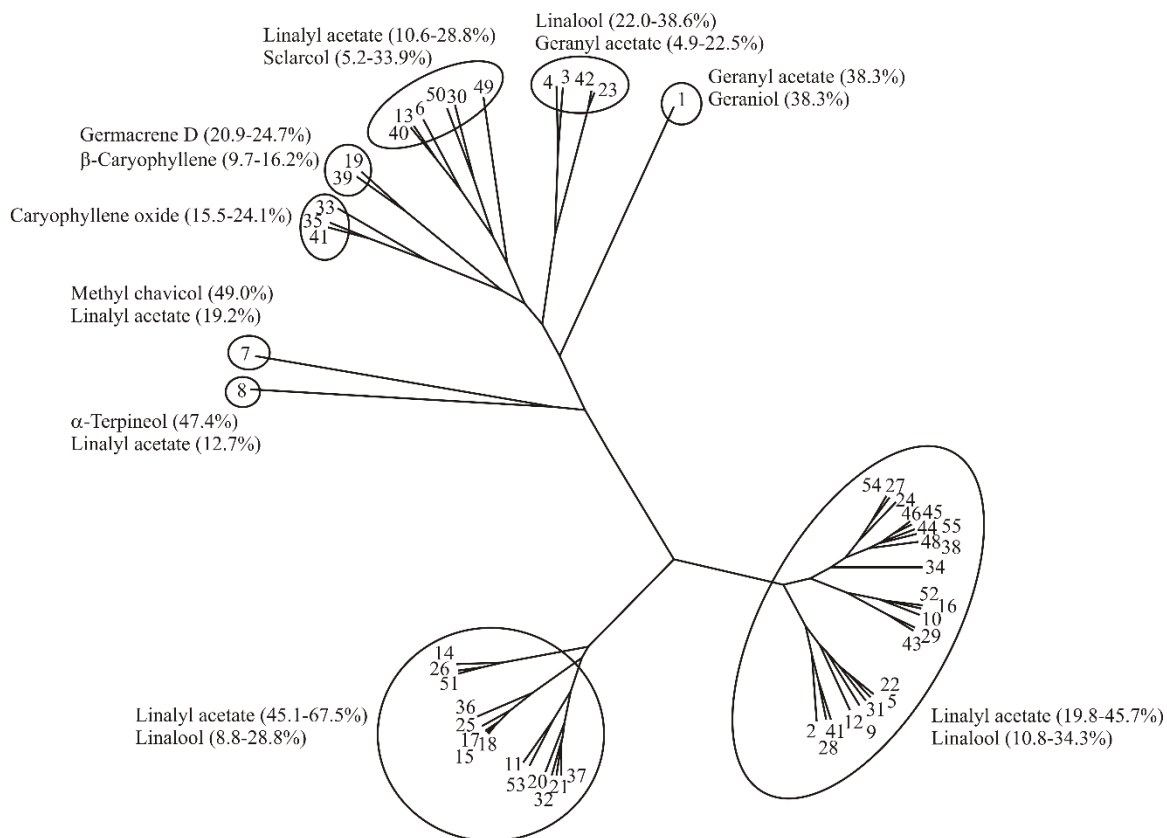
220 subgroup: moderate (19.8-45.7%)^{4,8,12,13,21,41,45-51,53,62,67,68,69,70} and high (45.1-
221 67.5%)^{15,42,48,49,50,52,54,65,71,72,73} content of linalyl acetate, while linalool is ranged between 8.8

222 and 34.3%. The market value of linalyl acetate is considerably higher than that of linalool, so
223 the chemotypes with a higher portion of this component are more appreciated⁷⁴.

224 Other chemotypes are: linalyl acetate + sclareol (10.6-28.8% and 5.2-33.9%,
225 respectively)^{10,57,58,61,64,75}, linalool + geranyl acetate (22.0-38.6% + 4.9-22.5%,

226 respectively)^{9,46,47}, germacrene D + β -caryophyllene (20.9-24.7% and 9.7-16.2%,
227 respectively)^{60,76}, caryophyllene oxide chemotype (15.5-24.1%)^{6,11,77} and three unspecified

228 accessions with dominant geranyl acetate⁴⁷, methyl chavicol⁷⁸, and α -terpineol⁷⁹.



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230 **Figure 4. Unrooted cluster tree for the chemical composition of clary sage essential oil**
 231 **compounds in accordance with the literature and presented study (samples are coded**
 232 **compatible to Table 3)**

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234 Since clary sage EO and HY have a similar chemical composition with linalyl acetate and
 235 linalool as dominant compounds, HY occurs as a potentially valuable by-product, especially in
 236 light of the green economy and waste management. Clary sage EO has many proven biological
 237 activities and wide applications in different industries; however, further investigations need to
 238 focus on the biological activities of HY as well as their incorporation in different types of
 239 products and practical implementation.

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241 **Conclusion**

242 The relatively easy cultivation of clary sage with low labor cost, the stable international market
 243 of EO and sclareol, as well as tolerance of this crop to air and soil heavy metal pollution,

244 encouraged producers to expand the cultivation area of this plant^{7,80-83}. The additional
245 economic gain obtained from HY could be a further financial achievement and an
246 environmentally safe solution for wastewater generated during EO extraction.

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