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2 **oils through metabolomic strategies**

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18 **Abstract**

19 This study aimed to characterize and discriminate 44 authenticated commercial samples of
20 citrus essential oils (EO) from seven species (bergamot, lemon, bigarade, orange, mandarin,
21 grapefruit, lime) by analyzing the non-volatile oxygenated heterocyclic compounds (OHC) by
22 UHPLC/TOF-HRMS, multivariate data analysis (PCA, PLS-DA) and metabolomic strategies;
23 the OHC fraction includes coumarins, furocoumarins, and polymethoxylated flavonoids. Two
24 different approaches were adopted: i) targeted profiling based on quantifying 18
25 furocoumarins and coumarins, some of which are regulated by law, and ii) targeted
26 fingerprinting based on 140 OHCs reported in citrus essential oils, from which 38
27 discriminant markers were defined. This approach correctly discriminated the *Citrus* species;
28 its “sensitivity” to relatively low adulteration rate (10%) was highly satisfactory.

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29 The proposed method is complementary to that of analyzing the citrus EO volatile part by GC
30 techniques.

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32 **Keywords:**

33 *Citrus spp*; Metabolomic strategy, Oxygenated heterocyclic compounds; UHPLC/TOF-MS;
34 Multivariate data analysis, discriminant markers

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36 **1. INTRODUCTION**

37 Citrus fruits are among the most widely produced crops; their essential oils (EOs), mainly
38 obtained by cold pressing their peel, are widely used as natural flavoring materials. These
39 products have distinctive organoleptic properties and present numerous applications in
40 different areas, including beverages, confectionery, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, and
41 perfumes.

42 More than 200 components have been identified in *Citrus* essential oils; most are contained in
43 one of two fractions (Mondello, Zappia, Dugo, & Dugo, 2002; Tranchida, Bonaccorsi, Dugo,
44 Mondello, & Dugo, 2012; Dugo, Cotroneo, Verzera, & Bonaccorsi, 2002; Dugo, Cotroneo,
45 Bonaccorsi, & Restuccia, 2011):

46 i) the volatile fraction, accounting for 85% to 99% of the EO. This fraction contains mono-
47 and sesquiterpene hydrocarbons and their related oxygen derivatives, but also linear
48 hydrocarbons, aldehydes, alcohols, ketones, and esters (Shaw, 1979). A group of nitrogen
49 trace-components, significantly contributing to the characteristic olfactory note, has also been
50 identified in these EOs (Thomas & Bassols, 1992).

51 ii) the non-volatile residue, ranging from 1 to 10 % of the whole EO, consisting chiefly of
52 hydrocarbons, fatty acids, and waxes, together with the so-called oxygenated heterocyclic
53 components (OHCs) (~~figure~~ **Figure 1a**). This fraction mainly contains furocoumarins (Fc),
54 coumarins (Cs) and polymethoxylated flavonoids (PMFs), naturally present in citrus fruit and
55 differently distributed in citrus products; they strongly influence their organoleptic and
56 biological properties, e.g. naringine affects taste. Moreover, the OHC qualitative and
57 quantitative composition is diagnostic of each citrus EO, and plays an important role in their
58 characterization and authentication for the flavor and fragrance fields (Dugo, Mondello,
59 d'Alcontres, Cavazza, & Dugo, 1997).

60 Furocoumarins are known to be phototoxic, and have been shown to induce mutagenesis,
61 carcinogenesis, and photodermatitis (Bonamonte, Foti, Lionetti, Rigano, & Angelini, 2010);
62 their toxicity has led the European Community to limit the use of photosensitizing
63 furocoumarins in cosmetic products (CEE, 2010). The International Fragrance Association
64 (IFRA) recommends that the total content of bergapten should not exceed 15 ppm in finished
65 consumer products to be applied to UV-exposed skin areas. The Opinion of the Scientific
66 Committee on Cosmetic products and Non-Food Products intended for consumers
67 (SCCNFP/0392/00, September 25th, 2001) proposes permitting the use of furocoumarin-
68 containing essential oils in all types of cosmetic product provided that the total concentration
69 of furocoumarin-like substances in the finished product does not exceed 1 ppm. The European
70 Commission recently proposed authorizing a total of 5 ppm of any combination of 6 markers
71 (i.e. bergapten (5-MOP), bergamottin, byacangelicol, epoxybergamottin, isopimpinellin and
72 oxypeucedanin) in any type of leave-on finished consumer product. In parallel, it also
73 recommended a less rigorous restriction for rinse-off finished products, i.e. 50 ppm, a level
74 defined by the difference in skin exposure (SCCNFP, 2001). Conversely, polymethoxylated
75 flavones possess antioxidant, anti-mutagenic, and antitumoral activities, and are considered to
76 be potentially chemopreventive (Weber et al., 2006).

77 The potentially-phototoxic furocoumarins, and more in general the OHCs, have been the
78 object of several studies, aimed not only at their characterization in different citrus EOs, but
79 also at their detection and quantitation. An important contribution to the identification and
80 definition of the OHC composition in these matrices was made by the Messina University
81 group under P. and G. Dugo and Mondello; they recently reviewed in detail approaches and
82 methods to analyze both citrus EOs and related OHCs (Mondello et al., 2002; Tranchida et al.,
83 2012; Dugo & McHale, 2002; Dugo & Russo, 2011) (the list of articles concerning OHCs in
84 each citrus EO investigated, and cited in the book chapter references is included in [Supporting](#)

85 ~~Information~~ Table SM1 and Supporting Information Table SM2-SM3). The usual method to
86 analyze OHCs in citrus EOs is reverse-phase HPLC, combined with different detectors (UV,
87 fluorescence, and mass spectrometry) (Tranchida et al., 2012; Dugo & Russo, 2011; Frérot &
88 Decorzant, 2004; Macmaster et al., 2012; Russo et al., 2015).

89 The need to develop analytical methods focusing on OHC distribution to authenticate and
90 detect adulteration of citrus EOs was first pointed out in 1971, by Stanley (Stanley & Jurd,
91 1971). Recent advances in LC and MS, in particular the introduction of UHPLC coupled with
92 high resolution time-of-flight mass spectrometry (HR-TOF-MS), have opened new
93 perspectives for phytochemical analysis, in particular for quality control and authentication of
94 raw plant materials, or of products containing them (Eugster et al., 2014; Masson, Liberto,
95 Brevard, Bicchi, & Rubiolo, 2014). These techniques make it possible to acquire a significant
96 set of exact masses from a group of complex samples, but more sophisticated strategies are
97 required to manage the huge amount of data generated. The metabolomics approaches (mainly
98 fingerprinting and profiling) have recently been shown to provide useful and effective support
99 to the analysis of matrices of vegetable origin, enabling the potential of these analytical
100 platforms to be fully exploited (Masson et al., 2014; Mehl et al., 2014; Marti et al., 2015;
101 Farag, El-Ahmady, Elian, & Wessjohann, 2013). Metabolite fingerprinting is in general an
102 untargeted method that, combined with appropriate statistical data processing, provides a
103 mean of comparing the profiles of a group of samples, in order to detect quali- and
104 quantitative metabolite differences between them, or to classify and/or discriminate among
105 them. Fingerprinting is a rapid high-throughput screening approach, whose main goal is not
106 the identification of each metabolite. Metabolite profiling is a targeted method, in which
107 samples are compared on the basis of the quali-quantitative distribution of a selected number
108 of known metabolites (markers). (Halket et al., 2005).

109 This approach was recently applied to characterize, differentiate, and check the authenticity of
110 cold-pressed lemon EOs. Mehl *et al.* evaluated the potential of volatile and non-volatile
111 fraction composition in classifying 64 lemon EOs from Argentina, Spain and Italy, using GC-
112 FID/MS and FT-MIR for the volatiles, and FT-MIR, ¹H-NMR and UHPLC/TOF-MS for the
113 non-volatile residues (Mehl et al., 2014). The data blocks resulting from the above techniques
114 were sequentially processed by unsupervised and supervised multivariate statistical analyses,
115 affording both the discrimination of the investigated EOs in terms of geographic origin and
116 production process, and the definition of important classes of discriminant variables. Marti *et*
117 *al* successfully applied a metabolomic approach, based on UHPLC/TOF-MS profiling and ¹H-
118 NMR fingerprinting, to highlight metabolite differences suitable for detecting adulteration
119 within a set of lemon EO samples of different geographic origins (Marti et al., 2015). The
120 combination of a specially-developed analytical protocol and multivariate analysis was able to
121 detect significant chemical variations between Argentine and Italian samples, and identified
122 discriminating markers belonging to the furocoumarin, flavonoid, terpenoid, and fatty acid
123 groups.

124 In general, citrus EO analyses for quality control are run by GC or enantioselective-GC,
125 combined with MS or IRMS of the volatile fraction, and take no account of OHCs. Specific
126 analysis are carried out by HPLC-DAD or MS when furocoumarins monitoring is required
127 because of regulations. Within a project aiming to explore the potential of metabolomics
128 approaches when applied to phytochemical analysis (Masson et al. 2014), this study
129 investigated the possibility of discriminating and authenticating cold-pressed citrus EOs from
130 seven different species, by analyzing the non-volatile OHC fraction by UHPLC/TOF-HRMS.
131 The species considered were bergamot (*Citrus bergamia* Risso), lemon (*Citrus limon* (L.)
132 Osbeck.), bigarade (*Citrus x aurantium* L.), orange (*Citrus sinensis* (L.) Osbeck.), mandarin
133 (*Citrus reticulata* Blanco), grapefruit (*Citrus paradisi* Macfad), and lime (*Citrus aurantifolia*

134 (Christm.) Swingle). Two approaches were applied: i) the first based on metabolite profiling
135 on 18 furocoumarins and coumarins in the citrus EOs investigated, ii) the second based on
136 metabolite targeted fingerprinting of the 140 OHC compounds reported in the literature, thus
137 considering a full set of compounds (OHC patterns), unlike what often happens, where few
138 targeted compounds are investigated. For both approaches, unsupervised multivariate data
139 analysis was applied in order to examining the sample distribution and or groupings of
140 samples. A supervised method was then used, in particular in the second approach for
141 classifying samples according to their species, and using an orthogonal data treatment to
142 extract markers responsible of the species differentiation.

143

144 **2.MATERIAL AND METHODS**

145 **2.1Chemicals and samples**

146 Acetonitrile (ACN), methanol (MeOH), tetrahydrofuran (THF), formic acid, and ammonium
147 formate (LC/MS grade) were from Biosolve (Dieuze, France). Distilled water was purified
148 'in-house' using an ELGA MilliQ system VeoliaWater STI (Le Plessis-Robinson, France).
149 Leucine-Enkephalin was from Waters (Milford, USA). A mixture of 15 FCs (bergapten,
150 psoralen, xanthotoxin, bergamottin, epoxybergamottin, byakangelicol, byakangelicin
151 isopimpinellin, imperatorin, isoimperatorin, oxypeucedanin, oxypeucedanin hydrate,
152 heraclenin, phellopterin, 8-geranyloxypsoralen) was from Chromadex (Irvine, USA).
153 citropten and angelicin were from Sigma-Aldrich (Saint Louis, USA) and herniarin was from
154 Extrasynthese (Genay, France)

155 Fifty six samples of citrus EOs were analyzed. These included different products: i) 44
156 commercial citrus EOs (cold-pressed oil) distributed as follows: bergamot (15 samples),
157 lemon (5), bigarade (3), orange (6), mandarin (3), grapefruit (8) lime (4), (2 distilled and 2
158 expressed EOs) and ii) 12 in-house extracts from fruit peel samples, in particular 2 samples
159 from bergamot, 3 from lemon, 2 from bigarade, 2 from orange, 2 from mandarin, and 1 from
160 grapefruit. The 44 investigated citrus EOs have been supplied from Robertet quality control
161 laboratory, and were selected after their unequivocal authenticity was proved through
162 physico-chemical parameters, GC-FID (or MS), and when needed enantioselective GC
163 analysis. .

164 **2.2 Sample preparation**

165 Commercial samples were processed as follows. Approximately 100 mg of exactly weighed
166 EOs were diluted with ACN/MeOH (50:50) in a 10mL volumetric flask. All samples were
167 then diluted, to obtain at least four different concentrations, in the linear concentration range

168 necessary to apply the extrapolative dilution approach, depending on the targeted compounds.
169 All these dilutions were then analyzed by UHPLC/TOF-MS.
170 The citrus peel specimens (100 g) were extracted by maceration in 500mL of an ACN/MeOH
171 (50:50) mixture for 24 hours at room temperature. The extracts were then filtered and diluted
172 to differing extents, depending on the linearity range, to overcome the matrix effect by using
173 an extrapolative dilution approach.
174 Five EO test samples were prepared in-laboratory as test samples, using the referenced EO
175 samples. In particular, sample 1, labeled orange, consisted of a sweet orange EO spiked with
176 10 % of bigarade EO, and four bergamot EOs, % spiked respectively with 10% of bigarade
177 (sample 2), grapefruit (sample 3), lemon (sample 4), and lime (sample 5).

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179 **2.3Analysis conditions**

180 *UHPLC conditions*

181 The UHPLC analyses were carried out on a Waters ACQUITY[®] UPLC H-class system
182 (Waters Milford, USA). The chromatographic separation was performed at 45°C on an
183 ACQUITY[®] UPLC HSS T3 (C18 stationary phase) 1.8 µm, 2.1 x 100 mm (Waters Milford,
184 USA). Solvent A was a mixture of H₂O:MeOH:THF (85:10:5) with 0.1% of formic acid and
185 5mM of ammonium formate solution, while Solvent B was MeOH:ACN:THF (65:30:5) with
186 0.1% of formic acid and 5mM of ammonium formate. The following gradient profile was
187 applied: from 100% of solvent A in isocratic mode for 1 min, then to 20 % of solvent B in 4
188 min, to 50 % of solvent B in 3 min, to 90 % of solvent B in 2 min, and finally to 100% of
189 solvent B in 2 min. A 3 min re-equilibration time was applied. Flow rate: 0.45 mL/min,
190 injection volume: 1µL. All samples were analyzed in a continuous sequence, injecting a
191 reference sample every ten injections.

192 *HR-TOF-MS conditions*

193 Analyses were carried out on a Waters XEVO® G2 ToF. ESI source conditions: capillary
194 voltage: 0.7 kV, cone voltage: 30 V, extraction cone: 4V, source temperature: 120°C,
195 desolvation temperature: 400°C, gas flow: 10L/hr, desolvation gas flow: 1200L/hr. The
196 analyses were carried out in positive and negative modes. The mass axis was calibrated with
197 sodium formate in the range 50 to 1200 Da. Mass Lockspray: Leucine Enkephalin was used to
198 correct masses. Two masses were checked in each mode (positive mode: 278.1141; 556.2771;
199 negative mode: 236.1035; 554.2615). The acquisitions were carried out in MS^E mode using
200 argon as collision gas to obtain analyte fragmentation. MS^E mode enables to acquire
201 simultaneously, mass spectra at both low and high collision energy, the former to obtain
202 parent ion, the latter to produce fragment ions.

203 **2.4 Data processing**

204 *Quantitative analysis*

205 Quantitation was carried out using the POSI±IVE software package (Waters, Milfors USA).
206 This enables targeted compounds to be quantified in two main steps, provided that a database
207 including molecular formula, retention times, and fragments of the investigated analyte(s) is
208 at first built up. In particular: 1) each target compound is identified in the chromatographic
209 profiles, based on its molecular formula; retention time, and fragments obtained with the MS^E
210 mode; 2) the identified analytes are quantified. **The reliability parameters of the analytical
211 method were in accordance with the IUPAC guidelines (Thompson, Ellison, & Wood, 2002).
212 In particular, the following performance parameters were determined: linearity, repeatability
213 and intermediate precision, limit of quantification (LOQ) and limit of detection (LOD).** The
214 repeatability and the intermediate precision expressed through the relative standard deviation
215 (RSD%) were determined for each compound at two different concentrations (low and high).
216 Repeatability was measured on six injections at the two concentrations in the same analytical
217 sequence, while intermediate precision was determined similarly, but on separate analytical

218 sequences, run on **six** different days. LOQs were determined experimentally by calculating
219 the lowest concentration at which the repeatability (RSD%) was acceptable. LOD was
220 calculated experimentally, through ion ratios between parent ion and two daughter ions. The
221 tolerance of the abundance ratios indicated by IOFI (IOFI, 2010) was used to measure the
222 concentration at which it was still possible to identify the targeted compounds with certainty
223 (i.e. the LOD). **The reliability of the method parameters was evaluated on standard solutions,**
224 **because of the difficulty of obtaining citrus EOs free of Fcs and Cs; this choice also made it**
225 **possible to avoid running a calibration for each species of citrus EO investigated.**

226

227 *Statistical elaboration*

228 The resulting normalized data set was processed using the package Markerlynx™; (Waters,
229 Milford, USA) based on the determination of Exact Mass Retention Time pairs (EMRT). Data
230 alignment was achieved by ApexTrack® algorithm included in the Masslynx™ package.
231 The EMRT pairs were then treated through a different statistical treatment using a pareto
232 scaling. These variables were first processed by unsupervised methods:

233 - Principal Component Analysis (PCA) for evaluating the distribution of the samples.
234 These methods were evaluated through the R2X (cum) i.e. the Cumulative sum of square of
235 the entire X explained by all extracted components.

236 - Hierarchical cluster analysis (HCA) to study the distances between pairs of samples
237 in order to highlight groupings between them through the Euclidean distance algorithm using
238 single linkage clustering. When distances between samples are relatively small this implies
239 that samples are similar.

240 A supervised method was then used (Partial Least Square-Discriminant Analysis (PLS-DA))
241 to classify samples according to the deriving-from species for further species prediction of
242 unknown samples. These statistical methods were evaluated through the goodness of fit R2Y

243 (cum) (cumulative explained variance) and Q²_Y (cum) (cumulative predictive ability),
244 obtained with a seven fold cross validation procedure and the specificity and sensitivity of
245 each groups studied.

246 Specific data treatment, i.e. Orthogonal Partial Least Square-Discriminant Analysis (OPLS-
247 DA), was then applied to extract the EMRT pairs responsible for the group separation; when
248 applied to species discrimination. Because of the high numbers of groups studied, this
249 approach was necessary for selecting the main specific and significant markers responsible of
250 the species differentiation, by reducing the numbers of correlate variables.

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252 **3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

253 This study mainly focused on OHCs, with the aim of characterizing and authenticating the
254 species of the investigated citrus EOs; it consisted of the UHPLC method development and
255 validation, followed by a comparison of two different approaches applied in parallel to locate
256 the main OHC markers characterizing citrus EOs. The study was carried out on 44
257 authenticated samples of citrus EOs and 12 in-house extracts obtained directly from the fruit
258 peel used as reference samples for comparison.

259 The first approach was a targeted profiling, where 18 furocoumarins and coumarins were
260 quantified in 44 samples by UHPLC/HR-TOF-MS with the POSITIVE software, through the
261 parent and daughter ions obtained in MS^E mode; unlike strategies applied in other studies
262 (Mehl et al., 2014; Marti et al., 2015), the target OHCs were here selected from the start.

263 The second approach was based on fingerprinting, in which UHPLC/HR-TOF-MS data were
264 compared through metabolomics-derived multivariate processing, based on 140 OHCs
265 reported in the literature and stored in an in-house built database (see 3.2.1.). The
266 discrimination ability of this approach was verified through five in-laboratory prepared EOs,

267 one orange and four bergamot samples differently spiked; bergamot EO was chosen because
268 of its high commercial value.

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270 **3.1 Quantitative targeted analysis of coumarins and furocoumarins (Cs and Fcs)**

271 *3.1.1 UHPLC-MS-ToF-MS method development*

272 As already shown by Dugrand et al. (2013), Mehl et al. (2014) and Marti et al. (2015),
273 UHPLC with a 1.8 μ m C18 column enabled to obtain a reliable OHC separation in a
274 reasonable time (about 13.5 min.) of the citrus EO extracts investigated. Figure 1b reports the
275 chromatographic profiles of the target ions adopted to quantify the 18 OHCs under study,
276 Table 1 the quantification data while Table SM1 (supplementary material files) reports the
277 Exact Mass Retention Time (EMRT) values, including those of the diagnostic MS^E fragments
278 of the 18 Fcs and Cs. This information was obtained after optimization of the analytical
279 conditions, by injecting each individual standard into the UHPLC/TOF-MS system, and was
280 used to build the database required by the Posi±ive software. Table SM1 also lists the
281 parameters showing the reliability of the analytical method, applied to each target compound
282 in a solvent standard solution; linearity was determined for each compound, and the
283 correlation line calculated in the appropriate linear range. Repeatability and intermediate
284 precision are here expressed as Relative Standard Deviation % (RSD%) for each target
285 analyte at low and high concentrations, for the above validation periods (see paragraph 2.4).
286 The results show very good repeatability and satisfactory intermediate precision, which in any
287 case never exceeded 7 and 8% respectively in agreement to Horwitz curve. The calibration
288 curves for the target analytes presented good ($r^2 > 0.99$) within the range of 0.1-10 mg/L.
289 LOQ and LOD were in agreement with those reported in the literature for these compounds
290 (Dugo et al., 2011).

291 The 18 Fcs and Cs analyzed by UHPLC/TOF-MS were affected by a significant matrix effect.
292 This effect caused the reduction or suppression of the signal of the ion(s) of the target
293 compounds, mainly occurring in the ESI mode (Hajslova & Zrostlikova, 2003). The matrix
294 effect was minimized by applying the Extrapolative Dilution Approach (EDA) (Kruve, Leito,
295 & Herodes, 2009), Each sample was therefore diluted at different extent to take into account
296 the matrix effect for each quantified compound to establish a curve with at least 4 points.
297 These experiments showed that Fcs and Cs behave differently, as expected because of the
298 lipophylicity of the matrix that may affect the less polar compounds such as bergamottin
299 (Figure SM1).

300

301 *3.1.2 Quantitation on commercial samples*

302 The 18 FCs and Cs markers were quantified in the 44 samples of commercial citrus EOs and
303 in the 12 in-house extracts of citrus peel oils. The concentration range of each target
304 compound is summarized in table 1. These results first show that the concentration ranges of
305 all markers in each species are in line with those reported in the literature
306 Bergamot, lemon, and lime contained large amounts of both Fcs and Cs. Bigarade and
307 grapefruit contained intermediate amounts of the target compounds, while in mandarin and
308 orange they were very low. Distilled lime was almost free from FCs and Cs due to the
309 processing.

310 The six markers proposed for future restriction (bergamottin, bergapten, byakangelicol,
311 epoxybergamottin, isopimpinelin, and oxypeucedanin) were found in different amounts in the
312 investigated EOs of all species. Bergamottin and bergapten were the two major components in
313 all Eos, while byakangelicol was only detected in expressed lime and lemon EOs. The three
314 other Fcs were found in different concentrations in most EOs. The coumarin citropten was
315 present in significant amounts in bergamot, lemon and expressed lime EOs. The other eleven

316 Fcs and Cs were found at different concentrations in expressed lime, lemon, and bergamot
317 EOs (Table 1). In any case, the concentration of all markers in each species are well in line
318 with those reported in the literature.

319 Analysis of the 18 target Fcs and Cs was not sufficient to achieve unequivocal discrimination
320 of citrus EOs in terms of species, both because a) some of them occur in all or most of the
321 investigated EOs, e.g. bergamottin (present in 7 species) and bergapten (6 species), and/or b)
322 the same Fc(s) or C(s) is present in very similar concentrations in different EOs, and is thus
323 not diagnostic of a given species. This limitation may also be due to the wide variability of
324 EO composition within each species, which is known to be related to the crop period (early,
325 mid, or late season), crop year (impact of climatic and environmental factors), origin (effect of
326 soil and climate) and the industrial processes to which they are subjected. **The dataset for the**
327 **44 samples investigated with a targeted approach based on the 18 compounds previously**
328 **quantified was thus submitted to unsupervised multivariate statistical analysis, i.e. Principal**
329 **Component Analysis (PCA). The PCA results (figure-Figure SM2) show an EO clustering in**
330 **function of the species not well defined, with several outliers (orange samples) and/or with**
331 **non-diagnostic dispersions (mandarin, lemon, and lime).** These results confirm that
332 quantitative analysis as such of the 18 Fcs and Cs is diagnostic of the regulated compounds,
333 but that it is not sufficient for a species discrimination approach.

334

335 **3.2 Untargeted OHC fingerprinting approach**

336 This strategy could be adopted because of the potential of UHPLC/TOF-MS, which can
337 successfully support comprehensive metabolite studies to discriminate complex matrices of
338 vegetable origin. The fingerprinting approach was applied to the same set of analysis results
339 previously used in order to select OHCs that can discriminate the EOs of each *Citrus* species.

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341 *3.2.1 Building up the reference database and component identification*

342 A dedicated database containing 140 OHCs, previously identified in the seven investigated
343 *Citrus* spp. EOs and extracts, was built up in the Masslynx Software package. Data were
344 retrieved from the original articles in which the compounds were first described. The resulting
345 database included exact mass, molecular formula, RN from CAS, and structure, and was used
346 to characterize and then identify discriminant markers on the basis of their molecular formula
347 or exact mass.

348

349 *3.2.2 Characterization and tentative identification of OHCs by UHPLC/TOF-MS.*

350 Each peak resulting from UHPLC/ToF-MS analysis was characterized through its Exact
351 Mass-Retention Time pair (EMRT). ESI in positive mode resulted to be very effective for the
352 OHC compounds investigated while the results in negative ionization were less interesting.
353 Data elaboration was therefore focused on positive ESI.

354 The following procedure was adopted for tentative identification:

355 a) the EMRT of each eluting component was matched with the citrus OHC database, by its
356 exact mass or elemental composition, using mass accuracy as diagnostic parameter for
357 identification. The output indicated components having similar exact masses (or elemental
358 compositions) in both ionization modes (positive and negative).

359 b) the resulting tentative identification was verified by comparing the exact masses of the
360 experimental fragments of each EMRT pair, obtained at high collision energy in MS^E mode,
361 to those of the theoretical fragmentation proposed by the Mass Fragment software. The
362 probability of a tentative identification being correct therefore markedly increases if, but only
363 if, experimental and theoretical fragmentations agree. When authentic standards are not
364 commercially available, the reported identifications (Table 2) must be considered as

365 tentative/putative, in agreement with the international committee recommendations (Sumner
366 et al., 2007; Creek et al., 2014-Schymanski et al., 2014).

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368 *3.2.3 Statistical data treatment*

369 *EO statistical discrimination* - 850 EMRTs were first extracted from the dataset resulting
370 from the analysis of the 44 samples investigated, and then submitted to HCA and PCA by
371 pareto pre-processing scaling. The high number of EMRTs compared to the number of target
372 compounds is due to the large number of isomers eluting at different retention times,
373 corresponding to the 140 selected exact masses. The resulting HCA (~~figure~~ Figure SM3a)
374 shows a better hierarchical classification of the samples according to their species, with all the
375 samples well grouped according to their species. The PCA score plots (~~figure~~ Figure SM3b)
376 obtained showed a good cumulative explained variance $R^2[X] (\text{cum}) = 0.78$ on five principal
377 components. Samples were clustered in three different groups: 1) the first (1) includes lemon,
378 the two lime sub-groups, and bergamot EOs, 2) the second (2) comprises mandarin and
379 orange, 3) the third (3) cluster includes bigarade and grapefruit, at top right. Group
380 discrimination appears to follow the organoleptic characteristics of the fruits. The difficulty in
381 species discrimination is also due to the considerable redundant data contained in these
382 samples, probably deriving from the large number of isomers, which provide the same
383 information but, at the same time, interfere with species characterization. A supervised
384 statistical data treatment was run using a PLS-DA, with the aim of a better species
385 classification in prediction. Similar clustering to previous PCA was observed (data not
386 shown).

387 It was therefore necessary to consider more dimensions other than the first two, in order to
388 improve the effectiveness of this approach with a $R^2[Y]$ (cum) = 0.94 and a predictive ability
389 $Q^2[Y]$ (cum) = 0.58 on 8 principal components.

390 This procedure made it possible to distinguish: bergamot, orange and lemon EOs, grapefruit
391 from bigarade, and orange from mandarin EOs from the score plots (~~figure~~Figure 2).

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393 *Definition of discriminant markers by OPLS-DA*

394 Loading plots corresponding to the PLS-DA data treatments can be used for the extraction
395 and selection of discriminant markers. In this study seven different species of citrus were
396 evaluated, the use of the loading plot could lead the loss of minor compounds which can be
397 essential for their discrimination. OPLS-DA was then applied in order to reduce the numbers
398 of correlated variables and as a consequence highlighting the contribution of minor
399 compounds and to extract the best discriminant OHCs markers for each species. The effective
400 discriminant markers were defined after viewing the whole set of data, through the so-called
401 trend views, i.e. the results of the comparison of the respective abundance (normalized area)
402 of a single EMRT pair in all investigated samples. The trend views of each EMRT can define
403 potential discriminant markers, by comparing their abundance in the samples investigated.
404 Figure 3 reports the trend views of (a) bergamottin (EMRT = 339.1593, 11.35), and (b)
405 meranzin isomer 3 (EMRT = 261.1120, 10.60) showing their diagnostic distribution in the
406 different citrus oil species investigated. This process indicated 38 EMRTs as discriminants for
407 the EOs of the seven investigated citrus species (8 groups). Table 2 reports exact mass (m/z),
408 retention time (RT min), supposed elemental composition, accuracy (ppm), normalized i-FIT,
409 tentative identification, species, fragment ions and related elemental formula, with the
410 corresponding accuracy (ppm), of the 38 discriminant markers resulting from OPLS-DA.
411 Normalized i-FIT provides a measure of the likelihood that the theoretical isotope pattern of

412 an elemental composition matches peaks in a measured spectrum. Thirty four components
413 were tentatively identified and four are still unknown.

414 The discriminant markers resulting from OPLS-DA included most of the Fcs and Cs adopted
415 for the above profiling (section 3.1) together with other minor OHCs (mainly
416 polymethoxylated flavonoids) tentatively identified by UHPLC-TOF-MS, that play key roles
417 in differentiating the EO samples according to their species. From these results, an interesting
418 connection emerges between the three clusters defined by multivariate analysis (see above)
419 and the structural groups of phenolic discriminant markers: i) mandarin and orange EOs are
420 characterized by PMFs, ii) lemon and lime EOs contain mainly Fcs and Cs, iii) bigarade and
421 grapefruit EOs consist of Cs and PMFs, and iv) bergamot EOs combine PMFs with a high Fcs
422 content.

423 The grapefruit sample that appeared to be an outlier in the above statistical treatment was
424 characterized by a significant meranzin hydrate content (EMRT=279.1603,10.88), indicating
425 an evolution of this sample compared to the other ones in this group, in which meranzin
426 isomer 2 (EMRT=261.1124,7.91) was predominant.

427 *Discrimination between Citrus species originating the EOs and adulterated samples.* A new
428 dataset was created to discriminate the *Citrus* species by the above 38 discriminant markers.
429 The aim was to increase statistical parameters (essentially predictive ability), in order to
430 minimize the possibility of false positives. More than 130 EMRTs (resulting from the
431 extraction of the exact mass of the 38 selected markers in the 44 samples) were extracted from
432 the UHPLC/TOF-MS dataset and submitted to statistical analysis. The resulting PLS-DA
433 provided a better explained variance $R^2[Y](cum) = 0.94$ and higher predictive ability
434 $Q^2[Y](cum) = 0.81$. The specificity remained high (100%), while sensitivities for mandarin,
435 grapefruit, and bergamot were 67, 88 and 93% respectively (Figure 4).

436 Five reconstituted EOs were then analyzed following this procedure, in order to evaluate the
437 ability of the above strategy to detect adulterated samples, and to assign EOs to citrus species.
438 Sample 1, labeled orange, corresponded to a sweet orange EO spiked with 10 % of bigarade
439 EO. The other four samples consisted of bergamot EO spiked respectively with 10 % bigarade
440 (sample 2), grapefruit (sample 3), lemon (sample 4), or lime (sample 5) EOs; these were
441 labeled as bergamot samples. The spiking percentage was deliberately kept low to evaluate
442 the sensitivity of this approach to adulteration.

443 The PLS-DA score plot with 1-3 PCs shows that samples 1, 2 and 4 are clearly plotted out of
444 their groups, while samples 3 and 5 are not unequivocally discriminated, but they result
445 outliers of the bergamot group. (Figure 4) These results show that the OHC fraction can be
446 used for sample authentication, through appropriate processing of the available data, because
447 it is sensitive “to a small adulteration (10%)”. In any case, a larger number of samples would
448 be necessary to characterize each single species, in view of obtaining a more refined and
449 robust statistical model.

450 In conclusion, modern HPLC and MS techniques (UHPLC/TOF-HRMS), in combination with
451 advanced statistical tools, offer additional possibilities in phytochemical analysis, which can
452 successfully be applied in quality control, to authenticate natural raw ingredients. The
453 discrimination of the species originating citrus EOs was discussed on the basis of the
454 composition of the OHC fraction, i.e. a group of low-volatility phenolic compounds, by two
455 approaches:

456 1) the first one is based on quantifying 18 furocoumarins and coumarins, and produces
457 diagnostic results and quantitative information concerning components regulated by law,
458 although it can sometimes give false positives;

459 2) the second one is based on a strategy from metabolomics that, thanks to appropriate and
460 more elaborate data processing, defined 38 discriminant OHC markers (34 of them tentatively

461 identified) out of the 140 quoted in the literature and stored in the database; this approach
462 correctly discriminated the *Citrus* species and was also sensitive enough to relatively low
463 adulteration (10%).

464 The commercial nature of the 44 samples considered in the present study explains the wide
465 variability of the EO composition within each species (crop period and year, origin, climatic
466 conditions, and industrial processes) and means that the results are satisfactory, and that their
467 robustness can be increased when data from a much larger number of commercial and
468 authenticated samples would be available.

469 This method may be considered as a further complementary tool to the well-known and
470 effective approaches based on volatile analysis, involving GC-MS and Enantioselective-GC-
471 (MS) or GC-IRMS techniques; at the same time it provides information on compounds (Fcs
472 and Cs) limited by current and future regulations.

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478 **List of the acronyms**

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480 **5-MOP:** 5-MethoxyPsoralen

481 **ACN:** Acetonitrile

482 **Cs:** Coumarins

483 **EDA:** Extrapolative Dilution Approach

484 **EMRT pair:** Exact Mass-Retention Time pair

485 **EO:** Essential oil

486 **ESI:** Electrospray ionization

487 **Fcs:** Furocoumarins

488 **FID:** Flame ionization detector

489 **FT-MIR:** Fourier transform-middle infrared spectrometry

490 **GC:** Gas Chromatography

491 **HCA:** Hierarchical Cluster Analysis

492 **HCV:** High Capillary voltage

493 **HPLC:** High Performance Liquid Chromatography

494 **HSS:** High Strength Silica

495 **IFRA:** International Fragrance Associatione
496 **LC-MS:** coupling Liquid Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry
497 **LCV:** Low Capillary Voltage
498 **LOD:** Limit of Detection
499 **LOQ:** Limit of Quantification
500 **MeOH:** Methanol
501 **MS:** Mass Spectrometer
502 **NMR:** Nuclear Magnetic Resonance
503 **OHC:** Oxygenated Heterocyclic compounds
504 **OPLS-DA:** Orthogonal Partial Least Square – Discriminant analysis
505 **Pc:** Principal component
506 **PCA:** Principal Component Analysis
507 **PLS-DA:** Partial Least Square – Discriminant analysis
508 **PMF:** Polymethoxylated flavonoids
509 **Q2[Y](cum):** Cumulative predictive ability
510 **R2[Y](cum):** Cumulative explained variance
511 **RSD:** Residual Standard Deviation
512 **S-plot:** Scatter-plot
513 **THF:** TetraHydroFuran
514 **TOF-HRMS:** Time Of Flight- High Resolution mass spectrometer
515 **UHPLC:** Ultra High Performance Liquid Chromatography
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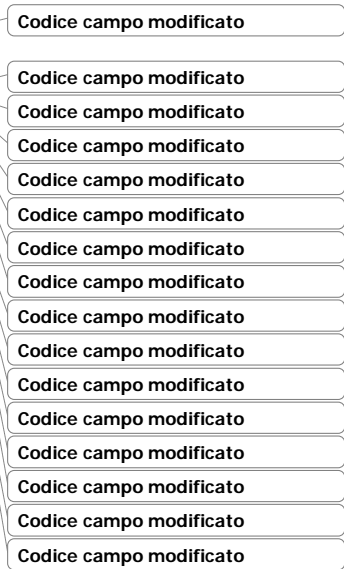
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646 *FIGURE CAPTIONS*

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648 Figure 1: a) General structure of coumarins, furocoumarins, and polymethoxylated flavones;
649 b) Chromatographic patterns of the 18 target compounds.

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651 Figure 2: PLS-DA scores plot with the 850 EMRTs resulting from the investigated citrus
652 EOs. score plots obtained on 1-4 PCs $R^2[Y](1) = 0.16$, $R^2[Y](4) = 0.12$, $Q^2[Y](1) = 0.13$,
653 $Q^2[Y](4) = 0.05$ Ellipse Hotelling's T² (95%)

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655 Figure 3: Trend views of two selected discriminant markers: a. (EMRT = 339.1593, 11.35)
656 Bergamottin; b. (EMRT = 261.1120, 10.60) Meranzin isomer 3

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658 Figure 4: PLS-DA score plot with 1-3 PCs of the discrimination of deliberately-adulterated
659 citrus EO samples of orange (1) and bergamot (samples 2-5)

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661 **Supplementary material:**

662 **Table SM1.** EMRT of the target Fcs and Cs, and analytical reliability parameters

663 **Table SM2 .** Experimental and literature quantitative ranges of the 18 Fcs and Cs investigated
664 with a full reference list related to the investigated compounds

665 **Table SM3.** List of the 38 discriminant markers selected by OPLS-DA with a full reference
666 list related to the investigated compounds

667 **Figure SM1** a) Chromatographic patterns of the extracted mass of bergamottin at different
668 dilutions of a bergamot sample b) plot of regression line associated to the EDA approach

669 **Figure SM2** a) ~~HCA of the investigated citrus EOs, taking the 18 Fcs and Cs~~ b) PCA scores
670 plot of the investigated citrus EOs, taking the 18 Fcs and Cs as variables. $R^2[X](1)=0.22$;
671 $R^2[X](2)=0.15$, Ellipse Hotelling's T2 (95%)

672 **Figure SM3** a) HCA of the investigated citrus EOs, taking the 140 OHC compounds b) PCA
673 scores plot with the 850 EMRTs resulting from the investigated citrus EOs. $R^2[X](1)= 0.34$,
674 $R^2[X](2) = 0.18$, Ellipse Hotelling's T2 (95%)

Table 1. Experimental and literature reported quantitative ranges of the 18 Fcs and Cs investigated. The list of all references related to the investigated compounds is given in Supporting Information Table SM2

Species	Markers	Concentration range (ppm)	Mediane value	Literature data (ppm)	References
Bergamot <i>Citrus bergamia</i>	Bergamottin Bergapten Citropten Epoxybergamottin Herniarin Oxypeucedanin Oxypeucedanin hydr. Isopimpinelin Isoimperatorin Psoralen 8-Geranyloxypsoralen	15000-50000 1000-3500 1000-4000 5-60 10-400 1-200 1-50 traces traces traces traces	17621 1925 1650 41 49 1 2	500-28000 1100-9000 1000-8000 10-100 50-100 150-650 10-200 traces 20-550 traces	(Dugo & Russo, 2011), (Frérot & Decorzant, 2004), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Russo et al., 2012), (Russo et al., 2015)
Lemon <i>Citrus limon</i>	8-Geranyloxypsoralen Bergamottin Byakangelicol Citropten Oxypeucedanin Bergapten Byakangelicin Heraclenin Herniarin Isoimperatorin Oxypeucedanin hydr. Phellopterin Epoxybergamottin Imperatorin Isopimpinelin	200-1000 1000-10000 50-1500 300-1500 10-2000 10-150 1-50 10-200 20-300 10-100 20-100 20-200 traces traces traces	293 3363 363 564 365 25 31 13 25 24 80 44	200-3500 1000-4000 200-1300 300-3500 900-2100 10-100 20-100 40-200 traces 20-200 10-300 90-650 traces 40-200 traces	(Dugo & Russo, 2011), (Frérot & Decorzant, 2004), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Russo et al., 2012), (Russo et al., 2015)
Bigarade <i>Citrus aurantium</i>	Bergamottin Epoxybergamottin Bergapten Citropten 8-Geranyloxypsoralen Isopimpinelin Phellopterin Psoralen	50-1500 1000-4000 100-400 1-10 1-10 traces traces traces	122 1934 237 4 5	60-150 800-3500 500-1000 traces 0-120 traces 0-50 traces	(Dugo & Russo, 2011), (Frérot & Decorzant, 2004), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Russo et al., 2012), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Dugo et al., 2011a), (Russo et al., 2015)
Orange <i>Citrus sinensis</i>	Bergamottin Epoxybergamottin Bergapten 8-Geranyloxypsoralen Citropten	10-50 10-100 1-150 traces traces	31 55 2	traces traces	(Dugrand et al., 2013)
Mandarin <i>Citrus deliciosa</i>	Bergamottin Citropten	1-10 1-10	2 2		
Grapefruit	Bergamottin	1500-5000	2785	900-2000	(Dugo &

Citrus X paradisi	Epoxybergamottin	2000-10000	3741	9500-12000	Russo, 2011), (Frérot & Decorzant, 2004), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Russo et al., 2012) (Russo et al., 2015)
	Bergapten	50-200	111	100-150	
	Citropten	10-50	17	20-100	
	8-Geranyloxypsoralen	1-15	5		
	Isopimpinelin	traces		0-60	
Lime Citrus aurantifolia	8-Geranyloxypsoralen	4000-5000	4290	500-6500	(Dugo & Russo, 2011), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Russo et al., 2012), (Bonaccorsi et al., 2011) (Russo et al., 2015)
	Bergamottin	20000-80000	47844	10000-	
	Bergapten	1500-2000	1975	45000	
	Citropten	4500-5500	4914	200-3500	
	Herniarin	1500-2000	1802	2000-17000	
	Isopimpinelin	4000-5000	4302	500-5000	
	Byakangelicin	20-50	34	3000-8000	
	Byakangelicol	100-200	175	80-1000	
	Epoxybergamottin	10-20	8		
	Heraclenin	80-100	94	traces	
	Imperatorin	250-300	262	200-800	
	Isoimperatorin	150-200	205	100-400	
	Oxypeucedanin	550-600	565	1000-10000	
	Oxypeucedanin hydr.	500-1000	779	200-1700	
	Phellopterin	350-400	384	10-100	
Psoralen	15-30	24	10-40		
Xanthotoxin	600-750	663	10-60		

Table 2. List of the 38 discriminant markers selected by OPLS-DA. The list of all references related to the investigated compounds is given in Supporting Information Table SM3

N°	Ionized exact mass (m/z)	Exact mass (m/z)	Tr (min)	Supposed Elemental Composition	Accuracy (ppm)	i-FIT Norm	Tentative identification	References	Grp	Fragments	Formula	Accuracy (ppm)	Identification confidence*
1	177.0557	176.0479	5.38	C ₁₀ H ₈ O ₃	3.16	0.45	Herniarin	(Dugo & Russo, 2011), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Russo et al., 2012), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Russo et al., 2015)	Lime	121.0655	C ₈ H ₉ O	1.32	1
2	317.1037	316.09587	6.56	C ₁₇ H ₁₆ O ₆	3.83	3.37	Byakangelicol	(Dugo & Russo, 2011), (Frérot & Decorzant, 2004), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Russo et al., 2012), (Russo et al., 2015)	Lemon	233.0415	C ₁₂ H ₉ O ₅	5.14	1
3	217.0502	216.0424	6.67	C ₁₂ H ₈ O ₄	0.65	1.77	Isobergapten		Expr. lime	202.0263 174.0323	C ₁₁ H ₆ O ₄ C ₁₀ H ₆ O ₃	1.53 3.48	3
4	207.0660	206.0582	7.37	C ₁₁ H ₁₀ O ₄	1.41	0.01	Citropten	(Dugo & Russo, 2011), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Russo et al., 2012), (Dugo et al.,	Bergamot Lemon Lime	192.0423 121.0650	C ₆ H ₁₀ O ₇ C ₈ H ₉ O	1.82 2.81	1

								2009) (Russo et al., 2015)					
5	247.0607	246.0529	7.61	C ₁₃ H ₁₀ O ₅	0.31	0.01	Isopimpinelin	(Dugo & Russo, 2011), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Russo et al., 2012), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Bonaccorsi et al., 2011) (Russo et al., 2015)	Lime	232.0362 217.0148	C ₁₂ H ₈ O ₅ C ₁₁ H ₅ O ₅	4.19 5.08	1
6	261.1123	260.1045	7.79	C ₁₅ H ₁₆ O ₄	1.38	0.62	Meranzin isomer 1	(Dugo & Russo, 2011), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Russo et al., 2012), (Dugo et al., 2011a), (Russo et al., 2015)	Bigarade Grapefruit	189.0550 131.0486	C ₁₁ H ₉ O ₃ C ₉ H ₇ O	0.89 8.32	3
7	217.0501	216.0423	7.86	C ₁₂ H ₈ O ₄	0.19	0.04	Bergapten	(Dugo & Russo, 2011), (Frérot & Decorzant, 2004), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Russo et al., 2012), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Dugo et al., 2011a), (Bonaccorsi et al., 2011)	Bergamot Lime Bigarade Lemon Grapefruit	202.0250 174.0311	C ₁₁ H ₆ O ₄ C ₁₀ H ₆ O ₃	7.96 3.41	1

								(Russo et al., 2015)					
8	261.1123	260.1045	7.91	C ₁₅ H ₁₆ O ₄	1.38	6.88	Meranzin isomer 2	(Dugo & Russo, 2011), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Russo et al., 2012), (Dugo et al., 2011a), (Dugo et al., 2009), , (Russo et al., 2015)	Bigarade Grapefruit	189.0541 131.0498	C ₁₁ H ₉ O ₃ C ₉ H ₇ O	5.65 0.84	3
9	373.1280	372.1202	8.61	C ₂₀ H ₂₀ O ₇	1.89	3.56	Pentamethoxyflavone isomer 1	(Weber et al., 2006), (Dugo & Russo, 2011), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Russo et al., 2012), (Mondello, Dugo, & d'Alcontres, 1993), (Dugo et al., 2011b), (Russo et al., 2015)	Orange Bergamot Mandarin	358.1013 343.0732 312.0978	C ₁₉ H ₁₈ O ₇ C ₁₈ H ₁₅ O ₇ C ₁₈ H ₁₆ O ₅	11.04 6.64 6.32	3
10	355.1534	354.1456	8.63	C ₂₁ H ₂₂ O ₅	3.17	5.79	Aurantiumal	(Dugo & McHale, 2002)	Grapefruit	163.0414	C ₉ H ₇ O ₃	11.54	3
11	287.0919	286.0841	8.85	C ₁₆ H ₁₄ O ₅	0.08	0.13	Oxypeucedanin	(Dugo & Russo, 2011), (Frérot & Decorzant, 2004), (Dugo et al.,	Lemon Lime	203.0351 147.0448	C ₁₁ H ₇ O ₄ C ₉ H ₇ O ₂	3.28 1.33	1

								1999a), (Russo et al., 2012), (Dugo et al., 2009) (Russo et al., 2015)					
12	403.1385	402.1307	8.92	C ₂₁ H ₂₂ O ₈	1.91	4.28	Hexamethoxyflavone isomer 1	(Weber et al., 2006), (Dugo & Russo, 2011), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Russo et al., 2012), (Mondello et al., 1993), (Dugo et al., 2011b), (Russo et al., 2015)	Orange Mandarin Grapefruit	373.0907 355.0771	C ₁₉ H ₁₇ O ₈ C ₁₉ H ₁₅ O ₇	4.40 13.17	3
13	403.1378	402.1300	9.36	C ₂₀ H ₂₂ O ₈	3.65	4.56	Hexamethoxyflavone isomer 2	(Weber et al., 2006), (Dugo & Russo, 2011), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Russo et al., 2012), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Dugo et al., 2011a), (Mondello et al., 1993), (Li, Lo, Wang, & Ho, 2010) (Russo et al., 2015)	Orange Mandarin Bigarade Grapefruit	373.0894 355.0772	C ₁₉ H ₁₇ O ₈ C ₁₉ H ₁₅ O ₇	7.89 12.89	3
14	343.1167	342.1089	9.40	C ₁₉ H ₁₈ O ₆	4.2	2.51	Tetra-O-methylscutellarein	(Weber et al., 2006), (Dugo & Russo, 2011),	Orange Mandarin	313.0670 282.0853	C ₁₇ H ₁₃ O ₆ C ₁₇ H ₁₄ O ₄	13.45 13.85	3

								(Dugo et al., 1999a), (Russo et al., 2012), (Mondello et al., 1993), (Dugo et al., 2011b), (Li et al., 2010), (Russo et al., 2015)					
15	359.1121	358.1043	9.57	C ₁₉ H ₁₈ O ₇	2.66	1.36	Hydroxytetramethoxyflavone isomer 1	(Russo et al., 2012), (Dugo et al., 2011b)	Bergamot Orange Mandarin	344.0842 298.0835	C ₁₈ H ₁₆ O ₇ C ₁₇ H ₁₄ O ₅	15.70 2.09	3
16	433.1489	432.1411	9.58	C ₂₂ H ₂₄ O ₉	2.16	5.05	Heptamethoxyflavone	(Weber et al., 2006), (Dugo & Russo, 2011), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Russo et al., 2012), (Mondello et al., 1993) (Russo et al., 2015)	Orange Mandarin Grapefruit	403.0963	C ₂₀ H ₉ O ₉	16.39	3
17	387.1802	386.1724	9.69	C ₂₂ H ₂₆ O ₆	1.39	11.08	unknown 1		Dist. lime				4
18	271.0962	270.0884	9.83	C ₁₆ H ₁₄ O ₄	2.99	0.27	Imperatorin	(Dugo & Russo, 2011), (Frérot & Decorzant, 2004), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Russo et al., 2012), (Dugo et al., 2009),	Expr. lime lemon	203.0342	C ₁₁ H ₇ O ₄	1.15	1

								(Russo et al., 2015)					
19	359.1123	358.1045	9.86	C ₁₉ H ₁₈ O ₇	2.1	0.12	Hydroxytetramethoxyflavone isomer 2	(Russo et al., 2012), (Dugo et al., 2011b)	Bergamot Orange Mandarin Grapefruit	344.0849 315.0858	C ₁₈ H ₁₆ O ₇ C ₁₇ H ₁₅ O ₆	3.40 3.37	3
20	373.1276	372.1198	9.90	C ₂₀ H ₂₀ O ₇	2.96	4.79	Pentamethoxyflavone isomer 2	(Weber et al., 2006), (Dugo & Russo, 2011), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Russo et al., 2012), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Dugo et al., 2011a), (Mondello et al., 1993), (Russo et al., 2015)	Mandarin Orange Bigarade Grapefruit	343.0749	C ₁₈ H ₁₅ O ₇	20.04	3
21	389.1227	388.1149	10.02	C ₂₀ H ₂₀ O ₈	2.36	3.41	Hydroxypentamethoxyflavone	(Weber et al., 2006), (Dugo & Russo, 2011), (Russo et al., 2012), (Dugo et al., 2011b), (Russo et al., 2015)	Mandarin Orange Bigarade Bergamot Grapefruit	359.1052 342.0840	C ₁₉ H ₁₉ O ₇ C ₁₈ H ₁₄ O ₇	21.93 29.37	3
22	315.1590	314.1511	10.03	C ₁₉ H ₂₂ O ₄	2.26	0.03	Epoxyaurapten	(Dugo & Russo, 2011), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Russo et al., 2012), (Russo et al., 2015)	Grapefruit	297.1488 163.0396 153.1279 135.1175	C ₁₉ H ₂₁ O ₃ C ₉ H ₇ O ₃ C ₁₀ H ₁₇ O C ₁₀ H ₁₅	0.91 0.50 0.26 0.92	3

23	301.1072	300.0994	10.06	C ₁₇ H ₁₆ O ₅	1.24	3.25	Phellopterin	(Dugo & Russo, 2011), (Frérot & Decorzant, 2004), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Russo et al., 2012), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Russo et al., 2015)	Lemon Expr. Lime	233.045 218.0168	C ₁₂ H ₉ O ₅ C ₁₁ H ₆ O ₅	0.007 21.66	1
24	403.1381	402.1303	10.10	C ₂₁ H ₂₂ O ₈	2.9	6.32	Hexamethoxyflavone isomer 3	(Weber et al., 2006), (Dugo & Russo, 2011), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Russo et al., 2012), (Dugo et al., 2011a), (Mondello et al., 1993), (Russo et al., 2015)	Mandarin Orange Grapefruit Bigarade	373.0908 355.0762	C ₁₉ H ₁₇ O ₈ C ₁₉ H ₁₅ O ₇	4.13 15.71	3
25	245.1174	244.1096	10.19	C ₁₅ H ₁₆ O ₃	1.41	0.07	Unknown 2		Bigarade Grapefruit	189.0546 131.0492	C ₁₁ H ₉ O ₃ C ₉ H ₇ O	3.01 3.73	4
26	329.1020	328.0942	10.19	C ₁₈ H ₁₆ O ₆	1.49	5.1	Hydroxytrimethoxyflavone		Bergamot	268.0751	C ₁₆ H ₁₂ O ₄	5.75	3
27	301.1074	300.0996	10.22	C ₁₇ H ₁₆ O ₅	0.58	0.39	Phellopterin isomer	(Dugo & Russo, 2011), (Frérot & Decorzant, 2004), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Russo et al.,	Expr. lime	233.0452	C ₁₂ H ₉ O ₅	0.86	3

								2012), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Russo et al., 2015)					
28	355.1539	354.1461	10.39	C ₂₁ H ₂₂ O ₅	1.76	1.67	Epoxybergamottin	(Dugo & Russo, 2011), (Frérot & Decorzant, 2004), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Russo et al., 2012), (Dugo et al., 2011a), (Dugo et al., 1999b), (Russo et al., 2015)	Grapefruit Bigarade	203.0346 153.1268	C ₁₁ H ₇ O ₄ C ₁₀ H ₇ O	0.82 7.45	1
29	261.1120	260.1042	10.60	C ₁₅ H ₁₆ O ₄	2.53	0.63	Meranzin isomer 3	(Dugo & Russo, 2011), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Russo et al., 2012), (Dugo et al., 2011a), (Russo et al., 2015)	Bigarade Grapefruit	243.0999	C ₁₅ H ₁₅ O ₉	9.13	3
30	355.1542	354.1464	10.97	C ₂₁ H ₂₂ O ₅	0.91	5.34	Cnidicin isomer	(Dugo et al., 2009), (Russo et al., 2012), (Russo et al., 2015)	Lemon Expr.lime Grapefruit	219.0325 173.0279	C ₁₁ H ₇ O ₅ C ₁₀ H ₅ O ₃	14.39 23.29	3
31	339.1592	338.1514	11.04	C ₂₁ H ₂₂ O ₄	1.21	1.02	8-Geranyloxypsoralen	(Dugo & Russo, 2011), (Frérot & Decorzant,	Lemon Expr.lime	203.0338 147.0447	C ₁₁ H ₇ O ₄ C ₉ H ₇ O ₂	3.12 0.65	1

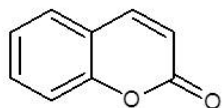
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32	299.1640	298.1562	11.18	C ₁₉ H ₂₃ O ₃	2.4	3.57	Auraptén	(Dugo & Russo, 2011), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Russo et al., 2012), (Russo et al., 2015)	Grapefruit	163.0396	C ₉ H ₇ O ₃	0.5	3
33	369.1699	368.1621	11.26	C ₂₂ H ₂₄ O ₅	0.74	4.42	5-Geranyloxy-8-methoxypsoralén	(Dugo & Russo, 2011), (Russo et al., 2012), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Russo et al., 2015)	Expr.lime	233.0464 173.0233	C ₁₂ H ₉ O ₅ C ₁₀ H ₅ O ₃	6.01 3.25	3
34	339.1593	338.1515	11.35	C ₂₁ H ₂₂ O ₄	0.91	4.30	Bergamottin	(Dugo & Russo, 2011), (Frérot & Decorzant, 2004), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Russo et al., 2012), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Russo et al., 2015)	Bergamot Lemon Lime Grapefruit	203.0359 147.0450	C ₁₁ H ₇ O ₄ C ₉ H ₇ O ₂	7.22 2.69	1
35	261.1124	260.1046	11.36	C ₁₅ H ₁₆ O ₄	0.99	2.07	Meranzin isomer 4	(Dugo & Russo, 2011), (Dugo et al.,	Grapefruit	189.0542 131.0476	C ₁₁ H ₉ O ₃ C ₉ H ₇ O	5.13 15.95	3

								1999a), (Russo et al., 2012), (Russo et al., 2015)					
36	323.1051	322.0973	11.41				Unknown 3		Dist. Lime	251.0506	C ₁₉ H ₇ O	3.62	
37	329.1746	328.1668	11.41	C ₂₀ H ₂₄ O ₄	2.01	0.11	5-geranyloxy-7- methoxycoumarin	(Dugo & Russo, 2011), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Russo et al., 2012), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Russo et al., 2015)	Lemon Lime Bergamot	251.0481 193.0506	C ₁₉ H ₇ O C ₁₀ H ₉ O ₄	6.33 2.67	3
38	279.1596	278.1518	12.51	C ₁₆ H ₂₂ O ₄	0.03	1.12	Unknown 4		Dist. lime	163.0396	C ₉ H ₇ O ₃	0.5	4

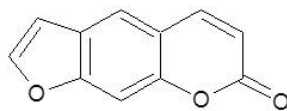
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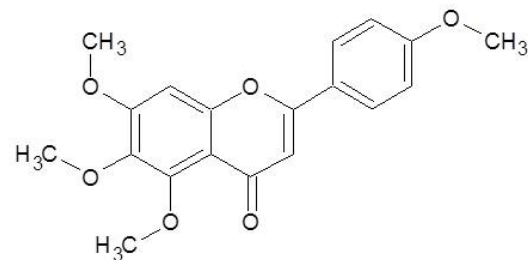
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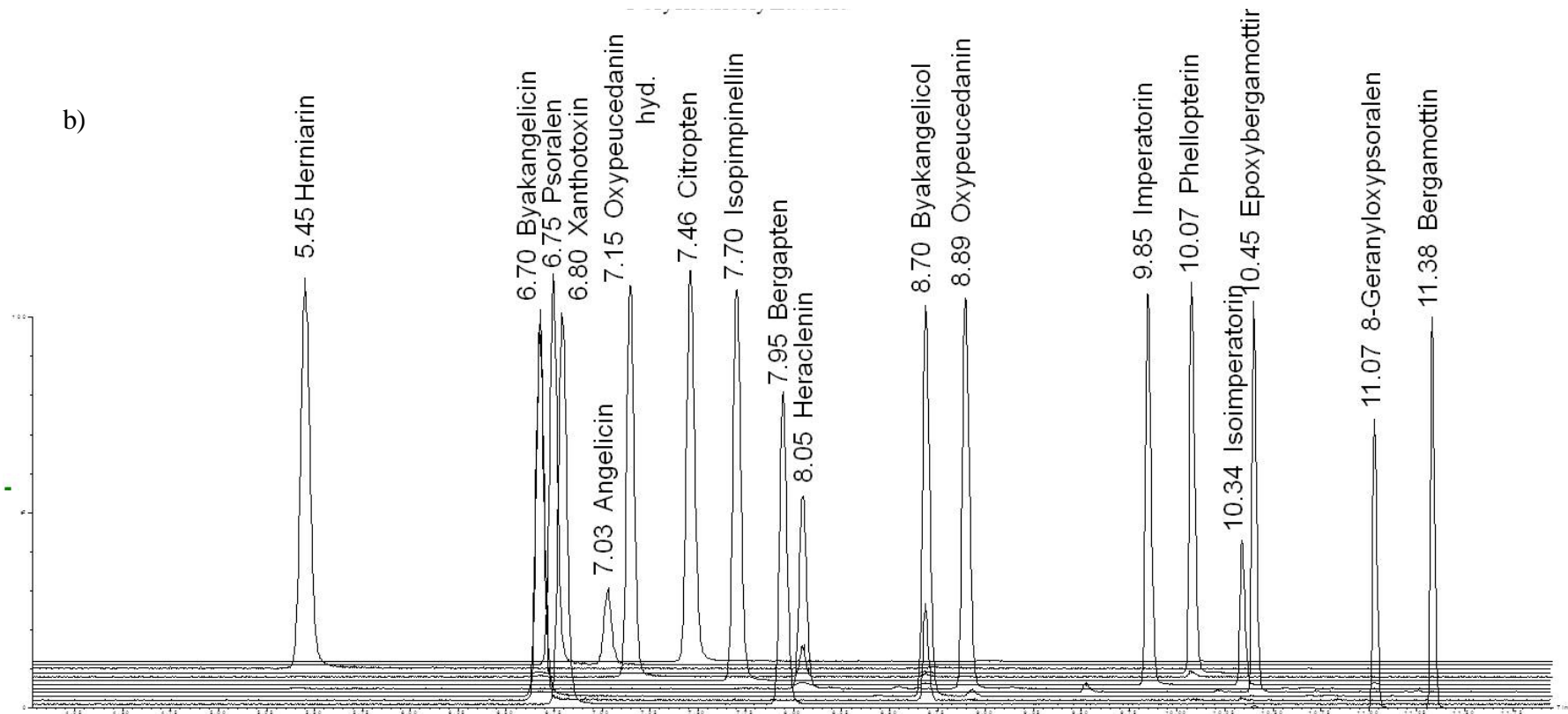


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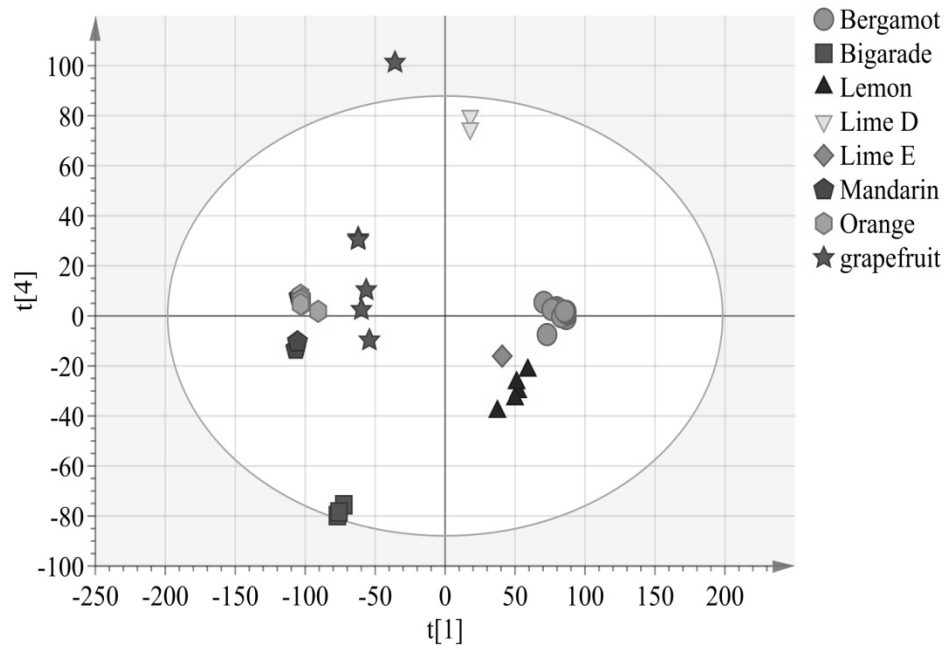


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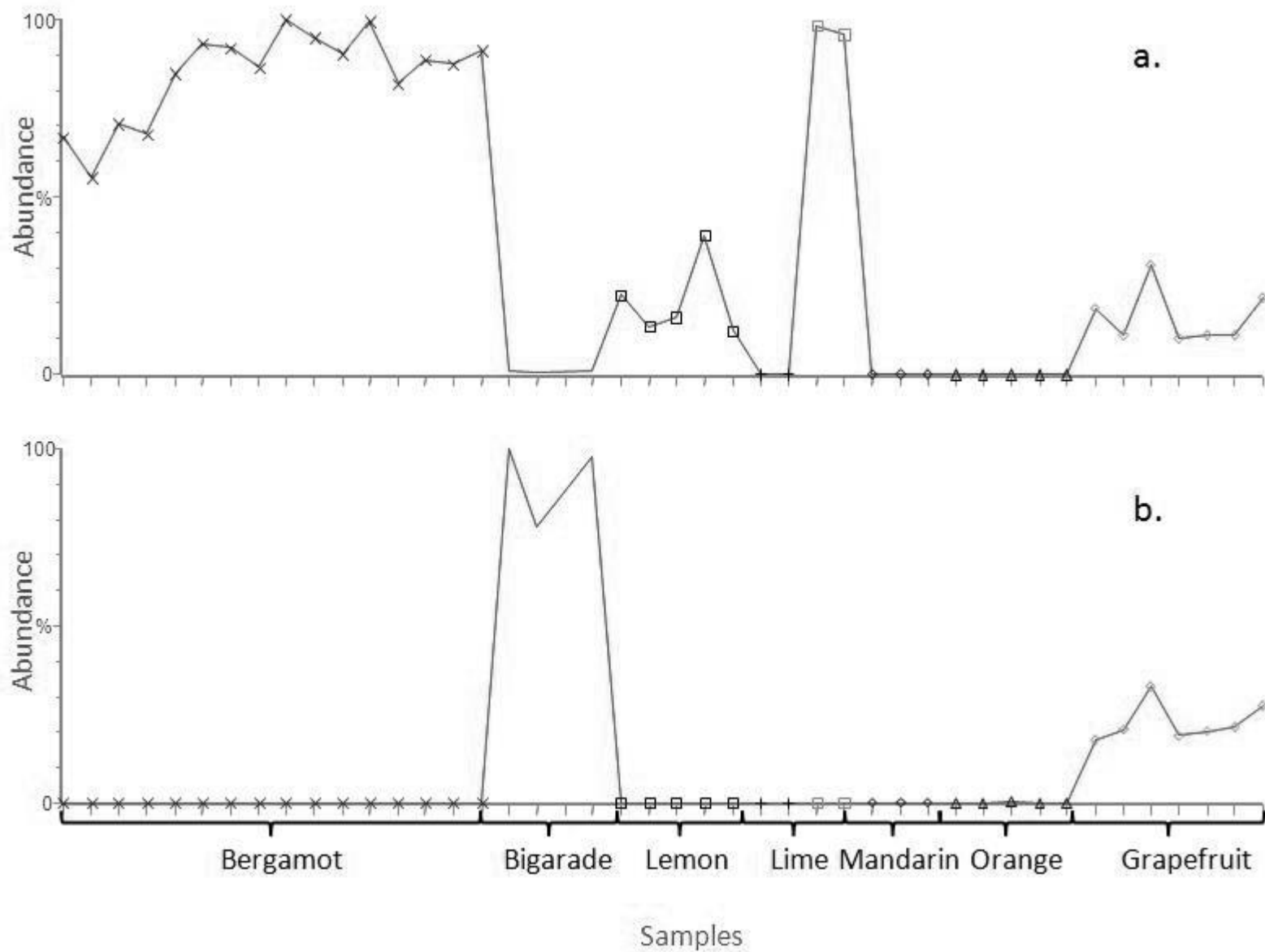


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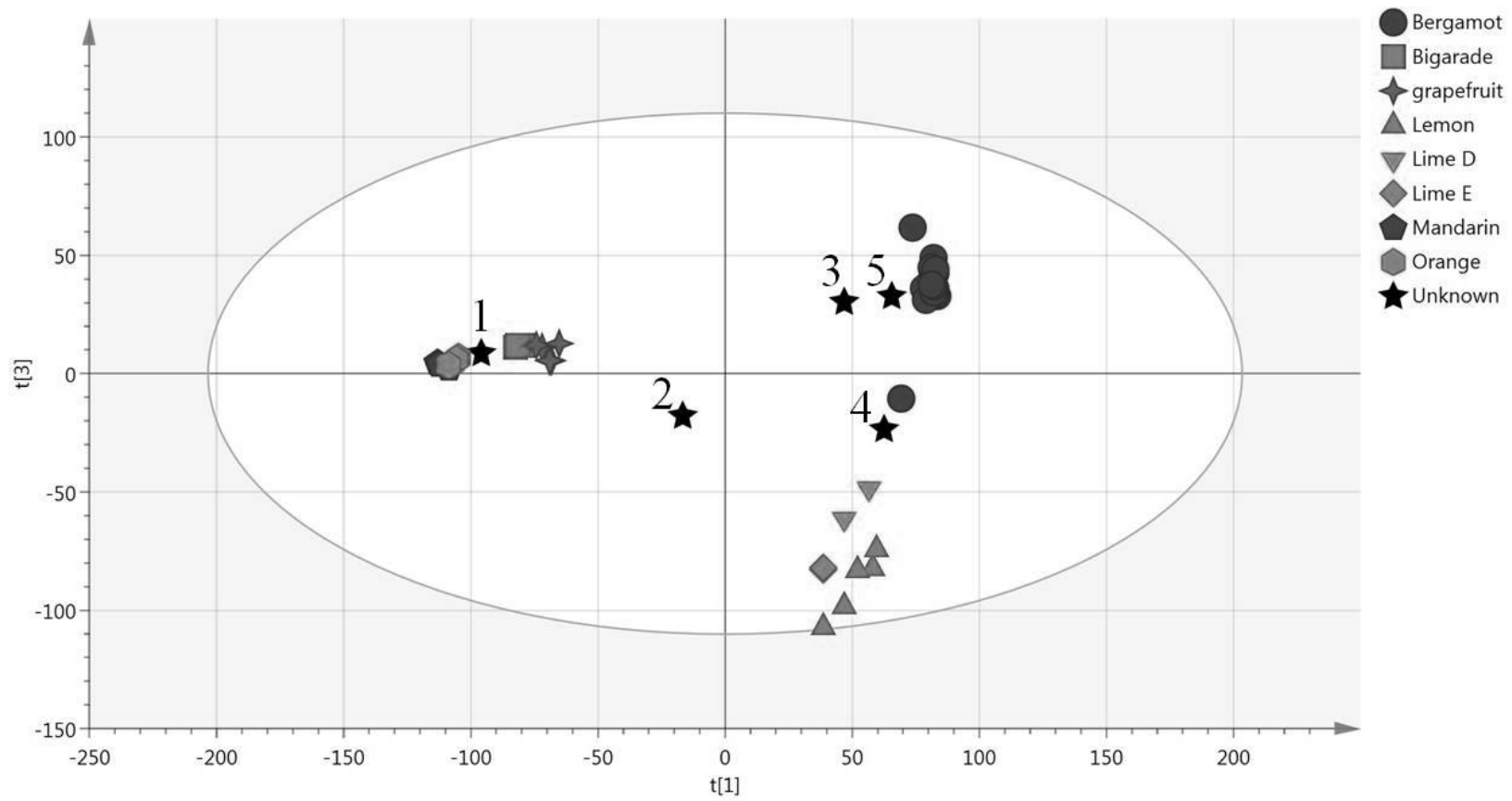


Figure 4

**Oxygenated heterocyclic compounds to differentiate *Citrus* spp. essential
oils through metabolomic strategies**

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Table SM1. EMRT of the target Fcs and Cs, and analytical reliability parameters. ^a: high concentration, ^b: low concentration

OHC	Rt (min)	Exact mass [M+H] ⁺	Fragments	R ²	Regression Equation	Linearity range (mg/L)	Repeatability RSD %	Int. Prec. RSD %	LOQ (mg/L)	LOD (mg/L)
Herniarin	5.38	177.0552	133.0655 121.0668	0.9999	245.41x-6.00975	0.1 - 5	3.52 ^a 1.24 ^b	2.09 ^a 3.86 ^b	0.050	0.010
Psoralen	6.95	187.0317	131.0502 115.055	0.9926	394.291x + 62.2351	0.2 - 10	1.26 5.04	3.71 4.34	0.106	0.011
Byakangelicin	6.96	335.1131	233.0449 231.0294	0.9986	199.154x - 29.2627	0.1 - 5	2.89 4.34	4.47 4.33	0.053	0.011
Angelicin	6.98	187.0317	131.0491 115.0545	0.9992	71.4831x+1.5915	0.2 - 10	2.48 3.59	4.43 3.79	0.100	0.011
Xanthotoxin	7.01	217.0501	202.0266 174.0317	0.9989	3594.12x + 169.371	0.2 - 10	2.35 3.52	3.92 3.41	0.102	0.010
Oxypeucedanin Hydrate	7.36	305.1025	203.0349 147.048	0.9999	619.863x – 8.66233	0.1 - 5	4.14 6.22	3.70 4.47	0.050	0.010
Citropten	7.39	207.0657	192.0423 121.0645	0.9948	1469.87x+3.45565	0.1 - 5	3.37 3.12	3.47 4.66	0.050	0.010
Isopimpinellin	7.89	247.0606	232.0378 217.0127	0.9980	4650.62x + 555.133	0.2 - 10	6.52 3.34	3.69 4.14	0.101	0.010
Bergapten	8.10	217.0501	202.0267 174.0318	0.9979	2381.62x + 165.362	0.2 - 10	5.78 3.76	3.82 5.08	0.103	0.011
Heraclenin	8.23	287.0919	203.0334 147.043	0.9985	1123.57x + 61.5232	0.2 - 10	5.50 4.05	3.86 4.08	0.101	0.050
Byakangelicol	8.86	317.1025	233.0445 231.0289	0.9976	1389.17x + 62.9711	0.2 - 10	5.21 3.77	4.09 5.55	0.105	0.052

Oxypeucedanin	9.04	287.0919	203.0349 147.0468	0.9978	$29.5409x + 0.88207$	0.2 - 10	5.41 3.31	3.74 5.00	0.105	0.053
Imperatorin	9.93	271.097	203.0344 147.0461	0.9963	$2369.8x + 160.304$	0.2 - 10	6.03 3.55	3.78 4.51	0.101	0.010
8-Geranyl-oxypsoralen	11.07	339.1596	203.0342 147.0439	0.9983	$622.295x - 52.3108$	0.2 - 10	3.21 3.89	5.34 4.75	0.101	0.050
Phellopterin	10.13	301.1076	233.0444 218.0211	0.9948	$3183.21x + 286.096$	0.2 - 10	6.50 3.27	3.53 5.45	0.102	0.010
Isoimperatorin	10.4	271.097	203.0344 147.0461	0.9958	$488.205x + 47.188$	0.2 - 10	7.61 3.49	4.16 5.55	0.102	0.010
Epoxybergamottin	10.45	355.1545	203.0342 153.1291	0.9992	$113.838x - 7.97378$	0.2 - 10	3.71 4.46	4.44 5.02	0.105	0.053
Bergamottin	11.38	339.1596	203.0352 147.0449	0.9988	$513.205x - 40.1257$	0.2 - 10	3.21 4.25	4.57 4.83	0.106	0.011

Table SM2. Experimental and literature quantitative ranges of the 18 Fcs and Cs investigated with a full reference list related to the investigated compounds

Species	Markers	Concentration range (ppm)	Mediane value	Litterature data (ppm)	References
Bergamot <i>Citrus bergamia</i> Risso	Bergamottin	15000-50000		500-28000	(Frérot & Decorzant, 2004),
	Bergapten	1000-3500		1100-9000	(Dugo et al., 1999a),
	Citropten	1000-4000		1000-8000	(Dugo, Mondello, Proteggente, & Dugo, 1999),
	Epoxybergamottin	5-60	17621		(Di Giacomo & Calvarano, 1978),
	Herniarin	10-400	1925		(Analytical Methods Committee, 1987),
	Oxypeucedanin	1-200	1650		(Costa et al., 2010),
	Oxypeucedanin hydr.	1-50	41		(Dugo et al., 1999b),
	Isopimpinelin	traces	49		(Dugo et al., 2009), (Dugrand et al., 2013),
	Isoimperatorin	traces	1		(Russo et al., 2012),
	Psoralen	traces	2		(Gionfriddo, Postorino, & Bovalo, 1997),
	8-Geranyloxypsoralen	traces			(Casabianca, 2012),
					(McHale & Sheridan, 1989),

<p>Lemon <i>Citrus limon</i> (L.) Osbeck</p>	<p>8-Geranyloxypsoralen Bergamottin Byakangelicol Cidropten Oxypeucedanin Bergapten Byakangelicin Heraclenin Herniarin Isoimperatorin Oxypeucedanin hydr. Phellopterin Epoxybergamottin Imperatorin Isopimpinelin</p>	<p>200-1000 1000-10000 50-1500 300-1500 10-2000 10-150 1-50 10-200 20-300 10-100 20-100 20-200 traces traces traces</p>	<p>293 3363 363 564 365 25 31 13 25 24 80 44</p>	<p>200-3500 1000-4000 200-1300 300-3500 900-2100 10-100 20-100 40-200 traces 20-200 10-300 90-650 traces 40-200 traces</p>	<p>(Frérot & Decorzant, 2004), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Dugo et al., 1999b), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Dugrand et al., 2013), (Russo et al., 2012), (Casabianca, 2012), (Bonaccorsi et al., 2000), (Calabro & Curro, 1976), (Shu, Walradt, & Taylor, 1975), (McHale & Sheridan, 1988), (Marin, Marchisio, Janinet, & le Bon, 2000), (Ziegler & Spiteller, 1992), (Dellacassa et al., 1997), (Dugo, Mondello, Cogliandro, Cavazza, & Dugo, 1998), (Fisher & Trama, 1979), (Glandian, Corneteau, Drouet, & Rouzet, 1978) (Russo et al., 2015)</p>
<p>Bigarade <i>Citrus x aurantium</i> L.</p>	<p>Bergamottin Epoxybergamottin Bergapten Cidropten 8-Geranyloxypsoralen Isopimpinelin Phellopterin Psoralen</p>	<p>50-1500 1000-4000 100-400 1-10 1-10 traces traces traces</p>	<p>122 1934 237 4 5</p>	<p>60-150 800-3500 500-1000 traces 0-120 0-50 traces</p>	<p>(Frérot & Decorzant, 2004), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Dugo et al., 1999b), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Russo et al., 2012), (Casabianca, 2012), (McHale & Sheridan, 1989), (Bonaccorsi et al., 2000), (Shu et al., 1975), (Fisher & Trama, 1979), (Dugo, Mondello, Cogliandro, Verzera, & Dugo,</p>

					1996), (Dugo et al., 2011a), (Chouchi, Barth, Reverchon, & Della Porta, 1996), (Boelens & Sindreu, 1986) (Russo et al., 2015)
Orange Citrus sinensis (L.) Osbeck	Bergamottin Epoxybergamottin Bergapten 8-Geranyloxypsoralen Citropten	10-50 10-100 1-150 traces traces	31 55 2	traces traces	(Dugrand et al., 2013)
Mandarin Citrus reticulata Blanco	Bergamottin Citropten	1-10 1-10	2 2		
Grapefruit Citrus paradisi Macfad	Bergamottin Epoxybergamottin Bergapten Citropten 8-Geranyloxypsoralen Isopimpinelin	1500-5000 2000-10000 50-200 10-50 1-15 traces	2785 3741 111 17 5	900-2000 9500-12000 100-150 20-100 0-60	(Frérot & Decorzant, 2004), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Dugo et al., 1999b), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Dugrand et al., 2013), (Russo et al., 2012), (Casabianca, 2012), (McHale & Sheridan, 1989), (Shu et al., 1975), (Fisher & Trama, 1979), (Dugo et al., 1996), (Feger, Brandauer, Gabris, & Ziegler, 2006), (Tatum & Berry, 1979) (Russo et al., 2015)
Lime Citrus aurantifolia (Christm.)S wingle	8-Geranyloxypsoralen Bergamottin Bergapten Citropten Herniarin Isopimpinelin Byakangelicin Byakangelicol Epoxybergamottin Heraclenin Imperatorin Isoimperatorin	4000-5000 20000-80000 1500-2000 4500-5500 1500-2000 4000-5000 20-50 100-200 10-20 80-100 250-300 150-200 550-600 500-1000 350-400 15-30 600-750	4290 47844 1975 4914 1802 4302 34 175 8 94 262 205 565 779 384 24 663	500-6500 10000- 45000 200-3500 2000-17000 500-5000 3000-8000 80-1000 traces 200-800 100-400 1000-10000 200-1700 10-100 10-40 10-60	(Dugo et al., 1999a), (Dugo et al., 1999b), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Russo et al., 2012), (McHale & Sheridan, 1989), (Shu et al., 1975), (Cieri, 1969), (Madsen & Latz, 1970), (Feger et al., 2006),

	Oxypeucedanin Oxypeucedanin hydr. Phellopterin Psoralen Xanthotoxin				(Bonaccorsi et al., 2011), (Dugo, Mondello, Lamonica, & Dugo, 1997), (Stanley & Vanier, 1967), (Nigg et al., 1993) (Russo et al., 2015)
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Table SM3. List of the 38 discriminant markers selected by OPLS-DA with a full reference list related to the investigated compounds

N°	Ionized exact mass (m/z)	Exact mass (m/z)	Tr (min)	Supposed Elemental Composition	Accuracy (ppm)	Tentative identification	References	Grp	Fragments	Formula	Accuracy
1	177.0557	176.0479	5.38	C ₁₀ H ₈ O ₃	3.16	Herniarin	(Dugo et al., 1999a), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Russo et al., 2012), (McHale & Sheridan, 1989), (Feger et al., 2006), (Bonaccorsi et al., 2011), (Dugo et al., 1997) (Russo et al., 2015)	Lime	121.0655	C ₈ H ₉ O	1.32
2	317.1037	316.09587	6.56	C ₁₇ H ₁₆ O ₆	3.83	Byakangelicol	(Frérot & Decorzant, 2004), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Dugrand et al., 2013), (Russo et al., 2012), (Casabianca, 2012), (McHale & Sheridan, 1988), (Marin et al., 2000), (Ziegler & Spiteller, 1992), (Dellacassa et al.,	Lemon	233.0415	C ₁₂ H ₉ O ₅	5.14

							1997), (Dugo et al., 1998) (Russo et al., 2015) (Glandian et al., 1978)				
3	217.0502	216.0424	6.67	C ₁₂ H ₈ O ₄	0.65	Isobergapten		Expr.d lime	202.0263 174.0323	C ₁₁ H ₆ O ₄ C ₁₀ H ₆ O ₃	1.53 3.48
4	207.0660	206.0582	7.37	C ₁₁ H ₁₀ O ₄	1.41	Citropten	(Dugo et al., 1999a), (Dugo et al., 1999) (Costa et al., 2010), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Russo et al., 2012), (Gionfriddo et al., 1997), (Casabianca, 2012), (McHale & Sheridan, 1989), (Bonaccorsi et al., 2000), (Calabro & Curro, 1976), (Vernin et al., 1979), (Mondello et al., 1993), (Dellacassa et al., 1997), (Calvarano et al., 1979), (Cieri, 1969), (McHale & Sheridan, 1988), (Marin et al., 2000),	Bergamot Lemon Lime	192.0423 121.0650	C ₆ H ₁₀ O ₇ C ₈ H ₉ O	1.82 2.81

							(Ziegler & Spiteller, 1992), (Dellacassa et al., 1997), (Dugo et al., 1998), (Madsen & Latz, 1970), (Glandian et al., 1978), (Feger et al., 2006), (Bonaccorsi et al., 2011), (Dugo et al., 1997), (Stanley & Vanier, 1967), (Nigg et al., 1993) (Russo et al., 2015)				
5	247.0607	246.0529	7.61	C ₁₃ H ₁₀ O ₅	0.31	Isopimpinelin	(Dugo et al., 1999a), (Dugo et al., 1999b), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Russo et al., 2012), (McHale & Sheridan, 1989), (Cieri, 1969), (Feger et al., 2006), (Bonaccorsi et al., 2011), (Dugo et al., 1997), (Stanley & Vanier, 1967), (Nigg et al., 1993)	Lime	232.0362 217.0148	C ₁₂ H ₈ O ₅ C ₁₁ H ₅ O ₅	4.19 5.08

							(Russo et al., 2015)				
6	261.1123	260.1045	7.79	C ₁₅ H ₁₆ O ₄	1.38	Meranzin isomer 1	(Dugo et al., 1999a), (Dugo et al., 1999b), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Russo et al., 2012), (McHale & Sheridan, 1989), (Bonaccorsi et al., 2000), (Dugo et al., 1996), (Dugo et al., 2011a), (Chouchi et al., 1996), (Feger et al., 2006), (Tatum & Berry, 1979), (Mencherini et al., 2013), (Boelens & Sindreu, 1986), (Boelens & Jimenez, 1989) (Russo et al., 2015)	Bigarade Grapefruit	189.0550 131.0486	C ₁₁ H ₉ O ₃ C ₉ H ₇ O	0.89 8.32
7	217.0501	216.0423	7.86	C ₁₂ H ₈ O ₄	0.19	Bergapten	(Frérot & Decorzant, 2004), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Dugo et al., 1999), (Di Giacomo & Calvarano, 1978), (Analytical	Bergamot Lime Bigarade Lemon Grapefruit	202.0250 174.0311	C ₁₁ H ₆ O ₄ C ₁₀ H ₆ O ₃	7.96 3.41

							Methods Committee, 1987), (Costa et al., 2010), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Dugrand et al., 2013), (Russo et al., 2012), (Gionfriddo et al., 1997), (Casabianca, 2012), (McHale & Sheridan, 1989), (Bonaccorsi et al., 2000), (Vernin et al., 1979), (Mondello et al., 1993), (Dellacassa et al., 1997), (Calvarano et al., 1979), (Shu et al., 1975), (Porcaro & Shubiack, 1974), (Cieri, 1969), (Marin et al., 2000), (Fisher & Trama, 1979), (Glandian et al., 1978), (Dugo et al., 1996), (Dugo et al., 2011a),				
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							(Chouchi et al., 1996) (Feger et al., 2006), (Bonaccorsi et al., 2011), (Dugo et al., 1997) (Stanley & Vanier, 1967), (Nigg et al., 1993) (Russo et al., 2015)				
8	261.1123	260.1045	7.91	C ₁₅ H ₁₆ O ₄	1.38	Meranzin isomer 2	(Dugo et al., 1999a), (Dugo et al., 1999b), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Russo et al., 2012), (McHale & Sheridan, 1989), (Bonaccorsi et al., 2000), (Dugo et al., 1996), (Dugo et al., 2011a), (Chouchi et al., 1996), (Feger et al., 2006), (Tatum & Berry, 1979), (Mencherini et al., 2013), (Boelens & Sindreu, 1986), (Boelens & Jimenez, 1989) (Russo et al.,	Bigarade Grapefruit	189.0541 131.0498	C ₁₁ H ₉ O ₃ C ₉ H ₇ O	5.65 0.84

							2015)				
9	373.1280	372.1202	8.61	C ₂₀ H ₂₀ O ₇	1.89	Sinensetin isomer 1	(Dugo et al., 1999a), (Costa et al., 2010), (Dugo et al., 1999b), (Russo et al., 2012), (Bonaccorsi et al., 2000), (Dugo, Mondello, Cogliandro, d'Alcontres, & Cotroneo, 1994), (Weber et al., 2006), (Dugo et al., 1996), (Tatum & Berry, 1972), (Li, Lo, Wang, & Ho, 2010), (Mondello, Dugo, & d'Alcontres, 1993), (Gaydou, Berahia, Wallet, & Bianchini, 1991), (Bianchini & Gaydou, 1981), (Dugo et al., 2011b), (Donato, Bonaccorsi, Russo, & Dugo, 2014) (Russo et al., 2015)	Orange Bergamot Mandarin	358.1013 343.0732 312.0978	C ₁₉ H ₁₈ O ₇ C ₁₈ H ₁₅ O ₇ C ₁₈ H ₁₆ O ₅	11.04 6.64 6.32

10	355.1534	354.1456	8.63	C ₂₁ H ₂₂ O ₅	3.17	Aurantiumal	(Dugo & McHale, 2002)	Grapefruit	163.0414	C ₉ H ₇ O ₃	11.54
11	287.0919	286.0841	8.85	C ₁₆ H ₁₄ O ₅	0.08	Oxypeucedanin	(Frérot & Decorzant, 2004), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Dugrand et al., 2013), (Russo et al., 2012), (Casabianca, 2012), (McHale & Sheridan, 1989), (Bonaccorsi et al., 2000), (McHale & Sheridan, 1988), (Marin et al., 2000), (Ziegler & Spittler, 1992), (Dellacassa et al., 1997), (Dugo et al., 1998), (Glandian et al., 1978), (Feger et al., 2006), (Bonaccorsi et al., 2011), (Dugo et al., 1997) (Russo et al., 2015)	Lemon Lime	203.0351 147.0448	C ₁₁ H ₇ O ₄ C ₉ H ₇ O ₂	3.28 1.33
12	403.1385	402.1307	8.92	C ₂₁ H ₂₂ O ₈	1.91	Nobiletin isomer 1	(Dugo et al., 1999a), (Dugo et al.,	Orange Mandarin Grapefruit	373.0907 355.0771	C ₁₉ H ₁₇ O ₈ C ₁₉ H ₁₅ O ₇	4.40 13.17

							2009), (Russo et al., 2012), (McHale & Sheridan, 1989), (Bonaccorsi et al., 2000), (Dugo et al., 1996), (Feger et al., 2006), (Tatum & Berry, 1979), (Weber et al., 2006), (Dugo et al., 1994), (Dugo et al., 1996) (Tatum & Berry, 1972), (Li et al., 2010), (Mondello et al., 1993), (Gaydou et al., 1991), (Bianchini & Gaydou, 1981), (Dugo et al., 2011b), (Verzera, Mondello, Trozzi, & Dugo, 1997) (Russo et al., 2015)				
13	403.1378	402.1300	9.36	C ₂₀ H ₂₂ O ₈	3.65	Nobiletin isomer 2	(Dugo et al., 1999a), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Russo et al., 2012), (McHale & Sheridan, 1989),	Orange Mandarin Bigarade Grapefruit	373.0894 355.0772	C ₁₉ H ₁₇ O ₈ C ₁₉ H ₁₅ O ₇	7.89 12.89

							(Bonaccorsi et al., 2000), (Dugo et al., 1996), (Dugo et al., 2011a), (Feger et al., 2006), (Tatum & Berry, 1979), (Mencherini et al., 2013), (Weber et al., 2006), (Dugo et al., 1994), (Dugo et al., 1996), (Tatum & Berry, 1972), (Li et al., 2010), (Mondello et al., 1993), (Gaydou et al., 1991), (Bianchini & Gaydou, 1981), (Dugo et al., 2011b) (Russo et al., 2015)				
14	343.1167	342.1089	9.40	C ₁₉ H ₁₈ O ₆	4.2	Tetra-O-methylscutellarein	(Dugo et al., 1999a), (Russo et al., 2012), (Bonaccorsi et al., 2000), (Weber et al., 2006), (Dugo et al., 1994),	Orange Mandarin	313.0670 282.0853	C ₁₇ H ₁₃ O ₆ C ₁₇ H ₁₄ O ₄	13.45 13.85

							(Dugo et al., 1996), (Tatum & Berry, 1972), (Li et al., 2010), (Mondello et al., 1993), (Gaydou et al., 1991), (Bianchini & Gaydou, 1981), (Russo et al., 2015)				
15	359.1121	358.1043	9.57	C ₁₉ H ₁₈ O ₇	2.66	Hydroxytetramethoxyflavone isomer 1	(Russo et al., 2012), (Li et al., 2010), (Dugo et al., 2011b)	Bergamot Orange Mandarin	344.0842 298.0835	C ₁₈ H ₁₆ O ₇ C ₁₇ H ₁₄ O ₅	15.70 2.09
16	433.1489	432.1411	9.58	C ₂₂ H ₂₄ O ₉	2.16	Heptamethoxyflavone	(Dugo et al., 1999a), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Russo et al., 2012), (McHale & Sheridan, 1989), (Bonaccorsi et al., 2000), (Dugo et al., 1996), (Feger et al., 2006), (Weber et al., 2006), (Dugo et al., 1994), (Dugo et al., 1996), (Tatum & Berry, 1972), (Li et al., 2010),	Orange Mandarin Grapefruit	403.0963	C ₂₀ H ₉ O ₉	16.39

							(Mondello et al., 1993), (Gaydou et al., 1991), (Bianchini & Gaydou, 1981), (Dugo et al., 2011b) (Russo et al., 2015)				
17	387.1802	386.1724	9.69	C ₂₂ H ₂₆ O ₆	1.39	unknown 1		Dist. lime			
18	271.0962	270.0884	9.83	C ₁₆ H ₁₄ O ₄	2.99	Imperatorin	(Frérot & Decorzant, 2004), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Russo et al., 2012), (Casabianca, 2012), (Bonaccorsi et al., 2000), (McHale & Sheridan, 1988), (Ziegler & Spiteller, 1992), (Dellacassa et al., 1997), (Feger et al., 2006), (Bonaccorsi et al., 2011), (Nigg et al., 1993) (Russo et al., 2015)	Expr. lime lemon	203.0342	C ₁₁ H ₇ O ₄	1.15
19	359.1123	358.1045	9.86	C ₁₉ H ₁₈ O ₇	2.1	Hydroxytetramethoxyflavone isomer 2	(Russo et al., 2012), (Li et al., 2010), (Dugo et al.,	Bergamot Orange Mandarin Grapefruit	344.0849 315.0858	C ₁₈ H ₁₆ O ₇ C ₁₇ H ₁₅ O ₆	3.40 3.37

							2011b; Russo et al., 2015)				
20	373.1276	372.1198	9.90	C ₂₀ H ₂₀ O ₇	2.96	Sinensetin isomer 2	(Dugo et al., 1999a), (Russo et al., 2012), (McHale & Sheridan, 1989), (Bonaccorsi et al., 2000), (Tatum & Berry, 1979), (Dugo et al., 1994), (Weber et al., 2006), (Dugo et al., 1996), (Tatum & Berry, 1972), (Li et al., 2010), (Mondello et al., 1993), (Gaydou et al., 1991), (Bianchini & Gaydou, 1981), (Dugo et al., 2011b) (Russo et al., 2015)	Mandarin Orange Bigarade Grapefruit	343.0749	C ₁₈ H ₁₅ O ₇	20.04
21	389.1227	388.1149	10.02	C ₂₀ H ₂₀ O ₈	2.36	Hydroxypentamethoxyflavone	(Weber et al., 2006), (Tatum & Berry, 1972), (Li et al., 2010), (Dugo et al., 2011b) (Russo et al.,	Mandarin Orange Bigarade Bergamot Grapefruit	359.1052 342.0840	C ₁₉ H ₁₉ O ₇ C ₁₈ H ₁₄ O ₇	21.93 29.37

							2015)				
22	315.1590	314.1511	10.03	C ₁₉ H ₂₂ O ₄	2.26	Epoxyaurapten	(Dugo et al., 1999a), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Dugrand et al., 2013), (Russo et al., 2012), (McHale & Sheridan, 1989), (Feger et al., 2006), (Tatum & Berry, 1979) (Russo et al., 2015)	Grapefruit	297.1488 163.0396 153.1279 135.1175	C ₁₉ H ₂₁ O ₃ C ₉ H ₇ O ₃ C ₁₀ H ₁₇ O C ₁₀ H ₁₅	0.91 0.50 0.26 0.92
23	301.1072	300.0994	10.06	C ₁₇ H ₁₆ O ₅	1.24	Phellopterin	(Frérot & Decorzant, 2004), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Dugrand et al., 2013), (Russo et al., 2012), (Casabianca, 2012), (Bonaccorsi et al., 2000), (McHale & Sheridan, 1988), (Ziegler & Spiteller, 1992), (Dellacassa et al., 1997),	Lemon Expr. Lime	233.045 218.0168	C ₁₂ H ₉ O ₅ C ₁₁ H ₆ O ₅	0.007 21.66

							(Fisher & Trama, 1979), (Feger et al., 2006), (Stanley & Vanier, 1967) (Russo et al., 2015)				
24	403.1381	402.1303	10.10	C ₂₁ H ₂₂ O ₈	2.9	Nobiletin isomer 3	(Dugo et al., 1999a), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Russo et al., 2012), (McHale & Sheridan, 1989), (Bonaccorsi et al., 2000), (Dugo et al., 1996), (Dugo et al., 2011a), (Feger et al., 2006), (Tatum & Berry, 1979), (Mencherini et al., 2013), (Weber et al., 2006), (Dugo et al., 1994), (Dugo et al., 1996), (Tatum & Berry, 1972), (Li et al., 2010), (Mondello et al., 1993), (Gaydou et al., 1991),	Mandarin Orange Grapefruit Bigarade	373.0908 355.0762	C ₁₉ H ₁₇ O ₈ C ₁₉ H ₁₅ O ₇	4.13 15.71

							(Bianchini & Gaydou, 1981), (Dugo et al., 2011b) (Russo et al., 2015)				
25	245.1174	244.1096	10.19	C ₁₅ H ₁₆ O ₃	1.41	Unknown 2		Bigarade Grapefruit	189.0546 131.0492	C ₁₁ H ₉ O ₃ C ₉ H ₇ O	3.01 3.73
26	329.1020	328.0942	10.19	C ₁₈ H ₁₆ O ₆	1.49	Hydroxytrimethoxyflavone		Bergamot	268.0751	C ₁₆ H ₁₂ O ₄	5.75
27	301.1074	300.0996	10.22	C ₁₇ H ₁₆ O ₅	0.58	Phellopterin isomer	(Frérot & Decorzant, 2004), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Dugrand et al., 2013), (Russo et al., 2012), (Casabianca, 2012), (Feger et al., 2006), (Stanley & Vanier, 1967) (Russo et al., 2015)	Expr. lime	233.0452	C ₁₂ H ₉ O ₅	0.86
28	355.1539	354.1461	10.39	C ₂₁ H ₂₂ O ₅	1.76	Epoxybergamottin	(Frérot & Decorzant, 2004), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Dugrand et al., 2013), (Russo et al., 2012), (Casabianca, 2012), (McHale & Sheridan, 1989),	Grapefruit Bigarade	203.0346 153.1268	C ₁₁ H ₇ O ₄ C ₁₀ H ₇ O	0.82 7.45

							(Bonaccorsi et al., 2000), (Dugo et al., 1996), (Dugo et al., 2011a), (Feger et al., 2006) (Russo et al., 2015)				
29	261.1120	260.1042	10.60	C ₁₅ H ₁₆ O ₄	2.53	Meranzin isomer 3	(Dugo et al., 1999a), (Dugo et al., 1999b), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Russo et al., 2012), (McHale & Sheridan, 1989), (Bonaccorsi et al., 2000), (Dugo et al., 1996), (Dugo et al., 2011a), (Chouchi et al., 1996), (Feger et al., 2006), (Tatum & Berry, 1979), (Mencherini et al., 2013), (Boelens & Sindreu, 1986), (Boelens & Jimenez, 1989) (Russo et al., 2015)	Bigarade Grapefruit	243.0999	C ₁₅ H ₁₅ O ₉	9.13
30	355.1542	354.1464	10.97	C ₂₁ H ₂₂ O ₅	0.91	Cnidicin isomer	(Dugo et al., 2009), (Russo et al.,	Lemon Lime expr. Grapefruit	219.0325 173.0279	C ₁₁ H ₇ O ₅ C ₁₀ H ₅ O ₃	14.39 23.29

							2012), (Casabianca, 2012), (Ziegler & Spiteller, 1992) (Russo et al., 2015)				
31	339.1592	338.1514	11.04	C ₂₁ H ₂₂ O ₄	1.21	8-Geranyloxypsoralen	(Frérot & Decorzant, 2004), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Dugo et al., 1999b), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Dugrand et al., 2013), (Russo et al., 2012), (Casabianca, 2012), (McHale & Sheridan, 1989), (Bonaccorsi et al., 2000), (McHale & Sheridan, 1988), (Marin et al., 2000), (Ziegler & Spiteller, 1992), (Dellacassa et al., 1997), (Dugo et al., 1998), (Fisher & Trama, 1979), (Glandian et al., 1978), (Feger et al., 2006),	Lemon Expr.lime	203.0338 147.0447	C ₁₁ H ₇ O ₄ C ₉ H ₇ O ₂	3.12 0.65

							(Bonaccorsi et al., 2011), (Dugo et al., 1997), (Nigg et al., 1993) (Russo et al., 2015)				
32	299.1640	298.1562	11.18	C ₁₉ H ₂₃ O ₃	2.4	Auraptén	(Dugo et al., 1999a), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Dugrand et al., 2013), (Russo et al., 2012), (McHale & Sheridan, 1989), (Fisher & Trama, 1979), (Feger et al., 2006), (Tatum & Berry, 1979) (Russo et al., 2015)	Grapefruit	163.0396	C ₉ H ₇ O ₃	0.5
33	369.1699	368.1621	11.26	C ₂₂ H ₂₄ O ₅	0.74	5-Geranyloxy-8-methoxypsoralén	(Dugo et al., 2009), (Russo et al., 2012), (McHale & Sheridan, 1989), (Feger et al., 2006), (Bonaccorsi et al., 2011), (Dugo et al., 1997), (Stanley & Vanier, 1967) (Russo et al., 2015)	Expr.lime	233.0464 173.0233	C ₁₂ H ₉ O ₅ C ₁₀ H ₅ O ₃	6.01 3.25

34	339.1593	338.1515	11.35	C ₂₁ H ₂₂ O ₄	0.91	Bergamottin	(Frérot & Decorzant, 2004), (Dugo et al., 1999a), (Dugo et al., 1999), (Costa et al., 2010), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Dugrand et al., 2013), (Russo et al., 2012), (Gionfriddo et al., 1997), (Casabianca, 2012), (McHale & Sheridan, 1989), (Bonaccorsi et al., 2000), (Calabro & Curro, 1976), (Mondello et al., 1993), (Dellacassa et al., 1997), (Calvarano et al., 1979), (Cieri, 1969), (McHale & Sheridan, 1988), (Marin et al., 2000), (Ziegler & Spiteller, 1992), (Dellacassa et al., 1997), (Dugo et al., 1998),	Bergamote Lemon Lime Grapefruit	203.0359 147.0450	C ₁₁ H ₇ O ₄ C ₉ H ₇ O ₂	7.22 2.69
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							(Madsen & Latz, 1970), (Fisher & Trama, 1979), (Glandian et al., 1978), (Feger et al., 2006), (Tatum & Berry, 1979), (Bonaccorsi et al., 2011), (Dugo et al., 1997), (Stanley & Vanier, 1967) (Russo et al., 2015)				
35	261.1124	260.1046	11.36	C ₁₅ H ₁₆ O ₄	0.99	Meranzin isomer 4	(Dugo et al., 1999a), (Dugo et al., 1999b), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Russo et al., 2012), (McHale & Sheridan, 1989), (Bonaccorsi et al., 2000), (Mencherini et al., 2013) (Russo et al., 2015)	Grapefruit	189.0542 131.0476	C ₁₁ H ₉ O ₃ C ₉ H ₇ O	5.13 15.95
36	323.1051	322.0973	11.41			Unknown 3		Dist. Lime	251.0506	C ₁₉ H ₇ O	3.62
37	329.1746	328.1668	11.41	C ₂₀ H ₂₄ O ₄	2.01	5-geranyloxy-7-methoxycoumarin	(Dugo et al., 1999a), (Dugo et al., 1999), (Costa et al.,	Lemon Lime Bergamot	251.0481 193.0506	C ₁₉ H ₇ O C ₁₀ H ₉ O ₄	6.33 2.67

							2010), (Dugo et al., 2009), (Dugrand et al., 2013), (Russo et al., 2012), (Gionfriddo et al., 1997), (McHale & Sheridan, 1989), (Bonaccorsi et al., 2000), (Calabro & Curro, 1976), (Mondello et al., 1993), (Dellacassa et al., 1997), (Cieri, 1969), (McHale & Sheridan, 1988), (Marin et al., 2000), (Ziegler & Spiteller, 1992), (Dellacassa et al., 1997), (Dugo et al., 1998), (Madsen & Latz, 1970), (Fisher & Trama, 1979), (Glandian et al., 1978), (Feger et al., 2006), (Bonaccorsi et al., 2011), (Dugo et al.,				
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							1997), (Stanley & Vanier, 1967) (Russo et al., 2015)				
38	279.1596	278.1518	12.51	C ₁₆ H ₂₂ O ₄	0.03	Unknown 4		Dist. lime	163.0396	C ₉ H ₇ O ₃	0.5

Figure SM1 a) Chromatographic patterns of the extracted mass of bergamottin at different dilutions of a bergamot sample b) plot of regression line associated to the EDA approach

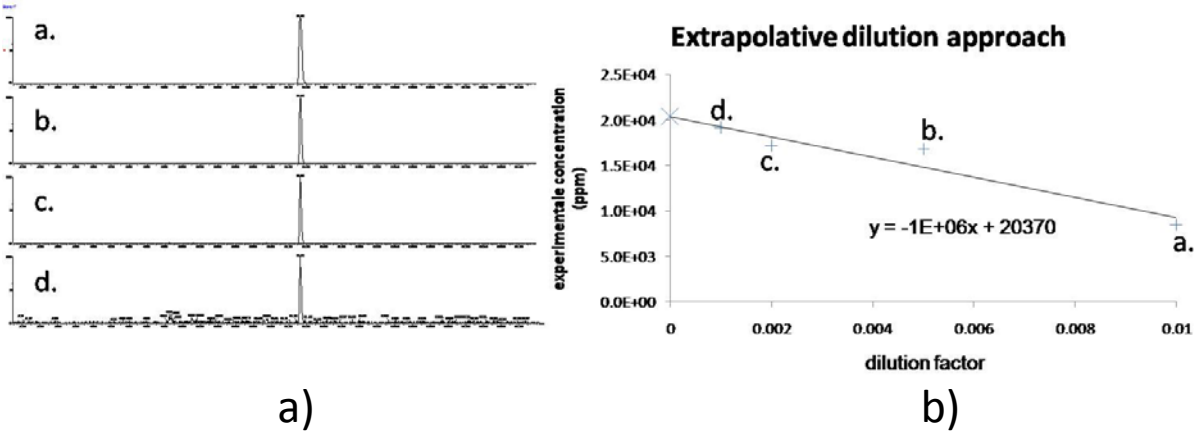


Figure SM1

Figure SM2 PCA scores plot of the investigated citrus EOs, taking the 18 Fcs and Cs as variables.

$R^2[X](1)=0.22$; $R^2[X](2)=0.15$, Ellipse Hotelling's T2 (95%)

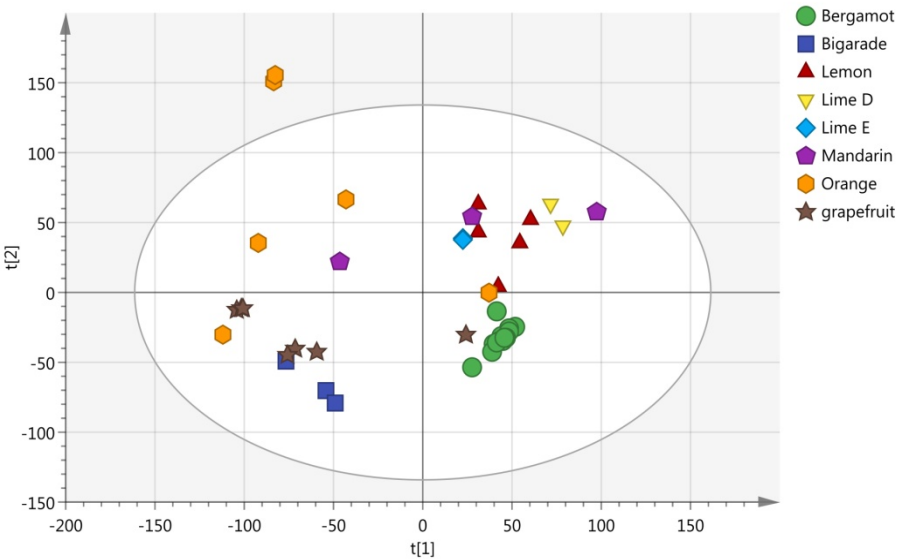
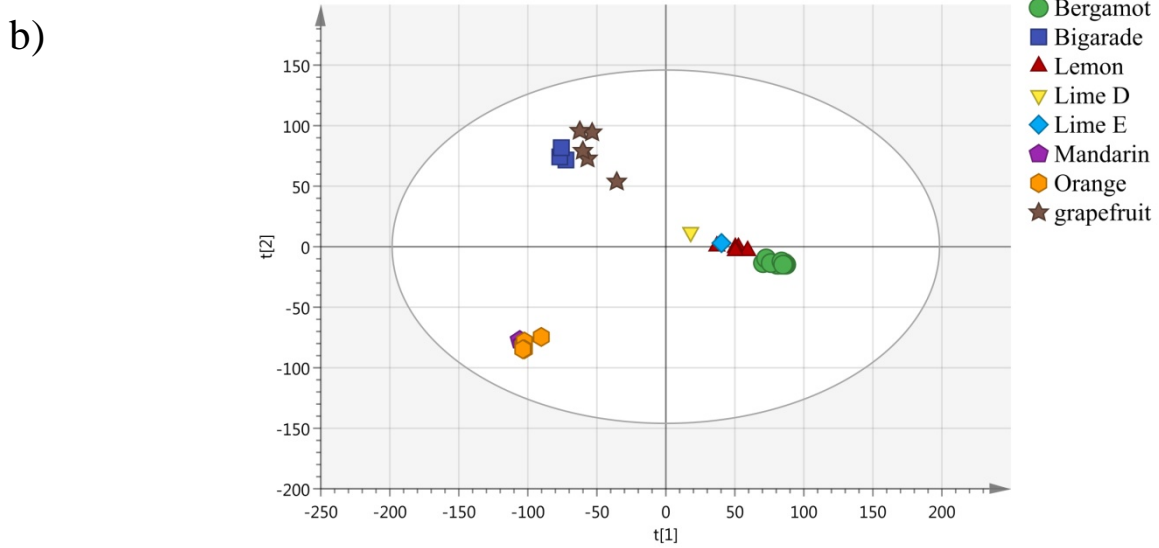
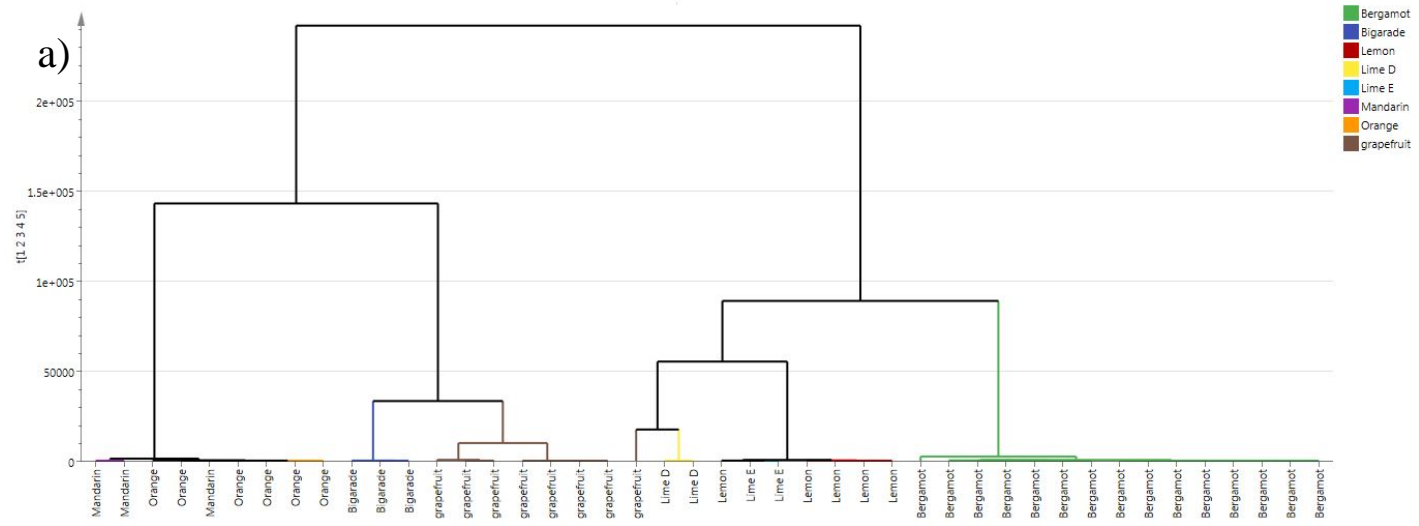


Figure SM3 a) HCA of the investigated citrus EOs, taking the 140 OHC compounds b) PCA scores plot with the 850 EMRTs resulting from the investigated citrus EOs. $R^2[X](1) = 0.34$, $R^2[X](2) = 0.18$, Ellipse Hotelling's T2 (95%)



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