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17 **Abstract**

18 The study proposes an investigation strategy that simultaneously provides detailed profiling and  
19 quantitative fingerprinting of food volatiles, through a “comprehensive” analytical platform that includes  
20 sample preparation by Head Space Solid Phase Microextraction (HS-SPME), separation by two-dimensional  
21 comprehensive gas chromatography coupled with mass spectrometry detection (GC×GC-MS) and data  
22 processing using advanced fingerprinting approaches.

23 Experiments were carried out on roasted hazelnuts and on *Gianduja* pastes (sugar, vegetable oil, hazelnuts,  
24 cocoa, nonfat dried milk, vanilla flavorings) and demonstrated that the information potential of each  
25 analysis can better be exploited if suitable quantitation methods are applied. Quantitation approaches  
26 through Multiple Headspace Extraction and Standard Addition were compared in terms of performance  
27 parameters (linearity, precision, accuracy, Limit of Detection and Limit of Quantitation) under headspace  
28 linearity conditions. The results on 19 key analytes, potent odorants, and technological markers, and more  
29 than 300 fingerprint components, were used for further processing to obtain information concerning the  
30 effect of the matrix on volatile release, and to produce an informative chemical blueprint for use in  
31 sensomics and flavoromics. The importance of quantitation approaches in headspace analysis of solid  
32 matrices of complex composition, and the advantages of MHE, are also critically discussed.

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36 **KEY-WORDS**

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38 quantitative fingerprinting, sensomics, *Corylus avellana* L., detailed profiling

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## 40 1. INTRODUCTION

41 The detailed profiling of volatiles from food is informative, not only to assess botanical and geographical  
42 origins, but also to classify and qualify samples on the basis of sensory profile (aroma and taste),  
43 technological impact or, more in general, quality attributes [1-4].

44 However, the volatile fraction of foods of plant origin is often a complex mixture of chemicals already  
45 present in the raw matrix, and compounds whose formation is mainly due to a number of reactions,  
46 primarily those promoted by thermal treatments (i.e., Maillard reaction, Strecker's degradation of amines,  
47 thermal degradation of carbohydrates) and/or enzymatic catalysis (i.e., oxidation, hydrolysis, fermentation,  
48 etc.). In addition, common pathways underlying the formation of these compounds lead to components  
49 having similar physicochemical properties (volatility and polarity); this is challenging for one-dimensional  
50 gas chromatographic separation (1D-GC), not least because some components present poorly-diagnostic  
51 MS fragmentation patterns, limiting the effectiveness of EI-MS in providing univocal component  
52 identification.

53 In this context, headspace sampling on-line combined with two-dimensional GC-MS can be a successful  
54 platform to overcome these limits thanks to the orthogonality of the involved techniques. In particular,  
55 headspace-solid phase microextraction (HS-SPME) and two-dimensional gas chromatographic separation  
56 (GC×GC) enable to sample and separate volatiles (including aroma active compounds) on the basis of their  
57 physicochemical properties (volatility, polarity, partition coefficient, solubility, etc.) while mass  
58 spectroscopy (MS) enables reliable identification (exact mass assignment, fragmentation pattern, multiple  
59 reaction monitoring), as well as quantitation (true concentration and/or relative abundance). Such a  
60 strategy can provide for reliable and detailed profiling (untargeted and targeted) and fingerprinting of the  
61 volatile fraction from food [5]. However, to the best of the authors' knowledge, little has been done to  
62 develop comprehensive approaches to exploit the full information potential of multidimensional  
63 techniques, in terms of both qualitative distribution of volatiles, and quantitative determination of key  
64 compounds related to food sensory properties or technological treatments. In the light of this deficiency,  
65 the present paper reports and critically discusses the possibility of carrying out detailed profiling and  
66 quantitative fingerprinting simultaneously, through the well-known investigation approaches typical of the

67 “omics” disciplines, on a complex thermally-processed solid food matrix of vegetable origin [6-10], i.e.,  
68 roasted hazelnuts from different botanical and geographical origins, and a food end-product, *Gianduja*  
69 paste, consisting of hazelnuts, cocoa and other ingredients (sugar, nonfat dry milk, and fats of vegetable  
70 origin). An analytical strategy is proposed for profiling the volatile fraction sampled by headspace solid  
71 phase microextraction (HS-SPME) and quantifying selected target analytes of the investigated matrices,  
72 whose aroma profiles are characterized by a peculiar distribution of key odorants (aroma blueprint),  
73 In particular, the effectiveness of two quantitation approaches (Standard Addition–SA, and Multiple  
74 Headspace Extraction–MHE) was evaluated by validating method performance parameters (accuracy,  
75 precision, limit of quantitation–LOQ and limit of detection–LOD) and examining the informative potential of  
76 GC×GC–MS results; information was also derived on odorant release from the sample. The performance of  
77 the two approaches was examined in terms of providing a detailed profile of targeted and untargeted  
78 features of the complete pattern of the volatiles analyzed, through the number of reliably matched  
79 features and the target analytes undetectable when headspace linearity conditions are adopted.

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## 81 **2. MATERIALS AND METHODS**

### 82 **2.1 Reference compounds and solvents**

83 Pure reference compounds for quantitative determinations were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (Milan,  
84 Italy); these are listed in **Table 1**, together with their CAS Registry Number, purity, Target Ion (*T<sub>i</sub>*) and  
85 Qualifiers (*Q1* and *Q2*) adopted for quantitation. The homologue series of *n*-alkanes (from *n*-C9 to *n*-C25)  
86 for Linear Retention Index (*I<sub>s</sub><sup>T</sup>*) determination were also from Sigma-Aldrich (Milan, Italy). Solvents were all  
87 HPLC-grade, from Riedel-de Haen (Seelze, Germany).

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### 89 **2.2 Reference solutions and calibration mixtures**

90 Standard stock solutions at 1 µg/mL, containing pure reference compounds, were prepared in dibutyl  
91 phthalate (DBP) and stored in a sealed vial at -18°C. Standard spiking solutions, to be adopted for standard  
92 addition and external standard calibration, were prepared by diluting standard stock solutions in DBP at  
93 final concentrations of 10, 20, 40, 60, 80 and 100 ng/mL for all analytes, with some exceptions, where

94 further dilutions (150, 200 and 250 ng/mL) were included to cover the real-world samples concentration  
95 interval (cf. **Table 1**) and in order to avoid any headspace formation. Standard spiking solutions were stored  
96 at -18°C.

97 For MHE external calibration, a series of calibrating solutions in cyclohexane was also prepared to obtain  
98 full evaporation of reference compounds [11] in order to estimate the contribution made by the analyte  
99 partition coefficient (*K*) between solvent (i.e. DBP) or matrix, and headspace in the sampling conditions.

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### 101 **2.3 Hazelnut samples and Gianduja paste**

102 Raw hazelnuts (*Corylus avellana* L.) from the 2011 harvest, with a selected caliber of 12-13 mm, were kindly  
103 supplied by Ferrero S.p.A. (Alba-CN, Italy). Samples included the mono-cultivar named *Tonda Gentile*  
104 *Trilobata* (TGT), also known as Nocciola del Piemonte (EU Quality registration code IT/PGI/0217/0305), and  
105 a Turkish blend harvested in the Ordu region made up different cultivars: *Tombul*, *Palaz* and *Kalinkara*.

106 Samples were roasted in a lab scale ventilated oven, using standardized protocols [4] for mild (170°C for 20  
107 minutes – 170-20) and medium roasting (170°C for 35 minutes – 170-35) compatible respectively with the  
108 preparation of confectionary and ice-cream topping, or of hazelnut paste. Roasting was conducted in two  
109 replicate batches (batch #1 and #2) and samples immediately analyzed to avoid any possible variation due  
110 to the release of highly volatile compounds or to shelf-life degradation. Hazelnuts were frozen before  
111 milling, using liquid nitrogen, to ensure homogeneous particle size distribution.

112 *Gianduja* paste samples (ingredients: sugar, vegetable oil, hazelnuts, cocoa, nonfat milk, vanilla flavorings)  
113 were from two manufactures; Samples#1 to #4 were different formulations of the same product, while  
114 Sample#5 was a commercial product purchased in a local supermarket.

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### 116 **2.4 Headspace Solid Phase Microextraction (HS-SPME) devices and sampling conditions**

117 SPME sampling devices and fibers were from Supelco (Bellefonte, PA, USA). A  
118 Divinylbenzene/Carboxen/Polydimethylsiloxane  $d_f$  50/30  $\mu$ m, 2 cm long fiber was chosen, and conditioned  
119 before use as recommended by the manufacturer.

120 Sample preparation varied depending on the approach adopted for quantification (SA or MHE) and was  
121 applied to different amounts of ground material, up to the appropriate amount for correct quantification  
122 (from 1.500 g to 0.100 g) that is 0.100 g, to achieve headspace linearity for target analytes.

123 In particular, for SA quantification, aliquots of 0.100 grams of ground hazelnuts were sealed in a 20 mL  
124 headspace vial and spiked with suitable volumes of standard spiking solutions for each calibration level (cf.  
125 **Table 1**). Before extraction, the vial was vortexed for 60 seconds in a Whirlimixer (Fisons- CE Instruments  
126 Rodano – Milan Italy) to homogenize the sample. The fiber was then exposed to the headspace for 20  
127 minutes at 50°C before analysis.

128 For MHE quantification carried out with the External Standard approach, aliquots of 0.100 grams of ground  
129 hazelnuts were sealed in a 20 mL headspace vial and submitted to multiple consecutive extractions (up to  
130 four times) exposing the fiber to the headspace for 20 minutes at 50°C before analysis. MHE external  
131 calibration was run on suitable volumes of standard spiking solutions at different concentration levels (cf.  
132 **Table 1**) and submitting the resulting sample to multiple consecutive extractions (up to four times) before  
133 sampling (20 minutes at 50°C) and analysis.

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## 135 **2.5 GC×GC-MS instrument set-up**

136 GC×GC analyses were run on an Agilent 6890 GC unit coupled with an Agilent 5975C MS detector operating  
137 in EI mode at 70 eV (Agilent, Little Falls, DE, USA). The transfer line was set to 260°C. A *Standard Tune* was  
138 used and the scan range was set to  $m/z$  35-240 with a scanning rate of 10,000 amu/s, to obtain an  
139 appropriate number of data points for the reliable identification and quantitation of each chromatographic  
140 peak. The system was provided with a two-stage KT 2004 loop thermal modulator (Zoex Corporation,  
141 Houston, TX) cooled with liquid nitrogen; the hot jet pulse time was set at 250 ms with a modulation time  
142 of 4 s, adopted for all experiments. Fused silica capillary loop dimensions were 1.0 m length and 100  $\mu\text{m}$   
143 inner diameter. The column set was configured as follows:  $^1\text{D}$  SolGel-Wax column (100% polyethylene  
144 glycol) (30 m  $\times$  0.25 mm  $d_c$ , 0.25  $\mu\text{m}$   $d_i$ ) coupled with a  $^2\text{D}$  OV1701 column (86% polydimethylsiloxane, 7%  
145 phenyl, 7% cyanopropyl) (1 m  $\times$  0.1 mm  $d_c$ , 0.10  $\mu\text{m}$   $d_i$ ). The  $^1\text{D}$  Column was from SGE (Melbourne,  
146 Australia) whereas the  $^2\text{D}$  column was from Mega (Legnano, Milan, Italy).



147 The determination of the Linear Retention Indexes ( $I^T_s$ ) on the first dimension was achieved by injecting 2  
148 micro liters of the *n*-alkanes solution into the GC instrument with an Agilent ALS 7683B injection system.  
149 The conditions used were the following: split/splitless injector, split mode, split ratio 1:50, injector  
150 temperature 260°C.

151 Analytes were thermally desorbed from the SPME fiber into the GC injector for 10 min under the following  
152 conditions: split/splitless in split mode, split ratio 1:20, injector temperature 260°C. The carrier gas was  
153 helium, at a constant flow rate of 0.7 mL/min (initial head pressure 260 KPa). The oven temperature  
154 program was: 50°C (1 min) to 170°C at 2.0°C/min and to 260°C at 50°C/min (10 min).

155 Data were acquired by an Agilent MSD ChemStation version D.02.00.275 and processed using GC Image  
156 GC×GC Software version 2.1b1 (GC Image, LLC Lincoln NE, USA).

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## 158 **2.6 HS-SPME-GC×GC-MS validation**

159 Method validation was run on a three-week protocol, over three-months, and the following parameters  
160 were characterized: precision, linearity, accuracy, Limit of Detection (LOD) and Limit of Quantitation (LOQ).

161 Precision data (intra and inter-week precision on retention times and 2D Peak Volumes on analytes  $T_i$ ) were  
162 evaluated by replicating analyses during three months, while linearity was assessed through linear  
163 regression analyses within the working range, over at least six different concentration levels and for each  
164 quantification approach (i.e., SA and MHE). Experimental results on linearity assessment are in **Table 1**  
165 (calibration ranges referred to analytes concentration in the matrix, regression curves and Determination  
166 Coefficients  $R^2$ ); precision is expressed as RSD% on analytes concentration, and is reported as Uncertainty %  
167 in **Table 1**. Accuracy was assessed by cross-comparison of quantitative results obtained by SA and MHE  
168 (correlation function) and through the absolute error.

169 The Limit of Quantification (LOQ) was determined experimentally by analyzing decreasing concentrations of  
170 standard calibrating solutions in DBP by the MHE approach; each sample was analyzed in triplicate, and the  
171 LOQ was the lowest concentration for which instrumental response (2D Peak Volume on  $T_i$ ) reported an  
172 RSD%, across replicate analyses, of below 30 %; for the Limit of Determination (LOD) the minimum  
173 acceptable RSD% was set at 40%. LOD and LOQ are also reported in **Table 1**.

174 **3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

175 **3.1 Quantitation challenges in headspace analysis**

176 The number of volatiles effectively contributing to the aroma of a food, i.e. the key odorants, is relatively  
177 small, and complex analytical procedures are required to detect, identify, and quantify odor-active  
178 components occurring at trace levels, in some cases below pg/g [12]. Exhaustive, classical approaches  
179 based on liquid-liquid extraction, or more effective processes such as Solvent Assisted Flavour Evaporation  
180 (SAFE), closely meet the needs of fundamental studies to isolate-identify-quantify key odorants [13], but  
181 they are not compatible with high-throughput screenings, detailed profiling, and fast fingerprinting.

182 Headspace sampling (HS) plays a crucial role in this respect because it enables volatiles to be recovered  
183 from the vapor phase, in equilibrium (or not) with the condensed (solid or liquid) phase of a sample, in a  
184 process based on analytes' partition coefficients between matrix and vapor phase [11] and to analyze them  
185 directly and on-line by GC×GC. HS performance can be implemented with the so-called High Concentration  
186 Capacity Headspace Techniques (HCC-HS) [14], which are the elective route to satisfy headspace sampling  
187 throughput and automation requirements, and that are useful to increase selectivity and sensitivity by  
188 selecting appropriate sorbents/adsorbents suitable for the application need.

189 In particular, Solid Phase Microextraction (HS-SPME) [15] is the most widely-used HCC-HS technique; it is  
190 based on multiple equilibria that are predictable, provided that a suitable number of analyte  
191 physicochemical constants are known; it is also easy to standardize and to combine on-line or off-line with  
192 the separation system.

193 Although quantitation by HS techniques is of great interest, only a limited number of food-volatile profiling  
194 applications report data based on true quantitation [16-19], the common practice being cross-sample  
195 comparisons through relative quantitation, based on Peak Area %, 2D Peak Volume % or Internal Standard  
196 normalization. Although accepted by the scientific community for several application fields, these  
197 approaches may result inaccurate [20,21] and misleading, if the aim of profiling and fingerprinting is to  
198 correlate chemical composition and sensory properties, or process kinetics [9]. This consideration is of  
199 special significance when a solid matrix is investigated.

200 The following sections will present some practical aspects of HS-SPME-GC×GC-MS quantitative chemical  
201 profiling based on Multiple Headspace Extraction and on Standard Addition, together with a critical  
202 discussion of the advantages, limits and versatility of each approach, in terms of the usability of data for  
203 additional investigations based on an extended profiling of targeted and untargeted sample features.

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### 205 **3.2 Quantitation strategies: experimental approach and data handling**

206 Two different approaches were evaluated and their performance parameters compared, taking into  
207 consideration the challenging aspects of HS quantitation with solid samples, and the need to perform  
208 detailed (untargeted and targeted) profiling and accurate targeted quantitation, contemporarily.

209 Standard Addition is a well-established approach, and was taken as reference technique for comparative  
210 purposes, while Multiple Headspace Extraction, now receiving increasing attention in the food analysis field  
211 [17,22-24], was chosen for its ability to provide rapid, reliable, and consistent quantitation of analytes, in  
212 both matrix and the related headspace.

213 Quantitation was performed on a series of analytes present in the hazelnut volatile fraction, which are  
214 highly informative for the aroma profile [25] and/or to qualify roasting treatment [2,26]. Nineteen analytes  
215 were investigated: 2,3-pentanedione, hexanal, 1-methyl-1(H)-pyrrole, heptanal, pyridine, 2-methylpyrazine,  
216 3-hydroxy-2-butanone, octanal, 5-methyl-(*E*)-2-hepten-4-one (filbertone), nonanal, (*E*)-2-octenal, 3-ethyl-  
217 2,5-dimethylpyrazine, furfural, 2-ethyl-3,5-dimethylpyrazine, phenylacetaldehyde, (*E*)-2-decenal, 3-  
218 methylbutanoic acid, 2-phenylethanol, and acetylpyrrole.

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#### 220 **3.2.1 Standard Addition by HS-SPME-GC×GC-MS**

221 The standard addition procedure, widely used in headspace quantitation, consists of a series of  
222 experiments in which the original sample, and a suitable number (at least six concentration levels) of  
223 aliquots of the sample spiked with increasing and known amounts of reference compounds, are submitted  
224 to the analytical process.

225 When using the single addition method, the analyte concentration in the sample can be estimated from

226 **Equation 1:**

227  $A_{(0+a)} = (A_0 / W_0) W_a + A_0$       **Eq.1**

228 where:  $W_0$  is the amount of analyte in the matrix,  $W_a$  the amount of analyte added to the sample,  $A_0$  the  
229 instrumental response obtained from analysis of the original sample, and  $A_{(0+a)}$  the instrumental response  
230 of the analyte obtained from analysis of the spiked sample.

231 A preferable method, which was applied in this study, includes multiple standard additions, up to 6 levels;  
232 in this case, a linear regression analysis evaluates the terms  $W_a$  and  $A_{(0+a)}$  so that the amount of analyte in  
233 the matrix ( $W_0$ ) is given by the ratio between the intercept and the slope:

234  $b/a = A_0 / (A_0 / W_0)$       **Eq. 2**

235 SA is a quantitation approach that can be carried out in different ways: (a) by spiking the target analyte(s),  
236 in a gaseous state, into the sample headspace (Gas Phase Addition - GPA); (b) by spiking the analyte(s)  
237 dissolved in a suitable solvent, directly onto the sample (Sample Phase Addition - SPA) or (c) by spiking the  
238 stable-isotope-labeled analyte(s) dissolved in a suitable solvent (Stable Isotope Dilution Analysis - SIDA)  
239 onto the sample. This study adopted the Sample Phase Addition protocol, as being suitable for its ease of  
240 implementation and automation, and its cost, despite its limits with solid matrix samples (ground  
241 hazelnuts) and the resulting well-known matrix effect. In particular, the selection of an appropriate solvent  
242 for spiking solutions, and the possibility to suspend ground particles in water to minimize concurrent  
243 adsorption/sorption of analytes, were investigated. A series of experiments (data not shown) indicated that  
244 dibutyl phthalate (DBP) guarantees full solubilization of all the target analytes, homogeneous dispersion of  
245 the spiked volumes, and absence of interfering compounds, that were detected in the other lipophilic  
246 media tested (sunflower oil and degassed oleic fraction of vegetable fats).

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### 248 **3.2.2 Multiple Headspace Extraction by HS-SPME-GC×GC-MS**

249 MHE was applied as External Standard quantitation approach; it consists of two experimental steps:  
250 (a) exhaustive extraction of representative samples and method calibration, and (b) real-world sample  
251 analysis. The first step aims to define a cumulative instrumental response function, through a series of  
252 repeated and consecutive extractions of appropriate amounts of the same sample from the headspace, up  
253 to complete (exhaustive) extraction of the analytes under study.

254 The analyte peak area/volume decreases exponentially with the number of extractions, while the partition  
255 coefficient ( $K$ ) between the matrix and the headspace remains constant, provided headspace linearity is  
256 achieved [11]. The sum of the areas from each extraction step corresponds to the total area ( $A_T$ ) of the  
257 analyte originally present in the matrix. The cumulative instrumental response is obtained from **Equation 3**:

$$A_T = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = A_1 \frac{1}{(1-e^{-q})} = \frac{A_1}{(1-\beta)}$$

258 **Eq. 3**

259 where  $A_T$  is the total estimated area,  $A_1$  is the area detected after the first extraction, and  $q$  is a constant  
260 describing the exponential decay of the area with successive extractions. The term  $q$  can be obtained by  
261 plotting the logarithm of chromatographic areas as a function of the number of extractions. From this, a  
262 linear regression equation can be calculated as  $y=ax+b$ , where  $y = \ln A_i$ ,  $x=(i-1)$ ,  $b$  is the intercept on the  $y$   
263 axis, and  $a$  is the slope.

264 The value of  $\beta$  is in general constant (or, at least, within an acceptable range fixed *a priori* ) for each  
265 quantified analyte, if calculated in a series of relatively homogeneous representative samples of the same  
266 matrix, i.e. samples showing comparable matrix effect [24 and references cited therein]. The same  
267 procedure, repeated in parallel with a standard mixture at different known concentrations (six calibration  
268 points covering the expected concentration range in the sample), enables an external calibration curve to  
269 be built up. Under these conditions, the calibration curve can be used to determine the analyte amount in  
270 the sample, from its area obtained from a single analysis. The second step, application of MHE to real-world  
271 samples of the same matrix, does not require further experiments, unless different matrix effects from  
272 those of the representative samples used in the training set (resulting in different  $\beta$  values) are produced.

273 Experiments on hazelnuts from different geographical origins and that had undergone different thermal  
274 processing showed that they had comparable matrix effects, resulting in a very limited dispersion of  $\beta$   
275 values (**Table 2**), as expected on the basis of the distribution of primary and secondary metabolites in the  
276 nuts (lipids, proteins, soluble carbohydrates and fiber). The same applied to *Gianduja* paste from different  
277 manufacturers, although, as expected, they were different from that of ground hazelnuts (**Table 3**). This  
278 difference is negligible in term of quantitation accuracy with the MHE approach, but it is a limit for SA on

279 solids, where partition/equilibration of spiked analytes takes time and requires appropriate  
280 homogenization and equilibration before sampling, prior to calibration.

281 The following paragraphs report quantitative results and method performance parameters, while critically  
282 discussing the potentials and limits of each approach from the perspective of exhaustive volatiles  
283 assessment (profiling and fingerprinting).

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### 285 **3.3 Quantitation Results**

286 **Table 4** summarizes quantitation results, obtained by MHE, on key odorants and technological markers for  
287 hazelnuts (*Tonda Gentile* and *Ordu*) at two commercially-applied degrees of roasting, while **Table 5** reports  
288 results for *Gianduja* paste with different formulations (Samples #1 to #4) and manufacturers (Samples #1-4  
289 and #5); data are expressed as ng/g in the original product.

290 The results on hazelnuts, from both approaches, are consistent with those recently published by Kiefl *et al*  
291 [27], which were obtained with a well-established technique, i.e. Stable Isotope Dilution Analysis (a  
292 Standard Addition approach) on Solvent Assisted Flavor Evaporation extracts from hazelnut.

293 Mild roasting produces lower concentrations of both key odorants and technological markers, and different  
294 cultivars perform differently, as was expected on the basis of previous studies [28]. Roasting markers (3-  
295 hydroxy-2-butanone and furfural) required an extended calibration interval, while several key odorants in  
296 mildly roasted products fell below the method LOQ ((*E*)-2-octenal and (*E*)-2-decenal).

297 For *Gianduja* paste, the results are relatively uniform, the first four samples being formulation tests from  
298 the same manufacturer, with minimal changes in the main ingredients (sugar, fats of vegetable origin,  
299 hazelnut paste, cocoa, nonfat dry milk), while Sample #5 was a commercial product (made by a different  
300 manufacturer) purchased in a local supermarket. The distribution of analytes consistently followed the  
301 profile of roasted hazelnuts, although with marked differences due to their concurrent presence in the  
302 other ingredients, such as cocoa, fats and vanilla flavoring.

303 Several observations can be drawn from the method performance parameters. Firstly, both SA and MHE  
304 methods showed good consistency in quantification results between roasting batches (#1 and #2) (data not  
305 shown), confirming that lab-scale roasting is reproducible and provides consistent results for model studies

306 [4]. Secondly, MHE performs better than SA in terms of precision; Relative Standard Deviation % (RSD %) on  
307 replicated determinations (n=3) over the two batches (for a total of six quantifications) remain below 20%  
308 with few exceptions (50.5 % for hexanal in *Ordu 170-35* and 36.7 % for the 2-ethyl-3,5-dimethylpyrazine in  
309 *Ordu 170-20*). One-Way ANOVA, applied to the quantitative results for the two batches from three  
310 replicate extractions for MHE, or spiked aliquots for SA, showed (95% interval of confidence) that a single  
311 cumulative RSD% value can be adopted to describe intermediate precision as major contributor to  
312 quantitation uncertainty (reported as Relative Uncertainty % for each method in **Table 1** ).

313 Linearity was evaluated by running multiple extractions (in triplicate) on increasing concentrations of  
314 analyte standard calibrating solutions in DBP, within the working interval (MHE), and on spiked aliquots (in  
315 triplicate) of roasted hazelnuts (SA). The average values of instrumental response (expressed as *Ti*  
316 Normalized Peak Volume) recorded over at least six calibration levels were used for linear regression  
317 analyses, and linearity was evaluated by calculating the coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ ).

318 Results referred to the *Ordu 170-35* sample for SA, and to the cumulative response of calibrating solutions  
319 in DBP within the working interval for MHE, are reported in **Table 1** and show very good linearity, with an  
320 average  $R^2$  value of 0.975 for SA, and 0.978 for MHE. Accuracy was verified by regression analyses on  
321 quantitative data obtained by SA and MHE, results for selected samples (*TGT 170-35* and *Ordu 170-35*) are  
322 shown in **Figure 1** and indicate appropriate performances ( $R^2= 0.966$ ). There was an increased  
323 quantification error for linear aldehydes, (*E*)-2-octenal and (*E*)-2-decenal, and furfural, due to greater  
324 dispersion of the results (RSD above 25%) from SA. These exceptions were expected, because of the critical  
325 re-equilibration of spiked aldehyde standards, also reported in other studies [23]; for furfural, the  
326 quantification error in SA was caused by its wide concentration range in the samples studied.

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### 328 **3.4 Additional information provided by Multiple Headspace Extraction**

329 The quali-quantitative composition of the vapor phase that reaches the *regio olfactoria* through retronasal  
330 and/or orthonasal pathways is extremely informative of the sensory characteristics of a food. This is  
331 confirmed by the ever-increasing interest in developing fast, non-invasive, sensitive, and highly specific  
332 methods for monitoring volatiles in real-time, during food consumption [29,30]. Conversely, recent studies

333 on wine aroma [23] report significant differences in liquid-gas transfer rates of key odorants from wines,  
334 which exert different matrix effects due to their specific compositions. For instance, the presence of sulfur  
335 dioxide decreases the release of carbonyl compounds, while polyphenols and tannins may reduce the gas-  
336 phase distribution of alcohols [23]. In this respect, a suitable investigation strategy is necessary to establish  
337 the absolute concentration of key analytes, both in the matrix itself and in the headspace, to reveal the  
338 aroma and the technological blueprint of a product [31].

339 Multiple Headspace Extraction offers the possibility to evaluate both aspects contemporarily;  $\beta$  values and  
340 the logarithmic decrease of analyte chromatographic area, along with successive extraction steps, provide  
341 information about their relative release into the headspace and their distribution in the solid matrix.

342 **Figure 2** shows the different behaviors of three key odorants: 5-methyl-(*E*)-hepten-4-one (filbertone), 2-  
343 ethyl-3,5-dimethylpyrazine and 2-phenylethanol. The graph is based on equal terms of cumulative response  
344 ( $A_T$ ), arbitrarily fixed at 100 counts for comparative purposes. The red and black lines depict the logarithmic  
345 decay of analytes from calibration solutions in DBP-*red* and in cyclohexane-*black* (corresponding to  
346 calibrants in the gas phase approach); filbertone apparently does not present significant partition with DBP,  
347 whereas partition for 2-ethyl-3,5-dimethylpyrazine and for 2-phenylethanol were significant. The blue and  
348 green lines indicate analyte behavior in hazelnuts and in the *Gianduja* paste; in this case, a comparable  
349 matrix effect is evident ( $\beta$  values are close to one another) with a general tendency of the matrix to retain  
350 analytes (higher partition coefficients), delaying their release into the headspace.

351 As recently shown by Ferreira *et al.* [23], MHE enables the pseudo distribution constant ( $K$ ) to be estimated,  
352 giving analyte mass ratio between headspace ( $C_G$ ) and condensed-phase ( $C_0$ ), and thus providing a  
353 quantitative indication of the average compound mass transferred to volume units of headspace per  
354 concentration unit of compound remaining in the condensed phase. This information can be useful to  
355 evaluate the different release rates of key odorants from food formulae that differ for their actual matrix  
356 effect and/or to optimize doses of flavorings.

357 In the present study, interesting evidence was revealed by comparing  $\beta$  values of a set of analytes from  
358 different matrices (real-world samples, DBP and cyclohexane) at the same temperature and headspace  
359 volume. Within the selected targets, less volatile analytes with vapor pressure values below unity (i.e. 2-



360 ethyl-3,5-dimethylpyrazine, 3-methylbutanoic acid, (*E*)-2-octenal, nonanal, phenylacetaldehyde,  
361 acetylpyrrole, 2-phenylethanol and (*E*)-2-decenal) showed marked differences between MHE  $\beta$  values in  
362 gas phase and those estimated in lipophilic media (DBP) and in real-world samples (cf. **Table 1**). For these  
363 analytes, a crucial role is played in their release from the food matrix by partition, rather than by volatility.  
364 Conversely, high-volatility components with vapor pressure values above 10 (i.e., 2,3-pentanedione, 1-  
365 methyl-1(H)-pyrrole, pyridine and hexanal) showed a negligible partition effect in DBP, and higher retention  
366 in hazelnut samples, where solid particles presumably exert absorption phenomena.

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### 368 **3.5 Detailed profiling and quantitative fingerprinting**

369 The results obtained from the above experiments are fundamental for further advancements on profiling  
370 and fingerprinting analysis based on 2D pattern similarity for sample comparison and classification. In  
371 particular, markers involved with geographical origin and technological treatment of roasted hazelnuts are  
372 here investigated [19,20]. The *Comprehensive Template Matching* fingerprinting approach is here applied:  
373 it establishes consistent correspondences for all the untargeted peaks with coherent retention times and  
374 whose fragmentation pattern referred a fixed degree of similarity with a corresponding template spectrum.  
375 The higher the number of consistent features compared across samples is, the higher specificity and  
376 sensitivity of the process are. The possibility to perform a simultaneous targeted quantitative assessment  
377 on selected informative peaks and an extended untargeted screening over the complete 2D peak pattern is  
378 a key-aspect to extend the informative potential of GC $\times$ GC-MS.

379 MHE offers the possibility to approach both investigation steps, although some limits may arise from the  
380 amount of processed sample, that must give adequate decay through successive extractions. Only analytes  
381 whose concentrations in sample ( $C_0$ ) and headspace ( $C_G$ ) follow a linear relationship, generally  
382 corresponding to concentrations below 0.1-1%, can adequately be quantified [11].

383 Four different aliquots (i.e., 1.500, 1.000, 0.500 and 0.100 g) of *Tonda Gentile Trilobata* (TGT 170-35) were  
384 sampled by HS-SPME, to test the feasibility of overall assessment of volatiles, the resulting volatiles were  
385 analyzed by GC $\times$ GC-MS and peak features from each pattern collected in a *Consensus template*. The  
386 template consisted of 335 2D peaks, with 137 known and 198 unknowns. Analytes were identified on the

387 basis of their linear retention indexes and MS-EI spectra compared with those of authentic standards (when  
388 available) or tentatively identified through their MS-EI fragmentation patterns and retention indexes. The  
389 list of peak features (i.e. Compound Name, <sup>1</sup>D Retention time (min), <sup>2</sup>D Retention time (sec), <sup>1</sup>D Linear  
390 Retention Index ( $I_s^T$ ), Normalized 2D Peak Volume, and Reference MS) is provided as a supplementary table  
391 (**Supplementary Table ST1**) while **Figure 3** summarizes the results, together with the 2D peak patterns  
392 obtained by analyzing the different aliquots. As may be seen, the number of matched peaks within the set  
393 of chromatograms (average 3 replicate analyses) decreased, from 100% with the 1.500 g sample to 73%  
394 with the 0.100 g sample, the latter corresponding to the sample amount for which target analytes  
395 submitted to MHE quantitation showed a linear response. More precisely, 73 unknown and 17 known  
396 analytes were lost by sampling 0.100 g; within the group of targets; only a few odor-active compounds, and  
397 one key aroma compound (i.e., 2-acetyl-1-pyrroline) fell below the method LOD; other informative  
398 features, discriminating botanical and geographical origins, as well as the extent of technological treatment  
399 [17,22,23], were consistently matched, thus providing detailed profiling.

400 In addition, untargeted features, whose decay along through successive extraction steps demonstrates  
401 adequate linearity, could be investigated in terms of actual release from the sample matrix through their  $\beta$   
402 value, and additional information on their extraction rate added to the global assessment, as shown in  
403 **Figure 4** for the compounds trimethylpyrazine, furfuryl alcohol, and 2,5-dimethyl-4-hydroxy-3(2H)-  
404 furanone. In the example given, the first two compounds, characterized by faster decay, would be more  
405 rapidly released into the headspace than would 2,5-dimethyl-4-hydroxy-3(2H)-furanone (furaneol™). The  
406 latter, being a key odorant in roasted hazelnuts, although not quantified in the present study, provides  
407 further information on sample sensory quality. It should be stressed that the sensitivity of GC×GC plays a  
408 crucial role for these investigations, which cannot, with comparable effectiveness, be achieved by one-  
409 dimensional approaches, because of the higher LODs that can be achieved with the latter.

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#### 411 **4. CONCLUSIONS**

412 The study presents a successful investigation strategy implemented on a “comprehensive” analytical  
413 platform; in particular, the advantages of quantitative headspace analysis are discussed from the

414 perspective of a complete and informative assessment of complex food sample volatiles. Emphasis is  
415 placed on the potential of each analytical step in term of the dimensionality of the information provided.  
416 Thus also sample preparation by HS-SPME is included, as is separation by GC×GC, detection by EI-MS and  
417 data elaboration by advanced fingerprinting approaches [2,33].

418 In order to be considered as a further dimension of the analysis system, HS-HCC sampling techniques, and  
419 in particular HS-SPME, are the key step to provide a consistent (quantitative aspects) and meaningful  
420 (qualitative aspects) picture of the sample/fraction under study. Experiments carried out on food volatile  
421 fractions demonstrate that the information potential of each analysis can better be exploited, thanks to: (a)  
422 the method's adoption of multiple and orthogonal extraction principles (adsorption and sorption)  
423 combined on the SPME fiber, (b) the minimization of artifact formation, by keeping sampling temperature  
424 and time controlled, (c) the headspace linearity conditions applied, and (d) the adoption of versatile and  
425 reliable quantitation protocols (in particular MHE).

426 A crucial role is undoubtedly played by the separation technique adopted; GC×GC provides detailed  
427 profiling of volatiles even when the sample matrix to be analyzed must be reduced tenfold or more, to  
428 comply with quantitation requirements, thanks to its high selectivity and efficiency, due to the orthogonal  
429 combination of separation mechanisms, and also to its sensitivity, which is achieved by appropriate column  
430 selection.

431 The two quantitation methods applied were found to be adequate for accurate quantitative determination  
432 of the selected target analytes in the sample matrix (with the exception of aldehydes for SA), but revealed  
433 different aptitudes, in terms of information potential and ease of execution. In particular, MHE was more  
434 versatile, providing information on the sample matrix effect, which is important to evaluate the release of  
435 volatiles from the food matrix, and on their relative distribution between gas and condensed phases. MHE  
436 carried out with an External Standard approach does not requires equilibration or partition of spiked  
437 analytes, which is the critical step of SA for solid samples; further, it also makes possible concurrent  
438 quantitative investigation of the complete set of selected volatiles.

439 The present strategy is a useful approach from the perspective of sensomics and flavoromics, since it  
440 comprises an integrated analytical platform able to provide information on the qualitative and quantitative

441 distribution of sensory active compounds, through a fully-integrated system including multiple dimensions  
442 of analysis: sample preparation-separation-identification/quantitation-advanced data elaboration.

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494 **Caption to Figures**

495 **Figure 1:** Results of accuracy assessment. Regression analysis on estimated concentrations for target  
496 analytes (ng/g) in TGT 170-35 and Ordu 170-35 samples. Outliers (linear and unsaturated aldehydes and  
497 furfural) are excluded.

498

499 **Figure 2:** MHE slopes ( $\beta$ ) for selected target analytes (5-methyl-(*E*)-2-hepten-4-one, 2-ethyl-3,5-  
500 dimethylpyrazine and 2-phenylethanol). The graphs are based on equal terms of cumulative response ( $A_7$ )  
501 arbitrarily fixed at 100 counts. Red and black lines show the logarithmic decay from calibration solutions in  
502 DBP-red and in cyclohexane-black (corresponding to calibrants in the gas phase approach) whereas blue  
503 and green lines indicate analyte behavior in hazelnuts and in the Gianduja paste, respectively.

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505 **Figure 3:** HS-SPME-GC $\times$ GC-MS patterns from different aliquots of TGT 170-35 together with fingerprinting  
506 results: Number of template peaks present in the *consensus template* (see text for details), Number of  
507 reliably matched peaks, % of matching, and identity of unmatched target peaks. Key odorants are  
508 underlined.

509

510 **Figure 4:** MHE slopes ( $\beta$ ) for selected analytes not included in the pool of quantified targets.

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512 **Caption to Tables**

513 **Table 1:** List of target analytes considered in the quantitative fingerprinting, together with their CAS  
514 Registry Number, Purity % of the reference compound used for calibration, calculated physicochemical  
515 properties (Vapor Pressure – Vp and octanol/water partition coefficient – LogP), Target Ion and Qualifiers  
516 adopted for quantitation. Validation parameters include: calibration ranges (ng/g), regression curves for SA  
517 and MHE calculated over six calibration points, coefficients of determination ( $R^2$ ), Uncertainty % (Unc.%),  
518 Limit of Determination (LOD) and Limit of Quantitation (LOQ). See text for details.

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520 **Table 2:** Multiple Headspace Extraction calibration parameters.  $\beta$  values and coefficients of determination  
521 ( $R^2$ ) for target analytes in hazelnut samples differing for geographical origins (Tonda Gentile Trilobata TGT  
522 and Ordu) and roasting conditions. The two right-hand columns report calibration slopes in different media:  
523 Dibutyl Phtalate DBP and Cyclohexane (equivalent to Gas Phase).

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525 **Table 3:** Multiple Headspace Extraction calibration parameters.  $\beta$  values and coefficients of determination  
526 ( $R^2$ ) for target analytes in *Gianduja* samples differing in formulation and manufacturer (Samples # 1-4 and  
527 Sample #5, respectively). The two right-hand columns report average values and precision (Relative  
528 Standard Deviation %).

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530 **Table 4:** MHE quantitation results of hazelnut samples for accuracy assessment. Concentration is expressed  
531 in ng/g in the matrix, precision data is referred to replicate determination over three months (see text for  
532 validation details).

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534 **Table 5:** MHE quantitation results in *Gianduja* paste. Concentration and corresponding uncertainty are  
535 expressed in ng/g in the matrix (see text for details).

Table 1

ID	Compound name	CAS RN	Purity	Vp <sup>a</sup> (Torr, 25°C)	Log P <sup>b</sup>	Target Ion Qualifiers	Calibration range (ng/g)	Standard Addition			Multiple Headspace Extraction			LOD ng/g	LOQ ng/g
								Regression curve (n=6)	R <sup>2</sup>	Unc.%	Regression curve (n=6)	R <sup>2</sup>	Unc.%		
1	2,3-pentanedione	600-14-6	97%	26.40	-0.831±0.297	43, 57, 100	10-2500	y = 3700.7x + 188647	0.991	10.8	y = 8015.6x + 37875	0.948	9.6	9.45	50.56
2	hexanal	66-25-1	98%	10.90	1.932±0.223	44, 56, 82	10-1500	y = 2642x + 297645	0.969	29.1	y = 5856.7x + 120348	0.999	15.0	2.60	11.48
3	1-methyl-1(H)-pyrrole	96-54-8	98%	25.60	1.351±0.251	81, 80, 53	10-1500	y = 567.92x + 39891	0.993	10.3	y = 1047.2x - 21952	0.974	10.5	12.19	51.89
4	heptanal	111-71-7	92%	3.85	2.442±0.223	44, 70, 55	10-1500	y = 967.76x + 58880	0.923	14.6	y = 2683.4x + 4197.7	0.999	5.0	1.12	5.64
5	pyridine	110-86-1	98%	22.80	0.836±0.178	79, 52, 51	10-1500	y = 821.45x + 49360	0.993	9.8	y = 2021x - 36590	0.979	2.1	10.58	50.34
6	2-methylpyrazine	109-08-0	99%	9.69	0.342±0.236	94, 67, 53	100-2500	y = 5582.8x + 989884	0.947	5.8	y = 14211x - 103899	0.997	5.6	5.02	22.36
7	3-hydrox-2-butanone	513-86-0	96%	1.92	-0.299±0.287	45, 43, 88	100-2500	y = 1772.9x + 195105	0.984	23.5	y = 16032x - 241081	0.955	6.7	2.22	11.21
8	5-methyl-(E)-2-hepten-4-one	102322-83-8	98%	1.25	2.023±0.252	69, 98, 111	100-2500	y = 10184x + 721440	0.997	9.5	y = 24400x - 62922	0.983	9.7	2.05	10.36
9	octanal	124-13-0	99%	2.07	2.951±0.223	43, 56, 84	10-1500	y = 1045.3x + 61668	0.993	11.5	y = 2343.7x - 29123	0.978	5.4	6.24	27.58
10	nonanal	124-19-6	95%	0.53	3.461±0.223	57, 41, 70	10-4000	y = 1590.5x + 142268	0.981	63.6	y = 3339.4x + 5118.2	0.993	5.5	0.23	0.91
11	(E)-2-octenal	2548-87-0	94%	0.55	2.809±0.282	41, 55, 70	100-2500	y = 1582.3x + 23986	0.995	13.1	y = 6291.8x - 91734	0.953	7.1	11.45	49.46
12	3-ethyl-2,5-dimethylpyrazine	13360-65-1	98%	1.21	1.457±0.318	135, 136, 108	10-1500	y = 622.15x + 67165	0.966	6.1	y = 3596.5x + 68708	0.999	4.5	0.38	1.50
13	furfural	98-01-1	99%	2.23	0.712±0.264	96, 95, 39	100-10000 <sup>c</sup>	y = 5694.8x + 3E+06	0.998	7.6	y = 12439x - 72625	0.989	5.5	6.10	24.46
14	2-ethyl-3,5-dimethylpyrazine	13925-07-0	98%	0.81	1.457±0.318	135, 136, 108	10-1500	y = 1225.6x + 25489	0.941	11.7	y = 4537x + 1419.7	0.974	18.8	0.37	0.90
15	phenylacetaldehyde	122-78-1	95%	0.37	1.760±0.224	91, 120, 65	10-1500	y = 3996.1x + 75391	0.986	12.3	y = 15521x - 362929	0.987	11.5	5.73	25.55
16	(E)-2-decenal	3913-81-3	92%	0.07	3.828±0.282	41, 55, 70	10-1500	y = 77.653x + 2728	0.941	7.9	y = 3324.4x - 68279	0.975	5.0	4.70	23.57
17	3-methylbutanoic acid	503-74-2	99%	0.55	1.051±0.193	60, 74, 87	10-1500	y = 2653x + 50140	0.991	15.5	y = 12958x - 242712	0.959	5.6	1.75	5.28
18	2-phenylethanol	60-12-8	98%	0.07	1.504±0.186	91, 122, 65	10-1500	y = 1886.7x + 14875	0.971	14.7	y = 20548x - 136118	0.971	2.8	5.47	24.36
19	acetylpyrrole	1072-83-9	99%	0.11	0.911±0.312	94, 109, 66	10-1500	y = 1188.7x + 55489	0.957	4.9	y = 11349x - 166508	0.974	7.2	1.59	5.35

<sup>a,b</sup>: Calculated using Advanced Chemistry Development (ACD/Labs) Software V11.02 (© 1994-2013 ACD/Labs)(Toronto, ON, Canada)

<sup>c</sup>: calibration was performed in two intervals (100-2500 and 2500-10000)– MHE and SA calibration curves reported are referred to 100-2500 ng/g



Table 2

ID	Compound name	TGT 170-20		TGT 170-35		Ordu 170-20		Ordu 170-35		Summary		Calibration slopes	
		$\beta$	$R^2$	$\beta$	$R^2$	$\beta$	$R^2$	$\beta$	$R^2$	$\beta_{av}$	RSD%	$\beta_{DBP}$	$\beta_{GP}$
1	2,3-pentanedione	0.67	0.979	0.76	0.995	0.61	0.935	0.66	0.979	0.62	9.00	0.42	0.39
2	hexanal	0.70	0.998	0.71	0.929	0.54	0.987	0.65	0.964	0.66	8.69	0.31	0.32
3	1-methyl-1(H)-pyrrole	0.63	0.981	0.77	0.971	0.55	0.909	0.60	0.889	0.57	12.44	0.19	0.13
4	heptanal	0.58	0.884	0.56	0.997	0.57	0.962	0.65	0.989	0.60	6.13	0.19	0.18
5	pyridine	0.45	0.989	0.50	0.959	0.39	0.908	0.51	0.973	0.48	12.72	0.48	0.50
6	2-methylpyrazine	0.62	0.901	0.63	0.982	0.52	0.979	0.62	0.995	0.60	9.32	0.21	0.19
7	3-hydrox-2-butanone	0.70	0.945	0.87	0.929	0.72	0.950	0.89	0.967	0.79	9.93	0.65	0.75
8	5-methyl-( <i>E</i> )-2-hepten-4-one	0.64	0.994	0.76	0.969	0.69	0.987	0.70	0.997	0.70	6.39	0.23	0.21
9	octanal	0.77	0.926	0.66	0.906	0.67	0.927	0.80	0.992	0.70	8.54	0.15	0.12
10	nonanal	0.81	0.904	0.85	0.929	0.82	0.925	0.63	0.767	0.80	10.36	0.48	0.31
11	( <i>E</i> )-2-octenal	< LOD	-	< LOD	-	0.95	0.988	0.83	0.914	0.84	14.46	0.41	0.26
12	3-ethyl-2,5-dimethylpyrazine	0.86	0.993	0.87	0.983	0.60	0.963	0.92	0.903	0.82	14.18	0.40	0.19
13	furfural	0.61	0.975	0.70	0.985	0.66	0.976	0.74	0.995	0.68	8.45	0.11	0.09
14	2-ethyl-3,5-dimethylpyrazine	0.74	0.936	0.88	0.948	0.76	0.969	0.90	0.948	0.81	11.05	0.44	0.22
15	phenylacetaldehyde	0.90	0.932	0.80	0.998	0.79	0.992	0.79	0.967	0.83	5.52	0.49	0.23
16	( <i>E</i> )-2-decenal	< LOD	-	< LOD	-	0.79	0.992	0.79	0.954	0.82	5.72	0.76	0.26
17	3-methylbutanoic acid	0.90	0.982	0.85	0.904	0.66	0.987	0.85	0.974	0.82	9.27	0.57	0.81
18	2-phenylethanol	0.90	0.932	0.89	0.957	0.89	0.998	0.88	0.980	0.85	6.71	0.79	0.33
19	acetylpyrrole	0.86	0.990	0.92	0.993	0.88	0.992	0.95	0.899	0.89	7.21	0.77	0.31

Table 3

ID	Compound name	Sample #1		Sample #2		Sample #3		Sample #4		Sample #5		$\beta$ av	RSD%
		$\beta$	$R^2$	$\beta$	$R^2$	$\beta$	$R^2$	$\beta$	$R^2$	$\beta$	$R^2$		
1	2,3-pentanedione	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	-	-
2	hexanal	0.81	0.988	0.77	0.982	0.79	0.966	0.85	0.954	0.83	0.996	0.81	3.88
3	1-methyl-1(H)-pyrrole	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	-	-
4	heptanal	0.58	0.985	0.38	0.848	0.49	0.971	0.44	0.958	0.60	0.879	0.54	12.65
5	pyridine	0.59	0.994	0.28	0.822	0.28	0.822	0.48	0.985	0.48	0.989	0.42	12.26
6	2-methylpyrazine	0.66	0.961	0.56	0.974	0.80	0.982	0.74	0.978	0.52	0.933	0.66	12.63
7	3-hydrox-2-butanone	0.86	0.976	0.65	0.992	0.90	0.925	0.82	0.963	0.62	0.956	0.81	9.19
8	5-methyl-(E)-2-hepten-4-one	0.59	0.999	0.51	0.962	0.51	0.985	0.58	0.984	0.63	0.967	0.56	9.06
9	octanal	0.53	0.851	0.53	0.851	0.60	0.979	0.69	0.984	0.81	0.974	0.61	13.85
10	nonanal	0.76	0.809	0.32	0.940	0.77	0.859	0.78	0.962	0.78	0.962	0.76	3.29
11	(E)-2-octenal	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	-	-
12	3-ethyl-2,5-dimethylpyrazine	0.60	0.910	0.60	0.944	0.66	0.886	0.72	0.993	0.86	0.953	0.67	10.57
13	furfural	0.71	0.953	0.57	0.930	0.58	0.945	0.53	0.996	0.53	0.978	0.58	12.35
14	2-ethyl-3,5-dimethylpyrazine	0.54	0.928	0.78	0.989	0.72	0.999	0.72	0.993	0.83	0.929	0.74	9.69
15	phenylacetaldehyde	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	-	-
16	(E)-2-decenal	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	-	-
17	3-methylbutanoic acid	0.81	0.981	0.49	0.930	0.63	0.982	0.69	0.978	0.69	0.994	0.66	7.75
18	2-phenylethanol	0.92	0.966	0.49	0.844	0.87	0.998	0.88	0.993	0.75	0.962	0.84	8.25
19	acetylpyrrole	0.84	0.976	0.74	0.935	0.78	0.990	0.84	0.982	0.70	0.985	0.78	7.82

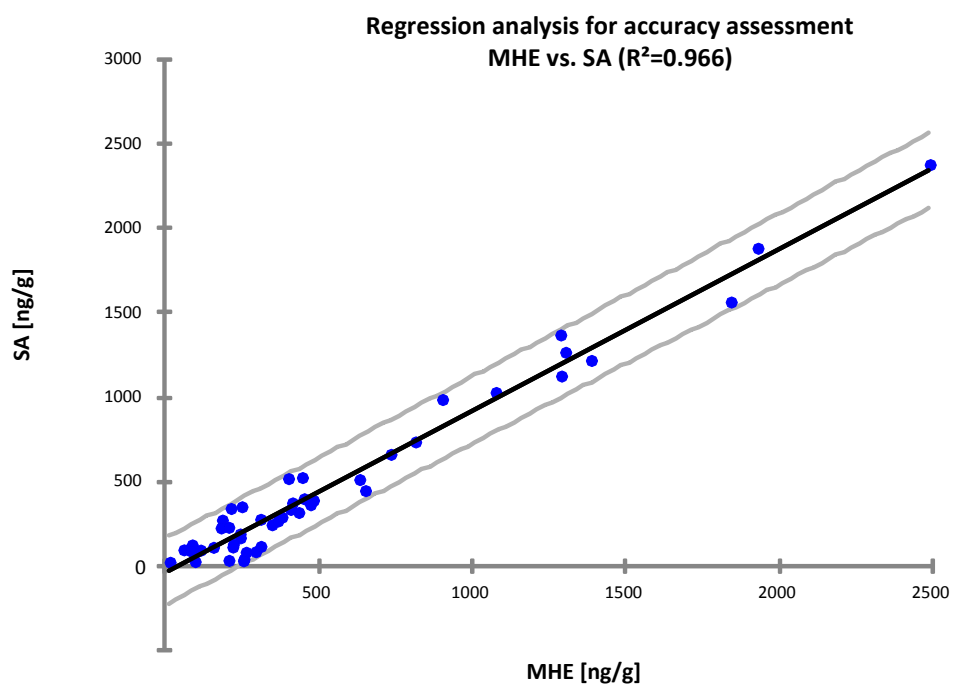
Table 4

ID	Compound name	TGT 170-20 conc (ng/g)				TGT 170-35 conc (ng/g)				ORDU 170-20 conc (ng/g)				ORDU 170-35 conc (ng/g)			
		SA	RSD%	MHE	RSD%	SA	RSD%	MHE	RSD%	SA	RSD%	MHE	RSD%	SA	RSD%	MHE	RSD%
1	2,3-pentanedione	111	17.97	152	5.14	2379	4.08	2487	20.93	27	20.17	92	11.23	513	0.86	628	1.22
2	hexanal	246	4.89	256	0.81	1343	52.00	54	2.07	444	14.2	1400	6.76	736	45.16	601	50.48
3	1-methyl-1(H)-pyrrole	278	7.38	305	5.72	1370	4.70	1283	18.30	82	15.68	258	13.59	1030	10.38	1072	4.54
4	heptanal	32	5.05	15	2.11	29	20.69	21	6.97	47	20.41	52	4.78	560	12.11	168	6.06
5	pyridine	168	17.79	239	2.07	663	13.28	730	2.51	113	1.5	215	0.85	375	6.52	409	2.84
6	2-methylpyrazine	318	11.54	429	5.47	1884	0.58	1926	4.03	129	7.87	216	8.36	736	3.08	810	4.35
7	3-hydrox-2-butanone	399	16.15	447	1.14	1565	41.98	1838	6.57	117	25.7	306	4.28	390	10.04	478	14.8
8	5-methyl-(E)-2-hepten-4-one	987	6.38	898	10.32	1267	4.21	1299	0.65	336	9.93	403	4.66	525	17.41	441	23.29
9	octanal	92	23.17	167	3.23	132	0.88	183	3.23	192	14.01	238	4.16	750	7.89	408	10.95
10	nonanal	603	74.70	87	6.26	594	41.00	105	9.43	920	90.8	198	2.06	3407	48.00	327	4.08
11	(E)-2-octenal	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	108	14.15	214	12.87	166	11.97	190	1.3
12	3-ethyl-2,5-dimethylpyrazine	342	7.37	209	5.35	1127	5.94	1386	5.22	95	7.62	110	13.81	364	3.34	468	2.85
13	furfural	251	22.24	331	3.17	5461	0.49	9393	7.09	310	7.18	365	11	4744	0.49	4178	0.7
14	2-ethyl-3,5-dimethylpyrazine	97	8.16	55	23.33	245	13.70	342	11.13	23	11.99	10	36.7	290	13.14	375	4.11
15	phenylacetaldehyde	41	12.86	251	1.38	1219	7.77	1383	12.07	32	10.18	249	-	267	18.23	362	21.03
16	(E)-2-decenal	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	351	7.89	244	4.96
17	3-methylbutanoic acid	191	4.50	238	7.64	85	19.87	290	8.48	34	12.11	202	2.04	230	25.40	202	0.77
18	2-phenylethanol	107	2.66	77	1.36	91	16.89	82	6.54	127	21.61	82	2.73	90	17.78	77	0.47
19	acetylpyrrole	273	2.92	181	9.03	448	6.09	647	13.75	227	2.42	176	2.17	519	8.06	396	3.78

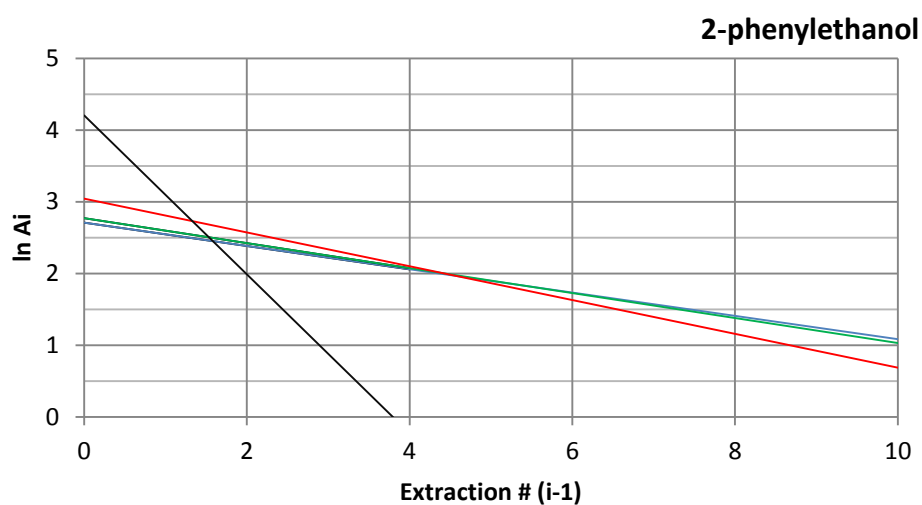
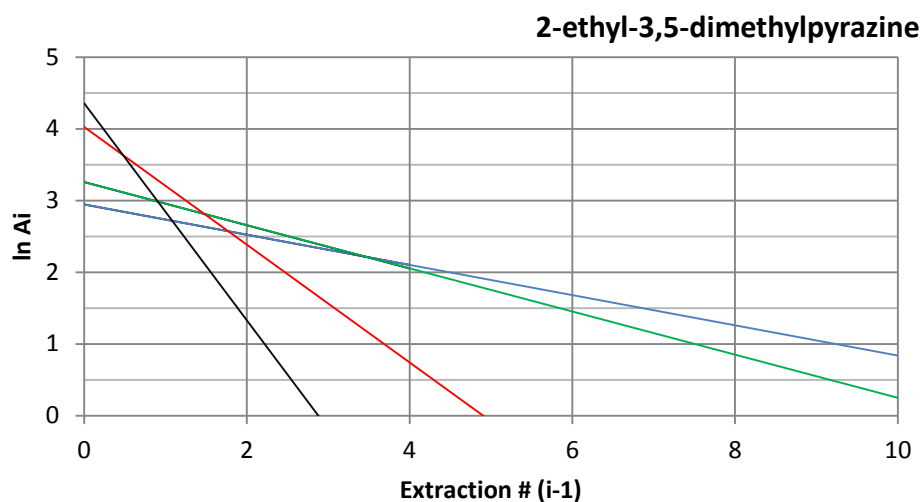
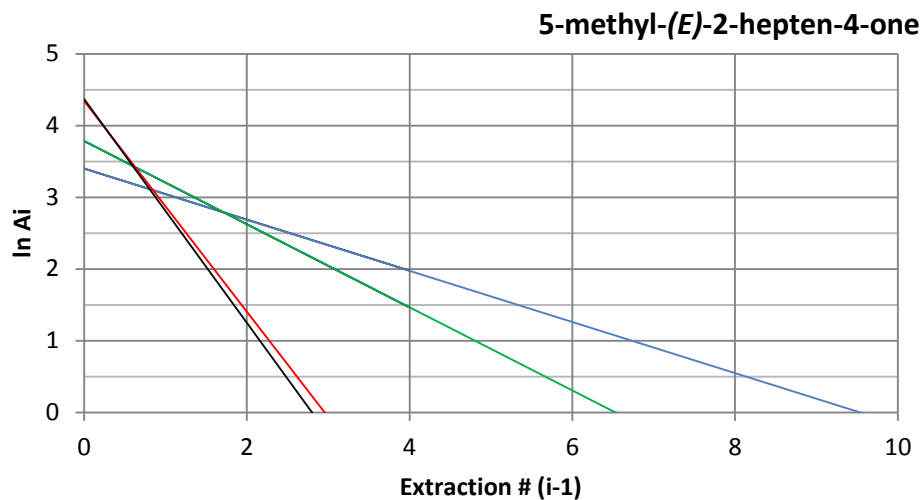
Table 5

ID	Compound name	Sample #1		Sample #2		Sample #3		Sample #4		Sample #5	
		(ng/g)	+/-	(ng/g)	+/-	(ng/g)	+/-	(ng/g)	+/-	(ng/g)	+/-
1	2,3-pentanedione	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-
2	hexanal	79	12	46	7	65	10	119	18	91	14
3	1-methyl-1(H)-pyrrole	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-
4	heptanal	25	1	169	8	8	0	42	2	0	0
5	pyridine	206	4	192	4	189	4	188	4	189	4
6	2-methylpyrazine	106	6	88	5	99	5	101	6	106	6
7	3-hydrox-2-butanone	257	17	187	13	242	16	210	14	285	19
8	5-methyl-(E)-2-hepten-4-one	73	7	42	4	42	4	49	5	53	5
9	octanal	144	8	124	7	132	7	136	7	164	9
10	nonanal	94	5	3	0	12	1	11	1	0	0
11	(E)-2-octenal	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-
12	3-ethyl-2,5-dimethylpyrazine	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-
13	furfural	98	5	79	4	75	4	79	4	79	4
14	2-ethyl-3,5-dimethylpyrazine	4	1	3	0	1	0	2	0	7	1
15	phenylacetaldehyde	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-
16	(E)-2-decenal	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-
17	3-methylbutanoic acid	537	30	465	26	422	24	474	27	373	21
18	2-phenylethanol	163	5	72	2	77	2	81	2	74	2
19	acetylpyrrole	100	7	85	6	85	6	87	6	86	6

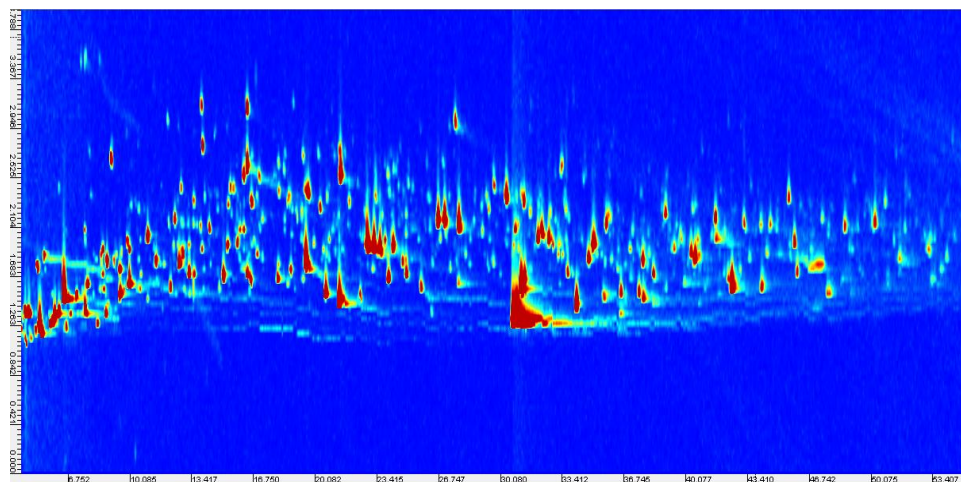
**Figure 1:** accuracy assessment results. Regression analysis on estimated concentrations for target analytes [ng/g] in TGT 170-35 and Ordu 170-35 samples. Outliers (linear and unsaturated aldehydes and furfural) are excluded.



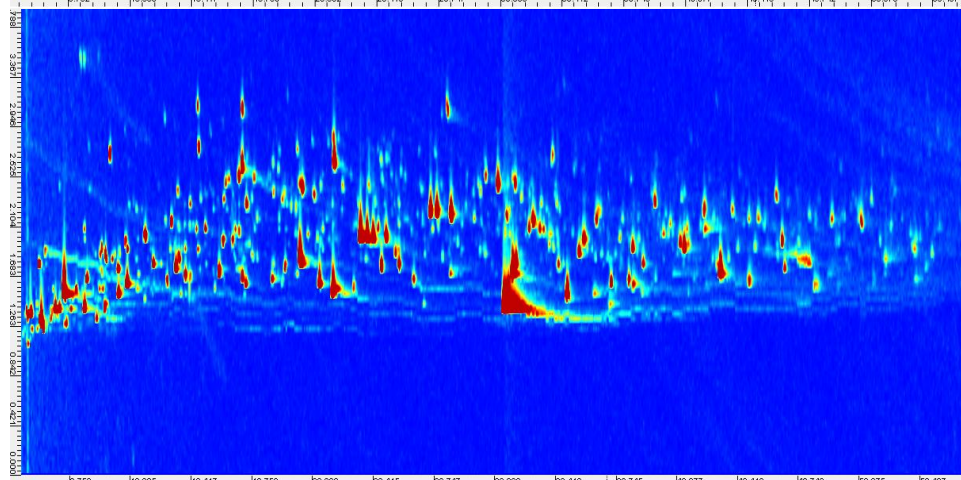
**Figure 2:** MHE slopes ( $\beta$ ) for selected target analytes (5-methyl-(*E*)-2-hepten-4-one, 2-ethyl-3,5-dimethylpyrazine and 2-phenylethanol). The graphs are based on equal terms of cumulative response ( $A_i$ ) arbitrarily fixed at 100 counts. Red and black lines show the logarithmic decay from calibration solutions in DBP-red and in cyclohexane-black (corresponding to calibrants in the gas phase approach) whereas blue and green lines indicate analyte behavior in hazelnuts and in the Gianduja paste, respectively.



**Figure 3:** HS-SPME-GC×GC-MS patterns from different aliquots of TGT 170-35 together with fingerprinting results: Number of template peaks present in the *consensus template* (see text for details), Number reliably matched peaks, % of matching and identity of unmatched target peaks. Key-odorants are underlined.

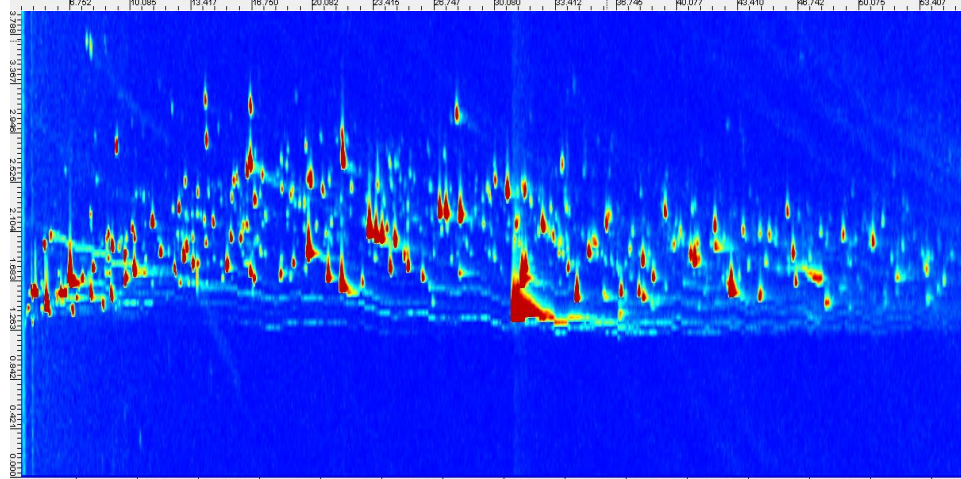


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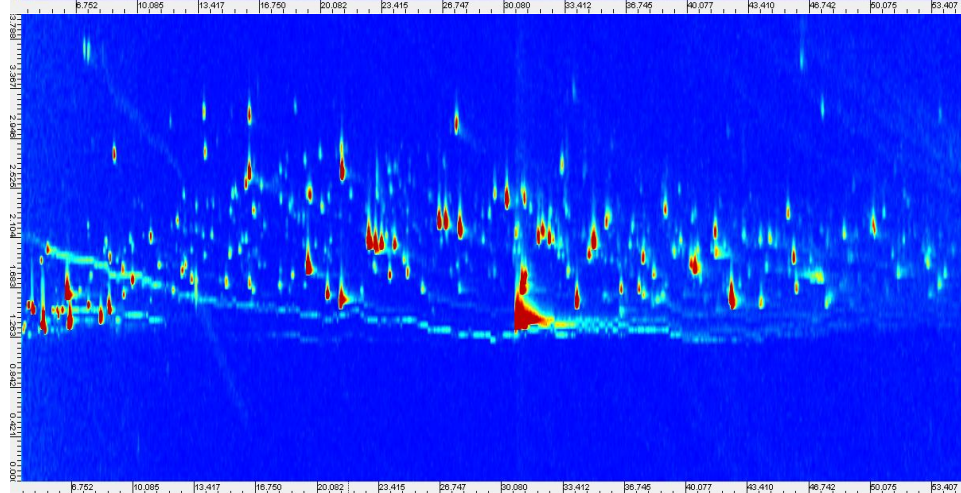
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Unmatched Target peaks: 4  
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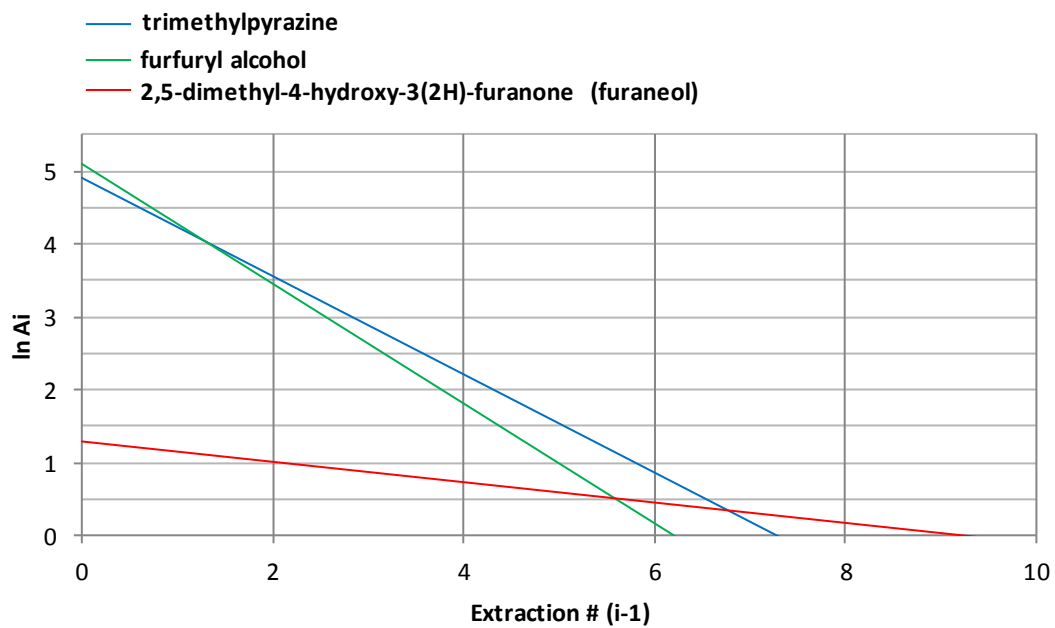
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Sampling weight: 0.100 g  
 Template peaks: 355  
 Matched peaks: 245  
 % of Matching: 73%  
 Unmatched: 90

Unmatched Target peaks: 17  
*1-cyclobutylethanol, 2-ethyl-5-methylfuran, 2-methyl-2-pentenal, 3-penten-2-ol, 3-penten-2-one, 5-methyl-3-hepten-2-one, decanal, sabinene, 2,4-dimethyl-3-hexanone, 2-propylpiperidine, 3,3-dimethyl-1-butene, 4-methylpyridine, 3-methyl-3-butenic acid, 2,3,5-trimethylfuran, 2-vinylfuran, 2-methylbutyl acetate, 2-acetyl-1-pyrroline*

Figure 4: MHE slopes ( $\beta$ ) for selected analytes not included in the pool of quantified targets.





**Table 1:** List of target analytes considered in the quantitative fingerprinting, together with their CAS Registry Number, Purity % of the reference compound used for calibration, calculated physicochemical properties (Vapor Pressure – Vp and octanol/water partition coefficient – LogP), Target Ion and Qualifiers adopted for quantitation. Validation parameters include: calibration range, regression curves for SA and MHE calculated over six calibration points, coefficients of determination ( $R^2$ ), Uncertainty % (Unc.%) and Limit of Determination (LOD) and Limit of Quantitation (LOQ). See text for details.

ID	Compound name	CAS RN	Purity	Vp <sup>a</sup> (Torr, 25°C)	Log P <sup>b</sup>	Target Ion Qualifiers	Range (ng/g)	Standard Addition			Multiple Headspace Extraction			LOD ng/g	LOQ ng/g
								Regression curve (n=6)	R <sup>2</sup>	Unc.%	Regression curve (n=6)	R <sup>2</sup>	Unc.%		
1	2,3-pentanedione	600-14-6	97%	26.40	-0.831±0.297	43, 57, 100	10-2500	y = 3700.7x + 188647	0.991	10.8	y = 8015.6x + 37875	0.948	9.6	9.45	50.56
2	hexanal	66-25-1	98%	10.90	1.932±0.223	44, 56, 82	10-1500	y = 2642x + 297645	0.969	29.1	y = 5856.7x + 120348	0.999	15.0	2.60	11.48
3	1-methyl-1(H)-pyrrole	96-54-8	98%	25.60	1.351±0.251	81, 80, 53	10-1500	y = 567.92x + 39891	0.993	10.3	y = 1047.2x - 21952	0.974	10.5	12.19	51.89
4	heptanal	111-71-7	92%	3.85	2.442±0.223	44, 70, 55	10-1500	y = 967.76x + 58880	0.923	14.6	y = 2683.4x + 4197.7	0.999	5.0	1.12	5.64
5	pyridine	110-86-1	98%	22.80	0.836±0.178	79, 52, 51	10-1500	y = 821.45x + 49360	0.993	9.8	y = 2021x - 36590	0.979	2.1	10.58	50.34
6	2-methylpyrazine	109-08-0	99%	9.69	0.342±0.236	94, 67, 53	100-2500	y = 5582.8x + 989884	0.947	5.8	y = 14211x - 103899	0.997	5.6	5.02	22.36
7	3-hydrox-2-butanone	513-86-0	96%	1.92	-0.299±0.287	45, 43, 88	100-2500	y = 1772.9x + 195105	0.984	23.5	y = 16032x - 241081	0.955	6.7	2.22	11.21
8	5-methyl-(E)-2-hepten-4-one	102322-83-8	98%	1.25	2.023±0.252	69, 98, 111	100-2500	y = 10184x + 721440	0.997	9.5	y = 24400x - 62922	0.983	9.7	2.05	10.36
9	octanal	124-13-0	99%	2.07	2.951±0.223	43, 56, 84	10-1500	y = 1045.3x + 61668	0.993	11.5	y = 2343.7x - 29123	0.978	5.4	6.24	27.58
10	nonanal	124-19-6	95%	0.53	3.461±0.223	57, 41, 70	10-4000	y = 1590.5x + 142268	0.981	63.6	y = 3339.4x + 5118.2	0.993	5.5	0.23	0.91
11	(E)-2-octenal	2548-87-0	94%	0.55	2.809±0.282	41, 55, 70	100-2500	y = 1582.3x + 23986	0.995	13.1	y = 6291.8x - 91734	0.953	7.1	11.45	49.46
12	3-ethyl-2,5-dimethylpyrazine	13360-65-1	98%	1.21	1.457±0.318	135, 136, 108	10-1500	y = 622.15x + 67165	0.966	6.1	y = 3596.5x + 68708	0.999	4.5	0.38	1.50
13	furfural	98-01-1	99%	2.23	0.712±0.264	96, 95, 39	100-10000 <sup>c</sup>	y = 5694.8x + 3E+06	0.998	7.6	y = 12439x - 72625	0.989	5.5	6.10	24.46
14	2-ethyl-3,5-dimethylpyrazine	13925-07-0	98%	0.81	1.457±0.318	135, 136, 108	10-1500	y = 1225.6x + 25489	0.941	11.7	y = 4537x + 1419.7	0.974	18.8	0.37	0.90
15	phenylacetaldehyde	122-78-1	95%	0.37	1.760±0.224	91, 120, 65	10-1500	y = 3996.1x + 75391	0.986	12.3	y = 15521x - 362929	0.987	11.5	5.73	25.55
16	(E)-2-decenal	3913-81-3	92%	0.07	3.828±0.282	41, 55, 70	10-1500	y = 77.653x + 2728	0.941	7.9	y = 3324.4x - 68279	0.975	5.0	4.70	23.57
17	3-methylbutanoic acid	503-74-2	99%	0.55	1.051±0.193	60, 74, 87	10-1500	y = 2653x + 50140	0.991	15.5	y = 12958x - 242712	0.959	5.6	1.75	5.28
18	2-phenylethanol	60-12-8	98%	0.07	1.504±0.186	91, 122, 65	10-1500	y = 1886.7x + 14875	0.971	14.7	y = 20548x - 136118	0.971	2.8	5.47	24.36
19	acetylpyrrole	1072-83-9	99%	0.11	0.911±0.312	94, 109, 66	10-1500	y = 1188.7x + 55489	0.957	4.9	y = 11349x - 166508	0.974	7.2	1.59	5.35

<sup>a,b</sup>: Calculated using Advanced Chemistry Development (ACD/Labs) Software V11.02 (© 1994-2013 ACD/Labs)(Toronto, ON, Canada)

<sup>c</sup>: calibration was performed in two intervals (100-2500 and 2500-10000)– MHE and SA calibration curves reported are referred to 100-2500 ng/g

**Table 2:** Multiple Headspace Extraction calibration parameters.  $\beta$  values and coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ ) for target analytes in hazelnut samples differing for geographical origin (Tonda Gentile Trilobata TGT and Ordu) and roasting conditions. Last two columns report calibration slopes in different media Dibutyl Phtalate DBP and Cyclohexane (equivalent to Gas Phase).

ID	Compound name	TGT 170-20		TGT 170-35		Ordu 170-20		Ordu 170-35		Summary		Calibration slopes	
		$\beta$	$R^2$	$\beta$	$R^2$	$\beta$	$R^2$	$\beta$	$R^2$	$\beta$ av	RSD%	$\beta_{DBP}$	$\beta_{GP}$
1	2,3-pentanedione	0.67	0.979	0.76	0.995	0.61	0.935	0.66	0.979	0.62	9.00	0.42	0.39
2	hexanal	0.70	0.998	0.71	0.929	0.54	0.987	0.65	0.964	0.66	8.69	0.31	0.32
3	1-methyl-1(H)-pyrrole	0.63	0.981	0.77	0.971	0.55	0.909	0.60	0.889	0.57	12.44	0.19	0.13
4	heptanal	0.58	0.884	0.56	0.997	0.57	0.962	0.65	0.989	0.60	6.13	0.19	0.18
5	pyridine	0.45	0.989	0.50	0.959	0.39	0.908	0.51	0.973	0.48	12.72	0.48	0.50
6	2-methylpyrazine	0.62	0.901	0.63	0.982	0.52	0.979	0.62	0.995	0.60	9.32	0.21	0.19
7	3-hydrox-2-butanone	0.70	0.945	0.87	0.929	0.72	0.950	0.89	0.967	0.79	9.93	0.65	0.75
8	5-methyl-(E)-2-hepten-4-one	0.64	0.994	0.76	0.969	0.69	0.987	0.70	0.997	0.70	6.39	0.23	0.21
9	octanal	0.77	0.926	0.66	0.906	0.67	0.927	0.80	0.992	0.70	8.54	0.15	0.12
10	nonanal	0.81	0.904	0.85	0.929	0.82	0.925	0.63	0.767	0.80	10.36	0.48	0.31
11	(E)-2-octenal	< LOD	-	< LOD	-	0.95	0.988	0.83	0.914	0.84	14.46	0.41	0.26
12	3-ethyl-2,5-dimethylpyrazine	0.86	0.993	0.87	0.983	0.60	0.963	0.92	0.903	0.82	14.18	0.40	0.19
13	furfural	0.61	0.975	0.70	0.985	0.66	0.976	0.74	0.995	0.68	8.45	0.11	0.09
14	2-ethyl-3,5-dimethylpyrazine	0.74	0.936	0.88	0.948	0.76	0.969	0.90	0.948	0.81	11.05	0.44	0.22
15	phenylacetaldehyde	0.90	0.932	0.80	0.998	0.79	0.992	0.79	0.967	0.83	5.52	0.49	0.23
16	(E)-2-decenal	< LOD	-	< LOD	-	0.79	0.992	0.79	0.954	0.82	5.72	0.76	0.26
17	3-methylbutanoic acid	0.90	0.982	0.85	0.904	0.66	0.987	0.85	0.974	0.82	9.27	0.57	0.81
18	2-phenylethanol	0.90	0.932	0.89	0.957	0.89	0.998	0.88	0.980	0.85	6.71	0.79	0.33
19	acetylpyrrole	0.86	0.990	0.92	0.993	0.88	0.992	0.95	0.899	0.89	7.21	0.77	0.31

**Table 3:** Multiple Headspace Extraction calibration parameters.  $\beta$  values and coefficients of determination ( $R^2$ ) for target analytes in *Gianduja* samples differing in formulation and manufacturer (Samples # 1-4 and Sample #5, respectively). The two right-hand columns report average values and precision (Relative Standard Deviation %).

ID	Compound name	Sample #1		Sample #2		Sample #3		Sample #4		Sample #5		$\beta$ av	RSD%
		$\beta$	$R^2$	$\beta$	$R^2$	$\beta$	$R^2$	$\beta$	$R^2$	$\beta$	$R^2$		
1	2,3-pentanedione	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	-	-
2	hexanal	0.81	0.988	0.77	0.982	0.79	0.966	0.85	0.954	0.83	0.996	0.81	3.88
3	1-methyl-1(H)-pyrrole	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	-	-
4	heptanal	0.58	0.985	0.38	0.848	0.49	0.971	0.44	0.958	0.60	0.879	0.54	12.65
5	pyridine	0.59	0.994	0.28	0.822	0.28	0.822	0.48	0.985	0.48	0.989	0.42	12.26
6	2-methylpyrazine	0.66	0.961	0.56	0.974	0.80	0.982	0.74	0.978	0.52	0.933	0.66	12.63
7	3-hydrox-2-butanone	0.86	0.976	0.65	0.992	0.90	0.925	0.82	0.963	0.62	0.956	0.81	9.19
8	5-methyl-(E)-2-hepten-4-one	0.59	0.999	0.51	0.962	0.51	0.985	0.58	0.984	0.63	0.967	0.56	9.06
9	octanal	0.53	0.851	0.53	0.851	0.60	0.979	0.69	0.984	0.81	0.974	0.61	13.85
10	nonanal	0.76	0.809	0.32	0.940	0.77	0.859	0.78	0.962	0.78	0.962	0.76	3.29
11	(E)-2-octenal	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	-	-
12	3-ethyl-2,5-dimethylpyrazine	0.60	0.910	0.60	0.944	0.66	0.886	0.72	0.993	0.86	0.953	0.67	10.57
13	furfural	0.71	0.953	0.57	0.930	0.58	0.945	0.53	0.996	0.53	0.978	0.58	12.35
14	2-ethyl-3,5-dimethylpyrazine	0.54	0.928	0.78	0.989	0.72	0.999	0.72	0.993	0.83	0.929	0.74	9.69
15	phenylacetaldehyde	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	-	-
16	(E)-2-decenal	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	-	-
17	3-methylbutanoic acid	0.81	0.981	0.49	0.930	0.63	0.982	0.69	0.978	0.69	0.994	0.66	7.75
18	2-phenylethanol	0.92	0.966	0.49	0.844	0.87	0.998	0.88	0.993	0.75	0.962	0.84	8.25
19	acetylpyrrole	0.84	0.976	0.74	0.935	0.78	0.990	0.84	0.982	0.70	0.985	0.78	7.82

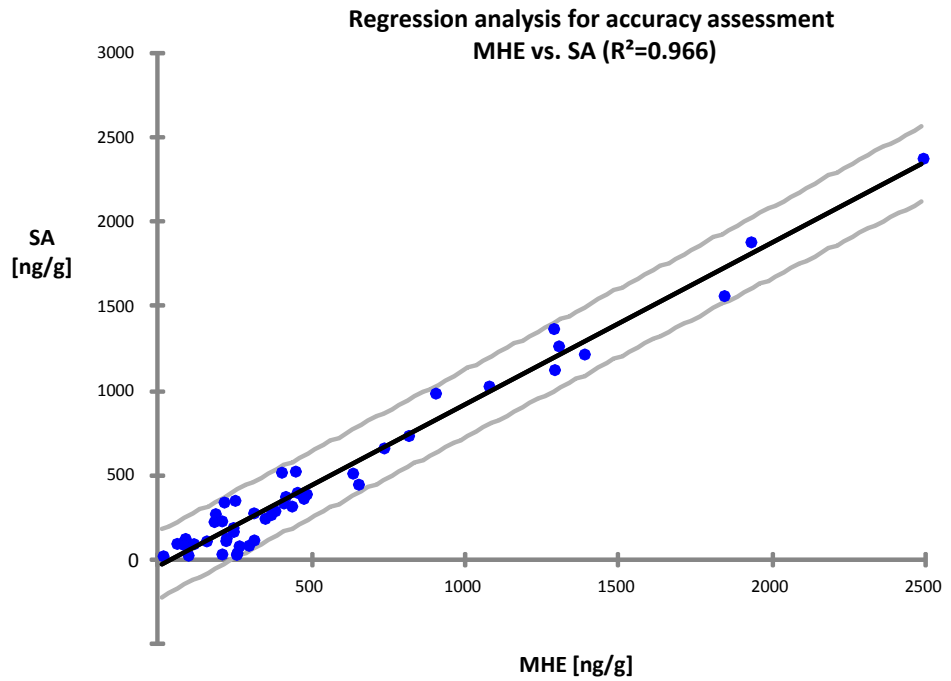
**Table 4:** Quantitation results in hazelnut samples for accuracy assessment. Concentration is expressed in ng/g in the matrix, precision data is referred to replicate determination over three months (see text for validation details).

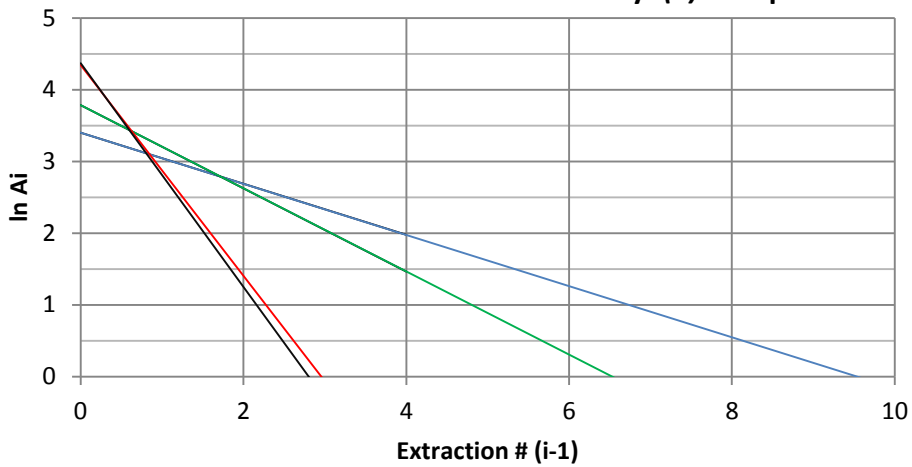
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		SA	RSD%	MHE	RSD%	SA	RSD%	MHE	RSD%	SA	RSD%	MHE	RSD%	SA	RSD%	MHE	RSD%
1	2,3-pentanedione	111	17.97	152	5.14	2379	4.08	2487	20.93	27	20.17	92	11.23	513	0.86	628	1.22
2	hexanal	246	4.89	256	0.81	1343	52.00	54	2.07	444	14.2	1400	6.76	736	45.16	601	50.48
3	1-methyl-1(H)-pyrrole	278	7.38	305	5.72	1370	4.70	1283	18.30	82	15.68	258	13.59	1030	10.38	1072	4.54
4	heptanal	32	5.05	15	2.11	29	20.69	21	6.97	47	20.41	52	4.78	560	12.11	168	6.06
5	pyridine	168	17.79	239	2.07	663	13.28	730	2.51	113	1.5	215	0.85	375	6.52	409	2.84
6	2-methylpyrazine	318	11.54	429	5.47	1884	0.58	1926	4.03	129	7.87	216	8.36	736	3.08	810	4.35
7	3-hydrox-2-butanone	399	16.15	447	1.14	1565	41.98	1838	6.57	117	25.7	306	4.28	390	10.04	478	14.8
8	5-methyl-(E)-2-hepten-4-one	987	6.38	898	10.32	1267	4.21	1299	0.65	336	9.93	403	4.66	525	17.41	441	23.29
9	octanal	92	23.17	167	3.23	132	0.88	183	3.23	192	14.01	238	4.16	750	7.89	408	10.95
10	nonanal	603	74.70	87	6.26	594	41.00	105	9.43	920	90.8	198	2.06	3407	48.00	327	4.08
11	(E)-2-octenal	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	108	14.15	214	12.87	166	11.97	190	1.3
12	3-ethyl-2,5-dimethylpyrazine	342	7.37	209	5.35	1127	5.94	1386	5.22	95	7.62	110	13.81	364	3.34	468	2.85
13	furfural	251	22.24	331	3.17	5461	0.49	9393	7.09	310	7.18	365	11	4744	0.49	4178	0.7
14	2-ethyl-3,5-dimethylpyrazine	97	8.16	55	23.33	245	13.70	342	11.13	23	11.99	10	36.7	290	13.14	375	4.11
15	phenylacetaldehyde	41	12.86	251	1.38	1219	7.77	1383	12.07	32	10.18	249	-	267	18.23	362	21.03
16	(E)-2-decenal	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	351	7.89	244	4.96
17	3-methylbutanoic acid	191	4.50	238	7.64	85	19.87	290	8.48	34	12.11	202	2.04	230	25.40	202	0.77
18	2-phenylethanol	107	2.66	77	1.36	91	16.89	82	6.54	127	21.61	82	2.73	90	17.78	77	0.47
19	acetylpyrrole	273	2.92	181	9.03	448	6.09	647	13.75	227	2.42	176	2.17	519	8.06	396	3.78

**Table 5:** Quantitation results in *Gianduja* paste. Concentration and corresponding uncertainty are expressed in ng/g in the matrix (see text for details)

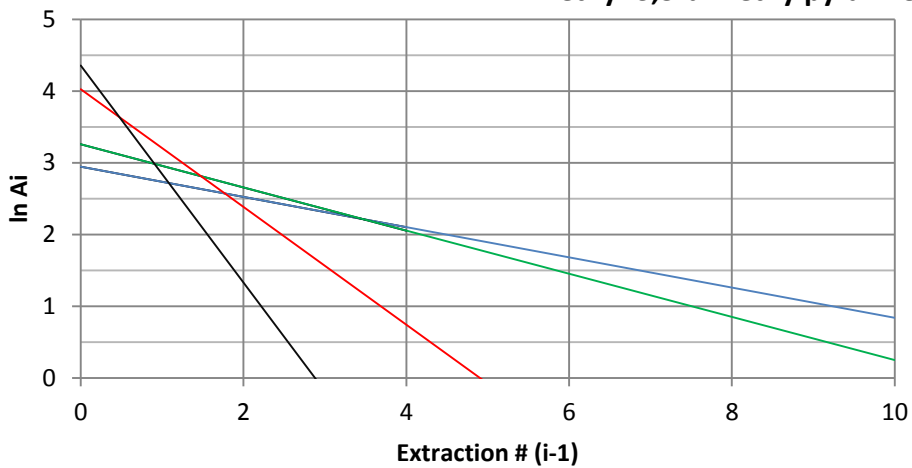
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		(ng/g)	+/-	(ng/g)	+/-	(ng/g)	+/-	(ng/g)	+/-	(ng/g)	+/-
1	2,3-pentanedione	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-
2	hexanal	79	12	46	7	65	10	119	18	91	14
3	1-methyl-1(H)-pyrrole	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-
4	heptanal	25	1	169	8	8	0	42	2	0	0
5	pyridine	206	4	192	4	189	4	188	4	189	4
6	2-methylpyrazine	106	6	88	5	99	5	101	6	106	6
7	3-hydrox-2-butanone	257	17	187	13	242	16	210	14	285	19
8	5-methyl-( <i>E</i> )-2-hepten-4-one	73	7	42	4	42	4	49	5	53	5
9	octanal	144	8	124	7	132	7	136	7	164	9
10	nonanal	94	5	3	0	12	1	11	1	0	0
11	( <i>E</i> )-2-octenal	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-
12	3-ethyl-2,5-dimethylpyrazine	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-
13	furfural	98	5	79	4	75	4	79	4	79	4
14	2-ethyl-3,5-dimethylpyrazine	4	1	3	0	1	0	2	0	7	1
15	phenylacetaldehyde	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-
16	( <i>E</i> )-2-decenal	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-	< LOQ	-
17	3-methylbutanoic acid	537	30	465	26	422	24	474	27	373	21
18	2-phenylethanol	163	5	72	2	77	2	81	2	74	2
19	acetylpyrrole	100	7	85	6	85	6	87	6	86	6

**Figure 1**

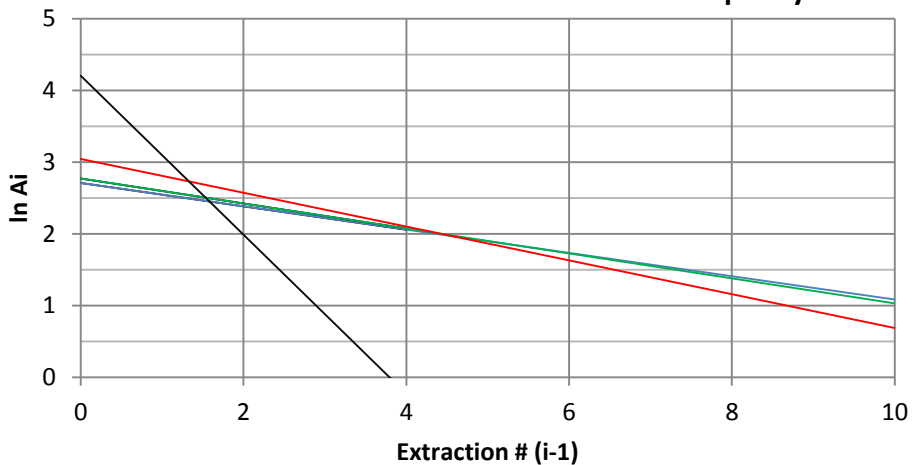


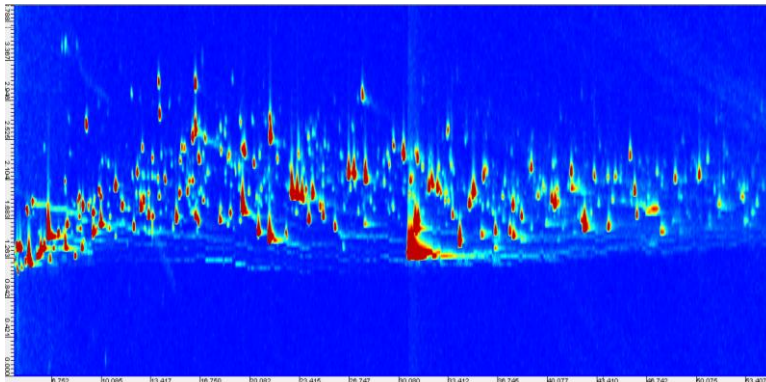
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## 2-ethyl-3,5-dimethylpyrazine

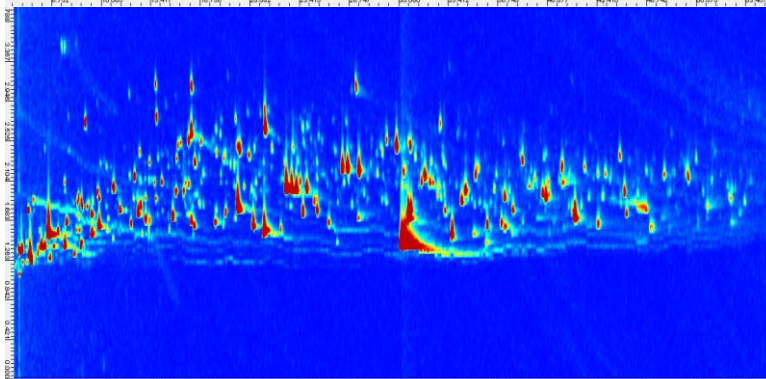


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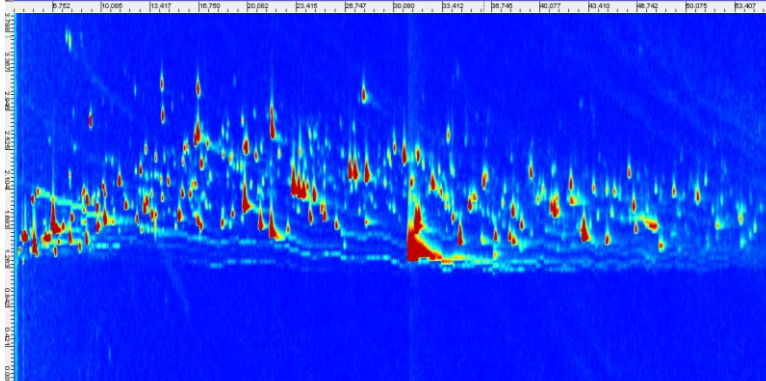


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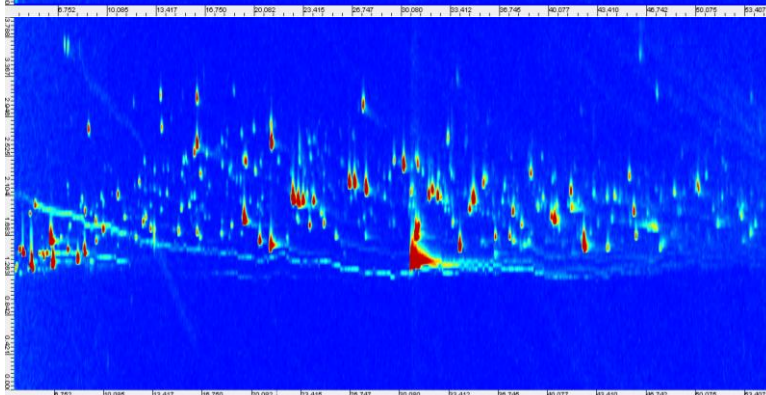
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**Figure 4**

