



Multi-residue in essential oils

Experience in SCL

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EU Reference Laboratories for Residues of Pesticides



Multi-residue in Essential Oil (EO)

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Joint Laboratory Service (SCL)

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► National competence service :

- General Directorate of Customs and Excise (DGDDI)
- General Directorate for Competition Policy, Consumer Affairs and Fraud Control (DGCCRF)



17 NRL mandates
200 000 analyses
every year

Diverse, complementary missions

- Consumer protection : product compliance, product authenticity, detection of illicit substance
- Consumer safety : chemical contaminants, compliance with safety standards, ensuring toys comply with standards...
- Economic : tariff classification, fair pricing of foodstuffs
- Taxation : tax classification of alcohols, wines, petroleum products
- Crisis management : horsegate, fipronil, radioactive leaks, ...

400 scientific staff



SCL

Montpellier Laboratory

Facts and Figures

- ▶ Molecular biology control
- ▶ Wine control
- ▶ Meat product control
- ▶ Pesticide residues control



4 NRL mandates
1 scientific domains

40 scientific staff

DG CCRF

DOUANES
& DROITS
INDIRECTS

Context

Use of essential oil

- ▶ Foodstuff and beverage
- ▶ Perfumery and cosmetic
- ▶ Medicine, aromatherapy

Mondial market =
110 000 tons every year





Context

Control request

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- ▶ Import increasing in France for organic EO
 - ▶ Short timeframe of analysis method implementation
 - ▶ 2 over 10 scientific staff dedicated to this project



Analytical objectives

- ▶ Preparation method applicable for the most wide spectrum of essential oils
- ▶ Same LC, GC and MS conditions than usual samples
- ▶ Target list : usual findings in LC-QTOF (ESI +), GC-MS/MS and LC-MS/MS (ESI -)





Analytes included

Acephate	Chlorpyriphos-methyl	Ethirimol	Fluxapyroxade	Methomyl	Propamocarb	Tebufenozide
Acetamiprid	Clofentezine	Etofenprox	Fosthiazate	Methoxyfenozide	Propiconazole	Tebufenpyrad
Aclonifen	Clothiandin	Etoxazole	Hexaconazole	Metoxuron	Propoxur	Teflubenzuron
Acrinathrin	Cyantraniliprole	Fenamidone	Hexythiazox	Metrafenone	Propyzamide	Tetraconazole
Aldicarb	Cyazofamid	Fenbuconazole	Imazalil	Monocrotophos	Proquinazid	Thiabendazole
Ametoctradin	Cyflufenamid	Fenhexamid	Imidacloprid	Myclobutanil	Prosulfocarb	Thiacloprid
Azoxystrobin	Cymoxanil	Fenoxy carb	Indoxacarb	Omethoate	Pymetrozine	Thiamethoxam
Benalaxyl	Cyproconazole	Fenpropothrin	Iprovalicarb	Oxadixyl	Pyraclostrobin	Thiophanate-methyl
Bitertanol	Cyprodinil	Fenpropimorph	Isoprothiolane	Oxamyl	Pyridaben	Tolfenpyrad
Boscalid	Cyromazine	Fenpyrazamine	Kresoxim-methyl	Penconazole	Pyrimethanil	Triadimenol
Bupirimate	Deltamethrin	Fenpyroximate	Linuron	Pencycuron	Pyriproxyfen	Triazophos
Buprofezin	Diazinon	Fipronil	Malathion	Phenmedipham	Quinoxynphen	Tricyclazole
Carbaryl	Difenoconazole	Flonicamid	Mandipropamide	Phosalone	Spinosad A	Trifloxystrobin
Carbendazim	Diflubenzuron	Fludioxonil	Mepanipyrim	Phosmet	Spirodiclofen	Zoxamide
Carbofuran	Dimethoate	Flufenoxuron	Metalaxy	Piperonylbutoxide	Spiromesifen	
Chlorantraniliprole	Dimethomorph	Fluopicolide	Metconazole	Pirimicarb	Spirotetramate	
Chlorfenvinphos	Diuron	Fluopyram	Methamidophos	Pirimiphos-methyl	Spiroxamine	
Chlorpropham	Epoxiconazole	Flusilazole	Methidathion	Prochloraz	Tau Fluvalinate	
Chlorpyriphos	Ethion	Flutriafol	Methiocarb	Profenophos	Tebuconazole	

Acrinathrine	Fenvalératé
Alpha-endosulfan	Fipronil
Anthraquinone	Flutriafol
Bêta-endosulfan	Iprodione
	Lambda-cyhalothrine
Bifenthrine	Lindane
Biphényle	
Bromopropylate	op'-DDE
Chlordane cis	Orthophénylphénol
Chlordane trans	Oxadixyl
Chlorfénapyr	Oxyfluorène
Chlorothalonil	Perméthrine
Chlorpyriphos-éthyl	pp'-DDE
Chlorthal-diméthyl	Procymidone
Cyfluthrine	Tau-fluvalinate
Cyperméthrine	Téfluthrine
Deltaméthrine	Tétraméthrine
Diaphenthiuron	Tolylfluanide
Dieldrine	Vinchlozoline
Diphénylamine	
Endosulfan sulfate	
Fenpropathrine	

2,4-D	Dichlorprop	MCPA
2,4-DB	Dithianon	Mecoprop
Bentazone	Fluazinam	Meptyldinocap
Bixafen	Flubendiamide	Triclopyr
Bromoxynil	Fludioxonil	Tritosulfuron
Chlorfluazuron	Hexaflumuron	
Dicamba	Ioxynil	



Essential oils included

Foil distillate based oil	Fruit distillate based oil	Flower distillate based oil	Zest extract based oil
Mint eucalyptus	Litsee (exotic vervein)	Ylang ylang	Lemon
Lemon eucalyptus			Grapefruit
Lemongrass			Orange
Patchouli			Green mandarin
Niaouli			

Sample clean-up method



Quels XERS?

Litterature research : PhD of Yohann Fillatre in GIRPA

Evaporation vs direct dilution

	Dilution + freezing + 2nd dilution before injection	Dilution + freezing + direct injection
<i>Percentage of analytes detected when spiked at 0,010 mg/L</i>		
Lemon	62%	73%
Mint eucalyptus	39%	80%
Niaouli	60%	81%
Lemon eucalyptus	41%	62%
Ylang ylang	52%	74%
Lemongrass	45%	63%

Evaporation : time consuming, possible degradation

Signal extinction due to big matrice effects



2nd dilution before injection > less matrice effect ?

too much sensitivity loss...

Final clean-up method

SPIKE LEVEL	0,010 ppm	0,020 ppm	0,10 ppm
EO Type	Percentage of analytes detected		
Lemon	73%	78%	90%
Mint eucalyptus	80%	81%	90%
Niaouli	81%	82%	92%
Lemon eucalyptus	62%	67%	76%
Ylang ylang	74%	76%	88%
Lemongrass	63%	65%	75%
Litsee (exotic vervein)	61%	70%	84%
Orange	75%	79%	89%
Grapefruit	67%	77%	88%

I. 1 mL EO + 3 mL
MeOH 1%AF:ACN 1:3

II. 1 min agitation

III. Freezing in liquid N₂

IV. Centrifugation (3,5 min/2500 rpm)

V. Take upper phase, filtration with PTFE

VI. Injection
in LC-QTOF (2 µL) and LC-MS/MS (5 µL)
GC results to come



Quantitation results

Lemon ☺

Estimated LOQ of **0,010 ppm** for **47 %** of tested pesticides

Estimated LOQ of **0,020 ppm** for **61 %** of tested pesticides



Litsee ☹

Estimated LOQ of **0,010 ppm** for **31 %** of tested pesticides

Estimated LOQ of **0,020 ppm** for **49 %** of tested pesticides



Estimated LOQ :

70-120 % recovery
criteria

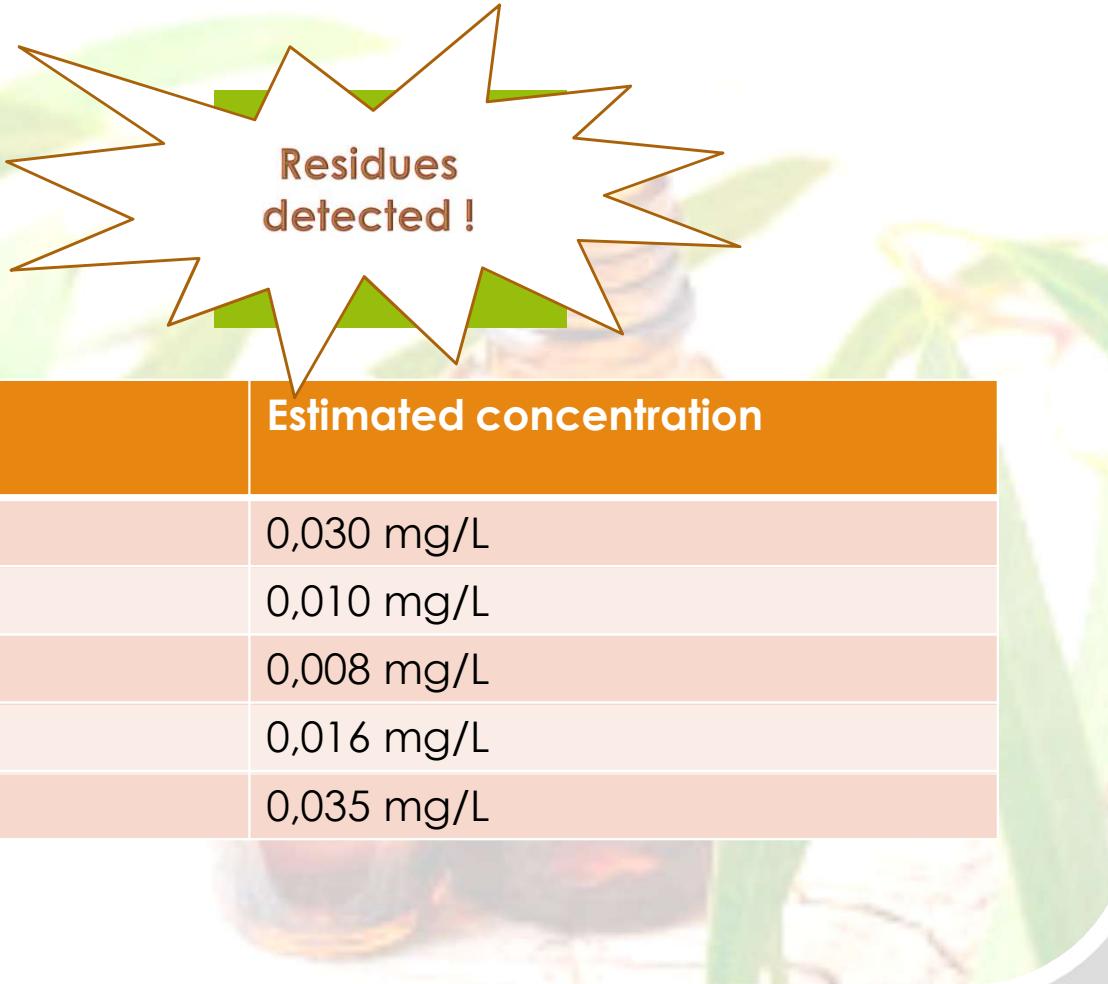
+

< 20% shift between std
addition value and
recalculated one

Real sample analysis

Organic samples purchased for validation !

► « Organic » orange



Residues
detected !

Pesticide	Estimated concentration
Fluxapyroxade	0,030 mg/L
Hexythiazox	0,010 mg/L
Imazalil	0,008 mg/L
Pyriproxyfen	0,016 mg/L
Pyriméthanil	0,035 mg/L

Estimated
concentration :

3 points standard
addition



Real sample analysis

Organic samples purchased for validation

- « Organic » grapefruit,
mandarin
lemon

Residues detected !

Pesticide	Estimated concentration
Acetamiprid (mandarin)	
Chlorpyriphos ethyl (lemon)	
Etofenprox (lemon)	
Fluxapyroxade (grapefruit, mandarin)	From < 0,010 mg/L
Propyzamide (lemon)	to 0,042 mg/L
Pyriproxyfen (lemon, grapefruit)	
Pyriméthanil (orange)	

Estimated concentration :

3 points standard addition

Perspectives

- Optimization of GC clean up
- Purchase of real organic samples !
- Adjust validation strategy



Thank you

for your attention !



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We will be happy to answer 😊

