

## CHEMICAL COMPOSITION OF ESSENTIAL OILS FROM *Galeopsis bifida* AND *Phlomis tuberosa*

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*Galeopsis bifida* (Lamiaceae) and *Phlomis tuberosa* (Lamiaceae) are broadly distributed over steppe and forest-steppe regions of the Selenga River basin [1]. Lamas in Buryatiya used *G. bifida* and *P. tuberosa* to treat diseases of the eyes and lungs and as sedative and antidiarrhea agents [2]. Chemical investigations found in *G. bifida* herb flavonoids, phenylpropanoids, iridoids, triterpenes, and lipids [3–5]; in *P. tuberosa* herb, phenolic acids, flavonoids, phenylpropanoids, neolignans, alkaloids, iridoids, and triterpenes [6–14]. Compositions of essential oils from the aerial parts of both species have not been reported. Herein we communicate results from a study of essential oils (EO) from leaves of *G. bifida* and *P. tuberosa* growing in Buryatiya.

Raw material for the study (leaves of these plants) was collected in July 2008 near Atsagat (Buryatiya). EO was obtained by steam distillation in a Clevenger apparatus (steam-distillation time 2 h) and studied by GC/MS. The analysis was carried out using a 6890N GC/MS with a 5973N MS-quadrupole detector (all Agilent Technologies, EI ionization, ionization energy 70 eV, total ion peak recording, scan range 41–450 amu) and an HP-5MS capillary column (30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.50 μm; stationary phase diphenyl- and dimethylpolysiloxane 5:95). The carrier gas was He, 1 mL/min flow rate. The injected sample volume (1% solution in hexane) was 0.2 μL, stream division 20:1. The column temperature was 150–250°C (rate 2°C/min), vaporizer 250°C, ion source 230°C, detector 150°C, line connecting the GC to the MS 280°C. The mass spectra libraries NIST 05 and Wiley in addition to comparison of retention times with those of standards were used for identification.

*G. bifida*. EO was waxy, yellow, weak aroma; yield 0.09% of air-dried raw material mass. A total of 24 compounds (21 identified, 84.6% of the total number) was detected. The dominant components were sesquiterpenes (77.8% identified). The highest contents were found for β-caryophyllene (22.0%), spatulenol (12.1%), caryophyllene oxide (11.0%), and germacrene D (10.6%) (Table 1). The results were similar to those obtained earlier for EO of *G. pubescens* and *G. tetrahit*, the principal constituents of which were also sesquiterpenes (88.9 and 90.4%, respectively) including germacrene D, bicyclogermacrene, β-caryophyllene, and β-farnesene [15].

*P. tuberosa*. EO was waxy, light-yellow, weak aroma; yield 0.02% of air-dried raw material mass. EO contained 26 compounds, of which 22 were identified (92.2% of the total number). The predominant compounds were phytol (35.5%), linalool (7.7%), eugenol (7.2%), caryophyllene oxide (7.1%), oct-1-en-3-ol (5.2%), dihydroactinidiolide (4.2%), and α-terpineol and geraniol (4.1% each) (Table 1). The EO composition of *P. tuberosa* was similar to that of Chinese species of the genus *Phlomis*: *P. megalantha* (hexadecanoic acid 46.0%; 9,12,15-octadecatrien-1-ol 22.6%; phytol 6.2%), *P. szechuanensis* (phytol 50.8%; 9,12,15-octadecatrienoic acid methyl ester 11.0%; hexahydrofarnesyl acetone 8.5%), *P. umbrosa* (hexadecanoic acid 52.1%; 9,12,15-octadecatrien-1-ol 24.8%; phytol 5.7%) [16], and *P. younghunsbandii* (hexadecanoic acid, phytol, eugenol) [17]. However, it differed from EO from *Phlomis* species such as *P. amaniica*, *P. armeniaca* [18], *P. anisodonta* [19], *P. bovei* subsp. *bovei* [20], *P. bruguieri* [21], *P. cancellata* [22], *P. chimerae* [23], *P. chorassanica* [24], *P. cretica* [25], *P. crinita* subsp. *mauritanica* [26], *P. ferruginea* [27], *P. fruticosa* [28], *P. grandiflora* var. *grandiflora* [29], *P. herba-venti* [30], *P. lanata* [31], *P. lanceolata* [22], *P. leucophracta* [23], *P. linearis* [32], *P. lunariifolia*, *P. monocephala* [18], *P. nissolii* [33], *P. oliveri* [34, 28], *P. persica* [34], *P. russeliana* [29], *P. samia* [35], and *P. sieheana* [18], for which the dominant compounds were mono- and sesquiterpenes (germacrene D, β-caryophyllene, α-pinene, β-farnesene, etc.).

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TABLE 1. Composition of Essential Oils from Leaves of *Galeopsis bifida* and *Phlomis tuberosa*

Compound	<i>G. bifida</i>	<i>P. tuberosa</i>	Compound	<i>G. bifida</i>	<i>P. tuberosa</i>
$\alpha$ -Pinene	0.1		$\alpha$ -Farnesene	1.5	
Oct-1-en-3-ol	2.7	5.2	U.i. (C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O)*		2.1
Octan-3-ol		0.6	$\delta$ -Cadinene	2.3	
Linalool	0.4	7.7	Dihydroactinidiolide		4.2
$\alpha$ -Terpineol		4.1	Germacrene B	1.4	
Geraniol	0.4	4.1	Spatulenol	12.1	3.2
Carvacrol		1.7	Caryophyllene oxide	11.0	7.1
Eugenol		7.2	Isoaromadendrene epoxide		0.4
$\alpha$ -Copaene	0.7		<i>cis</i> -1,2-Epoxy- <i>Z</i> - $\alpha$ -bisabolene		1.3
$\beta$ -Burbonene	1.1	0.5	Caryophylla-3,8(13)-dien-5 $\beta$ -ol	1.2	
U.i. (C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O)*		0.8	$\gamma$ -Cadinene	0.7	0.7
$\beta$ -Elemene	1.4		U.i. (C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O)*		0.8
$\beta$ -Caryophyllene	22.0	0.9	$\alpha$ -Cadinol	1.3	1.9
$\alpha$ -Humulene	4.7	0.8	U.i. (C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>26</sub> O)*	5.8	
Aromadendrene	4.5	0.9	U.i. (C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O)*		4.1
$\alpha$ -Curcumene		0.6	U.i. (C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>30</sub> O)*	0.5	
Germacrene D	10.6		Phytol	3.2	35.3
$\beta$ -Ionone	1.3	3.3	U.i. (C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O)*	9.1	
$\alpha$ -Selinene		0.5	Total unidentified	84.6	92.2

\*U.i., unidentified.

It can be assumed that a high content of phytol and fatty acids in the EO of leaves from species of the genus *Phlomis* is a characteristic signature.

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