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VOLATILE CONSTITUENTS OF *MATRICARIA MATRICARIOIDES*

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Plant. *Matricaria matricarioides* (Less.) Porter \equiv *Matricaria discoidea* D.C.

Source. Waterloo County, Ontario, Canada.

Uses. None known.

Previous work. The presence of acetylenic¹ and 7-glycoside compounds² have been reported in the non-volatile portion of the plant.

THE PARTIALLY dried, whole above ground portion of the plant was steam distilled for 4 hr, yielding 0.04% of a pale yellow oil which had a sweet musty odour. The oil, which was analysed using procedures previously described,^{3,4} was found to contain the following compounds: myrcene (15.5), limonene (1.3), 1,8-cineol (0.1), *cis*-allo-ocimene (0.1), *cis*-3-hexenyl isovalerate (0.1), *trans*- β -farnesene (46.6), germacrene D (21.6), carvone (1.4), geranyl isobutyrate (7.8), *trans*-nerolidol (0.6), phenyl ethyl isovalerate (0.5), α -cadinol (0.1) and β -humulen-7-ol. Trace amounts of α -pinene, β -pinene and *p*-cymene were also found present. All percentages were calculated from disc integration measurements using a flame ionization detection of a pressure and temperature programmed capillary gas chromatographic analysis using a column of Carbowax 6000.

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