

SATURATED AND MONO-UNSATURATED LONG-CHAIN HYDROCARBON PROFILES FROM MANDARIN JUICE SACS

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Abstract—The long-chain saturated and mono-unsaturated hydrocarbon content of the juice sacs of five mandarin cultivars (Mediterranean, Honey, Wilking, Kinnow, King) were examined. Normal homologues accounted for more than 47% of the saturated and more than 75% of the monoene hydrocarbons. In the saturated fraction the major hydrocarbon was n -C₂₅ but in the monoene fraction n -C₂₅ predominated in Kinnow and King while C₂₉ predominated in Mediterranean, Honey and Wilking. All five cultivars could be differentiated from each other and from other citrus species by their hydrocarbon patterns. The noticeably high normal/iso ratios of saturated C₂₃ and C₂₅ hydrocarbons previously shown to be characteristic of mandarin species, *Citrus unshiu* and *C. reticulata*, were also found in *C. nobilis* and *C. deliciosa*.

INTRODUCTION

The taxonomic classification of citrus species has been the subject of considerable controversy, but within the past two decades, chemo-systematic studies on secondary plant constituents has become an important tool in defining and differentiating the complex genus. Previous investigations on citrus fatty acids [1-6], sterols [7,8] and long-chain hydrocarbons [9-16] indicate that lipids may be reliable markers in the chemotaxonomy of citrus fruits.

Mandarin fruit appear to be the most complex and least definable of the genus, *Citrus* and Hodgson [17] has divided them into four species, viz. *nobilis*, *reticulata*, *deliciosa* and *unshiu*. In a preliminary study [16] of the species, *unshiu*, six satsuma cultivars, viz. Silverhill, Owari, Foley, Sugiyama, Nobilis and Kuwano Wase were investigated for their long-chain hydrocarbon patterns. With the exception of Kuwano Wase, all satsuma

cultivars had similar hydrocarbon patterns. The hydrocarbon pattern of Kuwano Wase was similar to that of Dancy tangerine [13] (*C. reticulata*), the most common American mandarin. Two mandarin species, *nobilis* and *deliciosa* and three of their progeny were investigated in the present study. The seed parent, King, was imported to Florida from South Vietnam in 1882 as budwood and as seedlings. Although classified as a mandarin, King is thought to be a natural tangor of unknown parentage [17]. The other parent, Mediterranean, originated in Italy around 1810 and was believed to have developed as a chance seedling from a Chinese mandarin. The three hybrids resulting from the King × Mediterranean cross were developed at the University of California Citrus Research Center. These three hybrids, viz. Kinnow, Honey and Wilking, are of commercial importance. The present study was undertaken to determine if hybrids formed by crossing two mandarin species *C. nobilis* cv King and *C. deliciosa* cv Mediterranean would show hydrocarbon patterns typical of their parents and of mandarin species in general.

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Table 1. Hydrocarbon concentrations of mandarin juice sacs (mg/20 g dry wt)

| Cultivar | Total | Hydrocarbon Saturated | Monoene | Ratio sat. mono. |
|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Mediterranean | 3.4 ± 0.2 | 2.8 ± 0.2 | 0.6 ± 0.1 | 4.7 |
| Honey | 2.5 ± 0.2 | 1.9 ± 0.2 | 0.6 ± 0.1 | 3.2 |
| Wilking | 4.5 ± 0.2 | 4.0 ± 0.2 | 0.5 ± 0.1 | 8.0 |
| Kinnow | 3.7 ± 0.1 | 3.2 ± 0.1 | 0.2 ± 0.1 | 16.0 |
| King | 4.2 ± 0.1 | 4.0 ± 0.1 | 0.2 ± 0.1 | 20.0 |

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The range of total hydrocarbons (2.5 to 4.5 mg/20 g juice sac powder) (Table 1) is consistent with the ranges found in other citrus [11,13–16] except limes [12]. All five cultivars contain saturated hydrocarbons within the 1.9 to 4 mg range. One parent (Mediterranean) and two hybrids (Honey and Wilking) however, have monoene contents (0.5–0.6 mg) 2–3 times that of the other parent, King, and Kinnow hybrid. This difference results in the Kinnow and King cultivars having saturated to monoene ratios higher than those of the other three cultivars and of other reported mandarins [10,13,16].

Table 2 shows the composition of the *n*- and *br*-saturated hydrocarbons in the five mandarins.

The mean percentage of *n*-hydrocarbons is 57.2%, similar to that reported for the satsuma mandarins [16] and is in the high percentage range found in lemons [14], sour limes [12] and Dancy tangerine [13]. All cultivars, except King, comprise at least 56% *n*-hydrocarbons. The King, with a *n*-hydrocarbon content of 47%, resembles that of sweet oranges [9,10,15] and may be a reflection of King's tangor character. The three mandarin hybrids have contents intermediate between their parents, King and Mediterranean. The Mediterranean mandarin has a composition (62.3%) similar to that of Dancy tangerine [13].

As observed in other citrus fruits, odd-numbered hydrocarbons account for the majority of *n*-saturated hydrocarbons, with C₂₃ and C₂₅

Table 2. Saturated hydrocarbon

| | Carbon | | | | | | | |
|------------------|--------|-------|-------|--------------|------|------|------|------|
| Cultivar | 21 | 23 | 25 | Odd-numbered | | | | |
| | | | | 27 | 29 | 31 | 33 | 35 |
| Normal | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Mediterranean | 0.44 | 16.18 | 20.55 | 6.79 | 2.04 | 0.82 | * | I |
| 2. Honey | 0.46 | 14.86 | 18.84 | 6.32 | 1.82 | 0.88 | t | t |
| 3. Wilking | 0.33 | 16.26 | 21.12 | 4.80 | 1.18 | 0.24 | 0.07 | |
| 4. Kinnow | 0.38 | 14.04 | 20.99 | 5.22 | 1.39 | 1.21 | 0.35 | t |
| 5. King | 0.32 | 11.87 | 18.25 | 3.84 | 0.82 | 0.67 | 0.23 | 0.08 |
| Mean | 0.39 | 14.64 | 19.95 | 5.39 | 1.45 | 0.76 | 0.13 | 0.02 |
| Iso-branched | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Mediterranean | 0.04 | 5.65 | 7.85 | 2.80 | 0.75 | 0.19 | t | |
| 2. Honey | t | 6.44 | 9.47 | 3.65 | 1.24 | 0.21 | | |
| 3. Wilking | t | 4.86 | 13.41 | 4.20 | 0.85 | 0.36 | | |
| 4. Kinnow | 0.07 | 3.56 | 9.73 | 4.45 | 1.16 | 0.44 | t | |
| 5. King | t | 6.26 | 12.25 | 4.97 | 0.95 | 0.33 | 0.06 | t |
| Mean | 0.02 | 5.35 | 10.54 | 4.01 | 0.99 | 0.31 | 0.01 | |
| Anteiso-branched | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Mediterranean | t | t | 1.50 | 0.69 | 0.21 | 0.04 | | |
| 2. Honey | t | t | 1.35 | 0.56 | 0.29 | 0.09 | | |
| 3. Wilking | t | t | 1.49 | 0.63 | 0.07 | t | | |
| 4. Kinnow | t | t | 1.45 | 0.91 | 0.20 | 0.11 | t | |
| 5. King | t | t | 1.83 | 1.02 | 0.24 | 0.13 | 0.04 | t |
| Mean | t | t | 1.52 | 0.76 | 0.20 | 0.07 | t | |

* Trace, less than 0.01%.

I = not detected under GLC parameters, but may be present below 0.001.

being dominant. The content of n -C₂₃ hydrocarbon ranges from 11.9 (King) to 16.3 (Wilking) but in four of the five cultivars (King excluded) shows a narrower range of 14.0 to 16.3%. This high proportion has only been observed in sweet oranges [9,15] and tangors [13]. The content of n -C₂₅ hydrocarbon ranges from 18.2 (King) to 21.1% (Wilking) and these amounts have only been previously observed in satsuma mandarins [16], Dancy tangerine [13], and a Temple \times Kinnow mandarin hybrid [9]. This evidence verifies a previous postulate [16] that a high percentage of n -C₂₅ strongly indicates mandarin parentage. Previously these authors suggested that n -C₂₃/ n -C₂₅ ratios may be used to differentiate between citrus species [10, 12]. The unique n -C₂₃/ n -C₂₅ range for *reticulata* [10] and *unshiu* [16] is also observed for *nobilis* and *deliciosa*. The ratios of Mediterranean (0.79), Honey (0.79) and Wilking (0.77) are different from those of King (0.65) and Kinnow (0.67), but all values are within the mandarin range. Even-numbered n -hydrocarbons range from 11.2 to 17.6% and the major homologues in all five mandarins are C₂₄ and C₂₆. These compounds as well as the other minor hydrocar-

bons occur in the same relative proportions as those reported for satsumas [16].

About 25% of the saturated hydrocarbon fraction is composed of *iso*-branched homologues and the proportion ranges from 19.6% in Mediterranean to 28.2% in King; the three hybrids fall between these values. From 86 to 88% of the *iso*-hydrocarbons are odd-numbered and C₂₃, C₂₅, and C₂₇ together comprise *ca* 94%. In contrast to the n -C₂₃, n -C₂₅ and n -C₂₇ homologues, the *iso*-homologues of the King parent are higher in relative percentage than the Mediterranean parent. *Iso*-C₂₃, -C₂₅, -C₂₇, and -C₂₉ may be used to differentiate these mandarins from sweet oranges [9,10,15], grapefruit [11], lemons [14], limes [12], tangors [9] and tangelos [13] but cannot differentiate between different mandarin species.

The King and Mediterranean cultivars and their hybrids vary slightly in their contents of saturated *anteiso*-branched hydrocarbons. King with over 9% *anteiso*-C₂₆ has the highest percentage reported for this hydrocarbon in citrus fruits. In contrast to *iso*-hydrocarbons where odd-numbered compounds predominate, *anteiso*-branched paraffins show a predominance of even-numbered

profiles of mandarin juice sac (wt. %)

| number | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------|------|------|---------------|------|------|------|----|---------------|----------------|-------|
| 20 | 22 | 24 | Even-numbered | | 30 | 32 | 34 | Total odd no. | Total even no. | Total |
| | | | 26 | 28 | | | | | | |
| 0.21 | 2.19 | 7.43 | 4.06 | 1.17 | 0.35 | 0.11 | | 46.79 | 15.52 | 62.31 |
| 0.20 | 1.72 | 6.17 | 3.46 | 1.02 | 0.41 | 0.13 | t | 43.18 | 13.11 | 56.29 |
| 0.24 | 1.51 | 8.00 | 3.71 | 0.82 | 0.28 | 0.18 | t | 44.00 | 14.74 | 58.74 |
| 0.36 | 2.03 | 8.58 | 5.02 | 1.06 | 0.42 | 0.14 | t | 43.58 | 17.61 | 61.19 |
| 0.13 | 1.49 | 5.94 | 2.64 | 0.44 | 0.35 | 0.27 | t | 36.08 | 11.26 | 47.34 |
| 0.23 | 1.79 | 7.22 | 3.78 | 0.90 | 0.36 | 0.17 | t | 42.73 | 14.45 | 57.18 |
| t | 0.43 | 0.96 | 0.57 | 0.26 | 0.14 | t | | 17.28 | 2.36 | 19.64 |
| t | 0.08 | 1.43 | 0.82 | 0.35 | 0.14 | 0.02 | | 21.01 | 2.84 | 23.85 |
| t | t | 2.16 | 1.17 | 0.15 | 0.05 | t | | 23.68 | 3.53 | 27.21 |
| t | 0.05 | 1.50 | 0.99 | 0.38 | 0.12 | 0.03 | | 19.41 | 3.07 | 22.48 |
| t | 0.09 | 1.73 | 1.03 | 0.32 | 0.13 | 0.08 | t | 24.82 | 3.38 | 28.20 |
| t | 0.13 | 1.56 | 0.92 | 0.29 | 0.12 | 0.03 | | 21.24 | 3.04 | 24.28 |
| t | 0.06 | 6.55 | 6.27 | 2.12 | 0.61 | t | | 2.44 | 15.61 | 18.05 |
| t | 0.03 | 6.80 | 7.06 | 2.80 | 0.81 | 0.07 | | 2.29 | 17.57 | 19.86 |
| t | 0.14 | 3.98 | 5.81 | 1.47 | 0.46 | t | | 2.19 | 11.86 | 14.05 |
| t | t | 3.82 | 6.18 | 2.79 | 0.66 | 0.21 | | 2.67 | 13.66 | 16.33 |
| t | 0.03 | 6.91 | 9.22 | 3.81 | 0.94 | 0.29 | t | 3.26 | 21.20 | 24.46 |
| t | 0.05 | 5.61 | 6.91 | 2.60 | 0.70 | 0.11 | | 2.53 | 15.98 | 18.53 |

Table 3. Mono-unsaturated long-chain hydrocarbon

| | Carbon | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------|------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|------|----|
| Cultivar | 21 | 23 | 25 | Odd-numbered | | 31 | 33 | 35 |
| | | | | 27 | 29 | | | |
| Normal | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Mediterranean | 0.12 | 2.51 | 15.59 | 12.61 | 30.36 | 25.18 | 0.71 | |
| 2. Honey | 0.21 | 2.91 | 17.16 | 15.39 | 26.11 | 19.88 | t | |
| 3. Wilking | 0.11 | 1.42 | 14.74 | 15.05 | 28.09 | 20.80 | t | |
| 4. Kinnow | 0.47 | 2.49 | 31.73 | 19.48 | 5.76 | 2.03 | t | |
| 5. King | 0.15 | 4.37 | 32.79 | 22.14 | 4.52 | 1.57 | t | |
| Mean of Linear Nos. | | | | | | | | |
| 1, 2, 3 | 0.15 | 2.28 | 15.83 | 14.35 | 28.19 | 21.95 | 0.24 | |
| Mean of Linear Nos. | | | | | | | | |
| 4, 5 | 0.31 | 3.43 | 32.26 | 20.81 | 5.14 | 1.80 | t | |
| Iso-branched | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Mediterranean | t | 0.37 | 1.47 | 0.81 | 0.12 | 0.20 | t | |
| 2. Honey | 0.15 | 0.51 | 1.89 | 1.38 | 0.73 | 0.38 | | |
| 3. Wilking | t | 0.28 | 3.31 | 1.97 | 0.54 | 0.73 | t | |
| 4. Kinnow | 0.51 | 0.66 | 6.88 | 4.81 | 1.55 | 1.22 | | |
| 5. King | t | 1.16 | 6.53 | 4.04 | 0.87 | 0.62 | | |
| Mean of Iso Nos. | | | | | | | | |
| 1, 2, 3 | 0.05 | 0.39 | 2.22 | 1.39 | 0.46 | 0.44 | t | |
| Mean of Iso Nos. 4, 5 | 0.25 | 0.91 | 6.71 | 4.43 | 1.21 | 0.92 | | |
| Anteiso-branched | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Mediterranean | t | 0.20 | 0.29 | 0.16 | 0.05 | 0.14 | t | |
| 2. Honey | t | 0.19 | 0.09 | t | t | t | | |
| 3. Wilking | t | 0.14 | 0.21 | 0.30 | 0.05 | t | t | |
| 4. Kinnow | t | 0.43 | 0.87 | 0.68 | t | t | | |
| 5. King | t | 0.19 | 0.81 | 0.61 | 0.12 | 0.13 | | |
| Mean of Anteiso | | | | | | | | |
| Nos. 1, 2, 3 | t | 0.18 | 0.20 | 0.15 | 0.03 | 0.05 | t | |
| Mean of Anteiso | | | | | | | | |
| Nos. 4, 5 | t | 0.31 | 0.84 | 0.65 | 0.06 | 0.07 | | |

compounds (84–87%). The three major *anteiso*-hydrocarbons are C_{24} , C_{26} and C_{28} . The *anteiso* C_{24}/C_{26} ratios for the five mandarins range from 0.62 (Kinnow) to 1.04 (Mediterranean) and parallels those observed for satsumas [16].

Examination of the ratios of n - C_{23} and n - C_{25} to *iso*- C_{23} and *iso*- C_{25} reveals that, like the satsumas, these mandarin ratios are relatively higher than those of other citrus. The mean ratios of n - C_{23}/iso - C_{23} and n - C_{25}/iso - C_{25} are 2.87 and 1.97, respectively. Three of the five mandarin cultivars have ratios greater than those of any non-mandarin species previously examined.

The mono-unsaturated hydrocarbons present in mandarin juice sacs are shown in Table 3. *n*-Alkenes account for 74.9 (King) to 93.9% (Mediterranean) of these hydrocarbons and the patterns can be further divided into two groups. Mediterranean and its hybrids, Honey and Wilking, have mean *n*-alkene percentages of 90.9% and King and Kinnow have 75.0%. The *n*-alkene profiles

of King and Kinnow are very similar, but they differ markedly from every other citrus species in having high values for C_{25} and C_{27} (32.3 and 20.8% respectively) and low values for the remaining alkenes. Mediterranean, Honey and Wilking have *n*-alkene profiles similar to those of Dancy tangerine [13] with high percentages of C_{29} and C_{31} . Of these three cultivars, Mediterranean has the highest proportion of these two alkenes and we suspect, from profiles of other mandarins [18], that the lower values for Honey and Wilking are due to a hybridization dilution effect.

Iso-branched monoenes comprise between 3.3 and 17.1% of the total monoene fraction and Mediterranean, Wilking and Honey can be differentiated from King and Kinnow by the percentage of these monoenes. King and Kinnow contain *ca* three times the amount of *iso*-alkenes as the other three cultivars and results from a greater content *iso*- C_{25} and *iso*- C_{27} .

Anteiso-branched monoenes comprise between

profiles of mandarin juice sacs (wt. %)

| number | | Even-numbered | | | | | Total odd. no. | Total even no. | Total |
|--------|------|---------------|------|------|------|------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|
| 20 | 22 | 24 | 26 | 28 | 30 | 32 | | | |
| 0.34 | 0.44 | 1.30 | 1.64 | 1.13 | 1.77 | 0.21 | 87.08 | 6.83 | 93.91 |
| 0.60 | 0.69 | 1.64 | 2.15 | 1.97 | 1.91 | 0.19 | 81.66 | 9.15 | 90.81 |
| 0.56 | 0.40 | 1.12 | 1.90 | 1.56 | 1.89 | 0.37 | 80.21 | 7.80 | 88.01 |
| 1.58 | 1.67 | 3.26 | 3.72 | 1.68 | 0.72 | 0.45 | 61.96 | 13.08 | 75.04 |
| 0.47 | 0.46 | 2.75 | 3.94 | 1.39 | 0.36 | t | 65.54 | 9.37 | 74.91 |
| 0.50 | 0.51 | 1.35 | 1.90 | 1.55 | 1.86 | 0.26 | 82.98 | 7.93 | 90.91 |
| 1.03 | 1.07 | 3.01 | 3.83 | 1.54 | 0.54 | 0.23 | 63.75 | 11.23 | 74.98 |
| 0.12 | t | 0.08 | 0.13 | t | 0.03 | t | 2.97 | 0.36 | 3.33 |
| 0.14 | 0.22 | 0.11 | 0.06 | t | t | t | 5.04 | 0.53 | 5.57 |
| 0.16 | 0.05 | 0.29 | 0.18 | 0.11 | 0.06 | t | 6.83 | 0.85 | 7.68 |
| t | 0.25 | 0.45 | 0.53 | 0.25 | t | t | 15.63 | 1.48 | 17.11 |
| 0.18 | t | 0.28 | 0.40 | 0.14 | 0.05 | t | 13.22 | 1.05 | 14.27 |
| 0.14 | 0.09 | 0.16 | 0.12 | 0.04 | 0.03 | t | 4.95 | 0.58 | 5.53 |
| 0.09 | 0.13 | 0.37 | 0.47 | 0.20 | 0.03 | t | 14.43 | 1.27 | 15.69 |
| 0.08 | 0.21 | 0.40 | 0.79 | 0.32 | 0.12 | t | 0.84 | 1.92 | 2.76 |
| 0.14 | t | 0.69 | 1.29 | 0.88 | 0.34 | t | 0.28 | 3.34 | 3.62 |
| 0.10 | 0.16 | 0.72 | 1.64 | 0.81 | 0.18 | t | 0.70 | 3.61 | 4.31 |
| 0.36 | 0.45 | 0.66 | 3.12 | 1.28 | t | t | 1.98 | 5.87 | 7.85 |
| 0.08 | t | 1.79 | 5.26 | 1.54 | 0.29 | t | 1.86 | 8.96 | 10.82 |
| 0.11 | 0.12 | 0.60 | 1.24 | 0.67 | 0.21 | t | 0.61 | 2.96 | 3.56 |
| 0.22 | 0.23 | 1.23 | 4.19 | 1.41 | 0.15 | t | 1.92 | 7.42 | 9.34 |

2.8 and 10.8% of the total monoene fraction. As with the *iso*-monoenes, King and Kinnow again show *ca* three times the amount of *anteiso*-branched alkenes as the other three cultivars. The monoene profiles of Mediterranean, Wilking and Honey are quite similar to those of satsuma mandarins. King and Kinnow have the same general monoene profile but show substantially more *anteiso*-C₂₄, -C₂₅, -C₂₆-C₂₇ and C₂₈.

Long-chain hydrocarbon profiles of *nobilis* and *deliciosa* can be distinguished from non-mandarin citrus species. King (*nobilis*) has hydrocarbon profiles distinct from any other citrus species studied. The hybrid, Kinnow, has a monoene profile similar to its King parent but its saturated hydrocarbon profile is distinct from King. The two hybrids, Honey and Wilking, have similar hydrocarbon profiles, but can be distinguished by their respective *n*-C₂₃/*iso*-C₂₃ and *n*-C₂₅/*iso*-C₂₅ ratios. The Mediterranean mandarin can be distinguished from its closely related hybrids, Honey

and Wilking, by its higher proportion of *n*-C₂₉ and *n*-C₃₁ monoenes.

The data in Tables 2 and 3 indicate that the relative percentages of mandarin long-chain hydrocarbons generally occur at the same level of either parent or between them. This is strongly supported by the monoene profiles (Table 3) and in particular the percentage of C₂₃, C₂₅, C₂₇, C₂₉ and C₃₁. Knowing that hybrids resulting from a cross of two mandarin species show general mandarin hydrocarbon profiles, the question arose as to what effect a cross of a mandarin hybrid with another citrus species would have on these profiles. To this effect, the saturated long-chain hydrocarbon profiles were studied in a hybrid formed by crossing a Temple orange (*C. temple*) with the Kinnow mandarin (*C. nobilis* × *C. deliciosa*). The Temple orange, although given separate species classification by Tanaka [17], is thought to be a natural tangor (mandarin × orange hybrid).

Table 4. Comparative saturated long-chain hydrocarbon data of Temple, Temple \times Kinnow and Kinnow cultivars

| Relationships | Temple* | Temple \times Kinnow* | Kinnow |
|---|---------|-------------------------|--------|
| % n -C ₂₅ | 16.77 | 18.53 | 20.99 |
| % <i>Iso</i> -C ₂₃ | 10.37 | 6.39 | 3.56 |
| n -C ₂₃ / n -C ₂₅ | 1.05 | 0.61 | 0.67 |
| <i>Iso</i> -C ₂₃ / <i>iso</i> -C ₂₅ | 0.66 | 0.37 | 0.37 |
| n -C ₂₃ / <i>iso</i> -C ₂₃ | 1.69 | 1.78 | 3.94 |
| n -C ₂₅ / <i>iso</i> -C ₂₃ | 1.06 | 1.06 | 2.16 |
| <i>Anteiso</i> -C ₂₄ / <i>anteiso</i> -C ₂₆ | 1.14 | 0.80 | 0.61 |

* Values calculated from Ref. [9].

Table 4 is a compilation of information which we believe indicates a hybridization dilution effect of mandarin characteristics in the resulting Temple \times Kinnow hybrid. A decrease is observed in *iso*-C₂₃ from 10.4% (Temple) to 6.4% (Temple \times Kinnow) to 3.6% (Kinnow) while an increase is shown for n -C₂₅ from 16.8–18.5–21.0% for these cultivars, respectively. The n -C₂₃/ n -C₂₅ and *iso*-C₂₃/*iso*-C₂₅ ratios, previously shown to be important in differentiating citrus species [10], fall within the mandarin range for the Kinnow and Temple \times Kinnow hybrid.

Methods for the chemical differentiation of citrus fruit are required to understand more fully how dominant qualities are inbred into hybrids. In citrus breeding, mandarins are crossed extensively with oranges, grapefruit and other mandarins. This has been brought about by the acute need for the development of hybrids which possess good consumer acceptance, good handling and processing qualities and an economically continuous processing season.

EXPERIMENTAL

Isolation and purification of mandarin juice sac lipids. Mature Mediterranean mandarins were obtained from the Budwood Register, Winter Haven, Florida. The Honey, Wilking, Kinnow and King cvs were from Whitmore Foundation Farm (U.S. Horticultural Research Laboratory, U.S.D.A., Orlando, Florida). The fruit were cut in half and the intact juice sacs (vesicles) separated from core, peel, seeds and carpellary membrane with a citrus spoon. The juice sacs were freeze-dried (H₂O less than 4%) and stored at -18° until extracted. Lipids were extracted from 20 g of juice sac powder with CHCl₃ and MeOH by a method previously described for total juice sac powder [19]. Quadruplicate extractions run on single batches of fruit from each cv were purified on Sephadex columns [19].

Column and TLC. Columns, 0.9 \times 30 cm containing 10 g, 70–325 mesh Si gel were washed with 100 ml CHCl₃. The total purified lipid (ca 140–200 mg), dissolved in CHCl₃, was percolated into the prewashed column and the neutral lipids eluted with 200 ml CHCl₃. The fraction was concentrated to a small vol. streaked onto precoated Si gel G plates and devel-

oped in hexane Et₂O (9:1). The hydrocarbon band (containing a portion of carotenoids) was removed from the plate and eluted with Et₂O. The fraction was then restreaked on a AgNO₃-Si gel G plate [1] and developed in Et₂O-petrol 2:98. This system separated the saturated and mono-unsaturated hydrocarbons, the carotenoids remaining at the origin. The two hydrocarbon bands were removed and eluted with Et₂O and weighed. The monoene fraction was dissolved in 1 ml hexane and hydrogenated in a Parr apparatus with 10 mg 10% Pd-C catalyst (3 kg/cm²) at 20° for 1 hr.

Quantitation. Hydrocarbons were analyzed by GLC with a FID instrument using a glass column (3.05 m \times 4 mm) coated with 3% SP-1000, on 100–120 mesh Gas Chrom Q. Injection port and detector were maintained at 265° and the He flow was 80 ml/min (2.6 kg/cm²). The sample 1–4 μ l (representing 1–10% hydrocarbon in hexane) was injected on-column at 160°, temp programmed at 2°/min to 190°, 4°/min to 250° and held at 250° for 5 min. Quantitative measurements were made with a computing integrator and mixtures of reference hydrocarbons were prepared to verify the linear response of the FID and of the computing integrator. MS of citrus *tr*-hydrocarbons were previously determined by Hunter and Brogden [20] from this laboratory. Representative hydrocarbon samples from previous studies [11,13,16] were also injected to correlate data obtained from disc integration and by triangulation with the computing integrator used in this study.

Each value shown in Tables 2 and 3 represents the mean of 5–10 determinations. The coefficient of variation (CV) for several mean ranges (MR) showed the following: MR 0.01–0.10; CV 10–35%; MR 0.1–1.0; CV 5–10%; MR 1.0–5.0; CV 3–5%; MR above 5.0; CV less than 2%.

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