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The vaporization enthalpies and vapor pressures of a series of unsaturated fatty acid methyl esters by correlation gas chromatography

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Abstract

Vaporization enthalpies for methyl myristoleate (methyl *Z* 9-tetradecenonate), methyl 10-pentadecenoate, methyl palmitoleate (methyl *Z* 9 hexadecenoate), methyl *Z* 10-heptadecenoate, methyl oleate (methyl *Z* 9-octadecenoate), methyl linoleate (methyl *Z*,*Z* 9,12-octadecadienoate), methyl linolenate (methyl *Z*,*Z*,*Z* 9,12,15-octadecatrienoate), methyl *Z* 11-eicosenoate, methyl *Z*,*Z* 11,14-eicosadienoate, methyl *Z*,*Z*,*Z* 11,14,17 eicosatrieneoate, methyl arachidonate (methyl *Z*,*Z*,*Z*,*Z* 5,8,11,14-eicosatetraeneoate), methyl *Z*,*Z*,*Z*,*Z*,*Z* 5,8,11,14,17-eicosapentaeneoate, methyl erucate (methyl *Z* 13-docosaneoate), methyl *Z*,*Z* 13,16-docosadienoate, methyl *Z*,*Z*,*Z*,*Z*,*Z*,*Z* 4,7,10,13,16,19-docosahexaenoate and methyl nervonate (methyl *Z* 15-tetracosenoate) are evaluated at *T* = 298.15 and vapor pressures are evaluated over the temperature range *T* = 298.15–450 K by correlation gas chromatography. The results are generated by an interpolative process using literature values for the saturated fatty acid methyl esters (FAMEs) from methyl decanoate to methyl tetracosanoate, exclusive of methyl nonadecanoate, heneicosanoate and tricosanoate, as standards. Relationships for calculating vapor pressures for all of the compounds studied from *T* = 298.15 to 450 K are provided. © 2007 Elsevier B.V. All rights reserved.

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1. Introduction

The methyl esters of fatty acids (FAMEs) are members of a group of esters that are promising substitutes for chlorinated hydrocarbons in industrial processes [1], for diesel fuel [2] and lubricants. The larger esters are also useful in describing phase behavior of drilling fluids with gases for predicting the risk of violent gas kickbacks associated with petroleum recovery [3]. This has prompted interest [in th](#page-7-0)e thermoche[mical](#page-7-0) properties of these materials. Recently, using previous work by van Genderen et al. [4], the vapor pressures and vaporization enthalpies of a series of eight of the larger methyl esters of satur[ated f](#page-7-0)atty acids at $T = 298.15$ K were reported using correlation gas chromatography [5]. In this article, we would like to report the results of our studies on the vapor pressures and vaporization enthalpies of a series of unsaturated FAMES using the same technique.

Correlation gas chromatography has proven to be quite successful in providing vaporization enthalpies of both liquids and solids, particularly for homologous series [6]. The technique relies on the linear correlation observed between enthalpies of transfer from solution to the vapor, $\Delta_{\text{sln}}{}^g H_m$, as measured by as chromatography and the vaporization enthalpy $(\Delta_{\text{sl}}{}^g H_m)$ of gas chromatography and the vaporization enthalpy $(\Delta_1^g H_m)$ of a series of standards. The results are dependent on the quala series of standards. The result[s are](#page-7-0) dependent on the quality of the vaporization enthalpies and vapor pressures used as standards. The vaporization enthalpies of the standards have usually been chosen at $T = 298.15$ K but the correlation should work for other temperatures as well. The linear correlation that is observed between $\Delta_{\text{sln}}{}^g H_m$ and $\Delta_1{}^g H_m$ is empirical. A sim-
ple mathematical basis for the linear correlation observed for ple mathematical basis for the linear correlation observed for hydrocarbons and their derivatives has recently been reported [5,6].

2. Discussion

Enthalpies of transfer from solution to the vapor, $\Delta_{\rm sh}{}^{\rm g}H_{\rm m}$, measured by gas chromatography by measuring the retention are measured by gas chromatography by measuring the retention times of a mixture consisting of both standards and target solutes as a function of temperature. The retention times, *t*, are adjusted

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for the dead volume of the column by measuring the retention time of an unretained reference, *t*nrr, usually the solvent. The adjusted retention time, $t_a = t - t_{\text{nrr}}$, measures the amount of time the solute spends on the stationary phase and this time is inversely proportional to the compound's vapor pressure above the condensed phase. A plot of $ln(t_0/t_a)$ versus $1/T(K^{-1})$ where $t₀ = 1$ min, r[e](#page-2-0)sults in a linear plot with a slope equal to the [neg](#page-2-0)ative of the enthalpy of transfer from the stationary phase of the column to the gas phase, $-\Delta_{\text{sln}}{}^{\text{g}}H_{\text{m}}(T_{\text{m}})/R$. The enthalpy of transfer is then correlated with the vanorization enthalpy of transfer is then correlated with the vaporization enthalpy of the standards, usually at $T = 298.15$ K, and the resulting equation, along with the appropriate values of $-\Delta_{\text{sh}}{}^g H_m(T_m)$
are then used to calculate the vaporization enthalpy of the are then used to calculate the vaporization enthalpy of the unknowns.

3. Experimental

FAMEs were purchased as standard mixtures in methylene chloride from Restek and were used without any further purification. Three mixtures were purchased, FAME #13 (cat. #35034, reported as Mix 1; Table 1), Food Industry FAME

Table 1

Retention times of FAME Mix 1

Mix (cat. #35077, reported in Mix 2; Table 2) and Marine Oil FAME Mix (cat. #35066, reported in Mixes 3 and 4; Tables 3 and 4). Most compounds were identified by the supplier's chromatograms and relative composition and a few of the standards were checked with authentic samples from Aldrich Chemical Co. A few FAMEs co-eluted and could not be identified conclusively. Results for these FAMEs are not included. Correlation gas chromatography experiments were performed on an HP 5890A Series II Gas Chromatograph equipped with a split/splitless capillary injection port and a flame ionization detector run at a split ratio of approximately 50/1. The chromatograms were recorded on an HP GC Chemstation. Retention times were recorded to three significant figures following the decimal point. The instrument was run isothermally on a 30 m Restek StabilwaxTM capillary column. The elution order was very similar to the chromatograms supplied by Restek, although the supplier's chromatograms were performed on a FamewaxTM column. Helium was used as the carrier gas. At the temperatures of some of the experiments, the retention time of the solvent, $CH₂Cl₂$, increased with increasing temperature. This is a consequence of the increase in viscosity of the carrier gas with

Table 2

Retention times of FAME Mix 2

temperature; it is the criterion used to confirm that the solvent is not being retained on the column. The retention times of the solvent were used to determine the dead volume of the column. Methane, which is also non-retained, was used in other mixtures. Adjusted retention times, *t*a, were calculated by subtracting the measured retention time of the solvent from the retention time of each analyte as a function of temperature usually over a 30 K range. Column temperatures were controlled by the gas chromatograph and were monitored independently by using a Fluke 51 K/J thermometer. Temperature was maintained constant by the gas chromatograph to ± 0.1 K.

The retention times of the FAMEs are reported in Tables 1–4. Since vapor pressures and vaporization enthalpies are determined relative to standards, the retention time data reported in these tables permit the reader to adjust the results should the values of the standards change as a result of f[uture work.](#page-1-0) Tables 5–8 contain a summary of each run.

4. Results: vaporization enthalpies

The vaporization enthalpies of FAMEs C_{12} to C_{20} used in this study have previously been evaluated by van Genderen et al. [4].

Table 4 Retention times of FAME Mix 4

	t (min)								
	$T = 488.5 K$	$T = 493.5 K$	$T = 498.4 K$	$T = 503.5 K$	$T = 508.5 K$	$T = 513.5 K$	$T = 518.5 K$		
Methane	0.852	0.8541	0.841	0.861	0.864	0.867	0.867		
Methyl tetradecanoate	1.81	1.691	1.577	1.512	1.442	1.383	1.328		
Methyl Z 9-tetradecenoate	1.962	1.821	1.691	1.612	1.53	1.461	1.397		
Methyl hexadecanoate	2.633	2.389	2.174	2.026	1.886	1.769	1.663		
Methyl Z 9-hexadecenoate	2.833	2.56	2.322	2.155	1.999	1.867	1.75		
Methyl octadecanoate	4.116	3.629	3.22	2.914	2.643	2.418	2.221		
Methyl Z,Z 9,12-octadecadieneoate	4.981	4.357	3.837	3.441	3.096	2.808	2.559		
Methyl Z,Z,Z 9,12,15-octadecatrieneoate	5.912	5.133	4.49	3.991	3.562	3.205	2.899		
Methyl eicosanoate	6.773	5.822	5.044	4.44	3.93	3.506	3.145		
Methyl Z 11-eicosenoate	7.255	6.231	5.394	4.741	4.187	3.73	3.337		
Methyl Z,Z 11,15-eicosadieneoate	8.302	7.093	6.112	5.34	4.692	4.157	3.702		
Methyl Z,Z,Z,Z 5,8,11,14-eicosatetraeneoate	9.657	8.222	7.059	6.139	5.369	4.734	4.196		
Methyl Z,Z,Z 11,14,17-eicosatrieneoate	9.968	8.464	7.243	6.282	5.479	4.813	4.196		
Methyl docosanoate	11.615	9.829	8.387	7.06	6.108	5.328	4.673		
Methyl Z,Z,Z,Z,Z 5,8,11,14,17-eicosapentaeneoate	11.615	9.829	8.387	7.247	6.297	5.515	4.853		
Methyl Z 13-docoseneoate	12.335	10.371	8.797	7.556	6.53	5.69	4.981		
Methyl tetracosanoate	19.867	16.395	13.667	11.515	9.764	8.354	7.184		
Methyl Z 15-tetracosenoate	21.314	17.598	14.661	12.346	10.464	8.946	7.685		
Methyl Z,Z,Z,Z,Z,Z 4,7,10,13,16,19-docosahexaeneoate	21.881	18.152	15.175	12.824	10.902	9.342	8.048		

^a The uncertainties reported represent two standard deviations of the uncertainty calculated from the uncertainties in the slope and intercept of Eq. (1).

Table 6

Summary of FAME Mix 2

^a The uncertainties reported represent two standard deviations of the uncertainty calculated from the uncertainties in the slope and intercept of Eq. (2).

Table 7

Summary of FAME Mix 3

^a The uncertainties reported represent two standard deviations of the uncertainty calculated from the uncertainties in the slope and intercept of Eq. (3).

^a The uncertainties reported represent two standard deviations of the uncertainty calculated from the uncertainties in the slope and intercept of Eq. (4).

In addition, the vaporization enthalpy of methyl docosanoate has been reported by Krop et al. [1]. We recently used these values to extend these measurements to methyl octacosanoate, exclusive of methyl tricosanoate [5]. The literature value of one FAME, methyl heptadecanoate, was adjusted as a result of our previous

work and we have used the adjusted value in this work. Values for methyl dodecanoate through to methyl tetracosanoate, exclusive of methyl nonadecanoate, heneicosanoate and tricosanoate, were used to evaluate the vaporization enthalpies and vapor pressures of a series of unsaturated FAMEs. The vaporization

Table 9

^a The uncertainties reported represent two standard deviations.

Fig. 1. Vaporization enthalpies of the FAMES from C_{13} to C_{25} as a function of the total number of carbon atoms, *N*; solid circles, literature values of the saturated FAMEs; triangles, results of this study on the mono-unsaturated FAMEs; empty circles, dienes; hexagons, trienes; diamond, tetraenes; solid hexagon, pentaene; solid triangle, hexadiene.

enthalpies of all of the unsaturated FAMES were evaluated by interpolation and their vaporization enthalpies at *T* = 298.15 are summarized in Table 9. The uncertainties listed in Tables 5–8 were calculated from the uncertainties associated with Eqs. (1)–(4) and represent two standard deviations. These uncertainties are a reasonable estimate of the uncertainty associated in the a[bsolute](#page-4-0) [v](#page-4-0)alue of the vaporization e[nthalpy](#page-3-0) [whic](#page-3-0)h in turn depends on the accuracy of the standards used. The uncertainties reported in Table 9 represent two standard deviations of the uncertainty associated in reproducing vaporization enthalpies and is likely a good measure of the relative accuracy of the measurements. Fig. 1 illustrates the linear relationship observed for the s[aturated](#page-4-0) FAMEs (solid circles) as a function of the number of carbon atoms and the relationship obtained between the saturated and unsaturated analogs. Most unsaturated FAMEs

Table 10 Literature *A*–*D* parameters for Eqs. (5) and (6) used as standards

appear to have vaporization enthalpies slightly larger than their saturated counterparts.

5. Vapor pressures

In addition to an analysis of vaporization enthalpies, the article by van Genderen et al. [4] also evaluated vapor pressure data and processed the data in the form of the regression equation introduced by Clarke and Glew [7].

$$
R \ln \left(\frac{p}{p_0} \right) = \frac{-\Delta_1^{\text{g}} G_m(\theta)}{\theta} + \Delta_1^{\text{g}} H_m(\theta) \left[\frac{1}{\theta} - \frac{1}{T} \right]
$$

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+ \Delta_1^{\text{g}} C_{p,m}^{\circ} \left[\left(\frac{\theta}{T} - 1 \right) + \ln \left(\frac{T}{\theta} \right) \right] \tag{5}
$$

In this equation, p is the saturation vapor pressure, T the thermodynamic temperature, θ a chosen reference temperature and *p*^o is a reference pressure; *p*^o was taken as 1 Pa. Molar values for the Gibbs' energy, the vaporization enthalpy and the heat capacity difference between the gas and liquid phases, puted at several temperatures including $T = 298.15$ and 350 K. $\mu^{\text{g}}G_{\text{m}}(\theta)$, $-\Delta_1^{\text{g}}H_{\text{m}}(\theta)$ and $-\Delta_1^{\text{g}}C^{\circ}$ _{p,m}, respectively, were com-
uted at several temperatures including *T* − 298, 15, and 350 K Since much of the interest in vapor pressures of the FAMEs is at ambient temperatures and above, we chose for our correlations, a range of temperatures centered around $T = 350$ K. Vapor pressures calculated at $T = 298.15$ K using the parameters reported by van Genderen et al. [4] for $\theta = 350$ K were in good agreement with vapor pressures calculated using the parameters for θ = 298.15 K. The parameters used in calculating vapor pressures are reported in Table 10. The vapor pressures calculated from these paramet[ers h](#page-7-0)ave been also expressed in the form of a third order polynomial Eq. (6), used by us previously to model the temperature dependence of vapor pressure [6]. The parameters (*A*–*D*) for methyl dodecanoate to methyl tetracosanoate, exclusive of methyl nonadecanoate, heneicosanoate and tricosanoate, are also included in Table 10.

$$
\ln\left(\frac{p}{p_o}\right) = AT^{-3} + BT^{-2} + CT^{-1} + D \tag{6}
$$

Vapor pressures were calculated for the standards using the protocol recently reported [5,6]. Values of $\ln(p/p_0)$ for the saturated

^a Literature parameters for Eq. (5) at θ = 350 K [4].
^b Evaluated using the vapor pressures calculated from Eq. (6) [6].

Table 11	
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The *A*–*D* parameters of Eq. (6) of each FAME evaluated in this study

^a All the unsaturated compounds in this table have the *Z* configuration.

FAMEs were calculated using Eq.(6) and correlated with respective $ln(t_0/t_a)$ values calculated from the slopes and intercepts reported in Tables 5–8. Values of $\ln(p/p_0)$ for each unsaturated FAME were calculated using the correlation equation between $ln(p/p_0)$ and $ln(t_0/t_0)$ [obtai](#page-5-0)ned from the standards. Values of $ln(p/p_0)$ were evaluated at temperatures from $T = 298.15$ to 450 K [at](#page-3-0) [30](#page-3-0) [K](#page-3-0) [interv](#page-3-0)als. The correlations were generally characterized by correlation coefficients better than 0.99. Once $\ln(p/p_0)$ values for each unsaturated FAME in Mixes 1–4 were evaluated over the entire temperature range, these values were averaged together and the plot of $ln(p/p_0)$ _i versus $1/T$ (K⁻¹) was fit to Eq. (6). The results of the fit are illustrated in Fig. 2. The fits were generally characterized with correlation coefficients greater than 0.999. The coefficients of the polynomial (Eq. (6)) evaluated are provided in Table 11 for each unsaturated FAME. Most of the unsaturated FAMES investigated, exhibited longer retention times than their saturated counterparts, resulting in slightly lower vapor pressures.

The vaporization enthalpies and vapor pressures of the unsaturated FAMEs examined in this study, to our knowledge, are not known. However, the boiling temperatures at reduced pressure are available for several of the saturated and unsaturated FAMEs. While pressure and temperature measurements under distillation conditions may not always be made under optimal conditions, they do provide a qualitative measure of the reliability of the measurements. Experimental boiling temperatures at reduced pressures were obtained by searching SciFinder Scholar for each compound by name and opening the appropriate window

Table 12 Experimental and estimated boiling temperatures at reduced pressures^a

	$ln(p/p_0)$ (lit.)	$T(K)$ (lit.)	$T(K)$ (calc.)	$ln(p/p_0)$ (lit.)	$T(K)$ (lit.)	$T(K)$ (calc.)
Standards ^b						
Methyl dodecanoate	-4.35	406	407			
Methyl tridecanoate	-6.63	92	104			
Methyl tetradecanoate	-5.02	428	420	-3.23	457	459
Methyl hexadecanoate	-5.25	162	162	-5.02	428	439
Methyl heptadecanoate	-4.44	458	465			
Methyl octadecanoate	-7.33	436	418	-5.25	453	458
Methyl eicosanoate	-4.33	488	495			
Methyl docosanoate	-3.93	498	521			
Methyl tetracosanoate	-9.16	450	432			
Compounds evaluated						
Methyl 9-octadecenoate	-5.94	441	443	-3.64	491	490
Methyl 9,12-octadecadieneoate	-4.69	463	474			
Methyl 9,12,15-octadecatrieneoate	-8.75	405	404			
Methyl 5,8,11,14-eicosatetraeneoate	-6.99	468	447			
Methyl 13-docoseneoate	-4.33	502	513	-6.86	463	458

^a All experimental pressures and boiling temperatures were obtained by searching SciFinder Scholar.

^b All the unsaturated compounds in this table have the *Z* configuration.

Fig. 2. The dependence of $\ln(p/p_0)$ on $1/T$ (K⁻¹) of the unsaturated FAMES of this study. From top to bottom, methyl *Z* esters of 9-tetradecenoate, 9-hexadecenoate, 10-pentadecenoate, 10-heptadecenoate, 9-octadecenoate, 9,12-octadecadieneoate, 9,12,15-octadecatrieneoate, 11 eicosenoate, 11,14-eicosadienoate, 5,8,11,14-eicosatetraeneoate, 11,14,17 eicosatrieneoate, 5,8,11,14,17-eicosapentaeneoate, 13-docosenoate, 13,16 docosadieneoate, 4,7,10,13,16,19-docosapentaeneoate and 15-tetracosenoate.

listing experimental properties. For some compounds, several boiling temperatures at different reduced pressures are available. In this case values chosen were in the pressure range, 0.01–4 kPa. Available experimental boiling temperatures and pressures are provided in Table 12 along with the appropriate temperature necessary to reproduce the experimental vapor pressure. Predicted boiling temperatures are provided both for compounds used as standards and for those evaluated in this study. The abso[lute avera](#page-6-0)ge deviation between experimental temperatures and those calculated using Eq. (6) was approximately 8 K and was similar for both the saturated and unsaturated FAMEs.

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