

# Comparative Study of the Volatiles' Composition of Healthy and Larvae-Infested *Artemisia ordosica*

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Volatiles emitted by healthy *Artemisia ordosica* (Asteraceae) and plants infested with larvae of *Sphenoptera* sp. (Coleoptera: Buprestidae) or *Holcocerus artemisiae* (Lepidoptera: Cossidae) were obtained using a dynamic headspace method and analysed by automatic thermal desorption/gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (ATD/GC/MS). Twenty-eight major compounds were identified, and qualitative and quantitative differences were compared. The novel green leaf volatiles 2-hexenal, (Z)-3-hexen-1-ol, 2-hexen-1-ol 1-hexanol, and (Z)-3-hexen-1-ol acetate, the terpenoids -copaene, -cedrene, and (E,E)- -farnesene, and the ester methyl salicylate were present in all infested plants. Volatiles from healthy plants were dominated by D-limonene (32.14%), -pinene (16.63%), -phellandrene (16.06%), and sabinene (12.88%). Volatiles from *Sphenoptera* sp. larvae-infested plants were dominated by D-limonene (24.74%), -pinene (21.05%), -pinene (19.39%), and sabinene (11.64%), whereas volatiles from *H. artemisiae* larvae-infested plants were dominated by D-limonene (31.76%), sabinene (18.49%), ocimene (15.93%), and -phellandrene (10.59%). In addition to the qualitative variation, a larvae-induced quantitative change in the proportion of terpenoids in the blends was also a noticeable feature.

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