

CHAPTER IV

RESULTS

4.1 Identification of essential oil obtained by hydrodistillation

The essential oil constituents of individual plant species obtained by hydrodistillation have been listed below in Table 16-20.

4.1.1 *Artemisia vulgaris* var. *indica*

The essential oil constituents of *Artemisia vulgaris* var. *indica* had been obtained by fresh leaves hydrodistillation. The yield had been found to be 0.25% (v/w) of fresh weight and the constituents identified by GC-MS had been shown as six monoterpenes, seven oxygenated monoterpenes, four sesquiterpenes, and six oxygenated sesquiterpenes (Table 16). Amongst these compounds, davanone appeared to be the major constituents (71.56%), followed by chrysanthenone (6.65%) and 9-epi- β -caryophyllene (3.80%). The list of essential oil compositions has been shown in Table 16.

4.1.2 *Cuminum cyminum*

The essential oil of *Cuminum cyminum* had been obtained by fruits hydrodistillation. The oil yield was found to be 0.40 % (v/w) of fresh weight. Thirty four compounds was analysed by GC-MS and identified as eleven monoterpenes, fifteen oxygenated monoterpenes, six sesquiterpenes, and two oxygenated sesquiterpenes (Table 17). Amongst these compounds, cuminaldehyde (36.3 %) appeared to be the major component, followed by cuminic alcohol (16.9 %), γ -terpinene (11.1 %), safranal (10.9 %), p-cymene (9.9 %) and β -pinene (7.8 %). The list of essential oil compositions has been shown in Table 17.

4.1.3 *Fortunella japonica*

4.1.3.1 Leaves

The essential oil from leaves of *Fortunella japonica* was obtained by hydrodistillation. The oil yield was found to be 0.35 % (v/w) of fresh weight. Seventeen compounds was analysed by GC-MS and identified as thirteen monoterpenes and three oxygenated monoterpenes (Table 18). Amongst these compounds, β -pinene (47.44 %) appeared to be the major component, followed by

d-limonene (10.24 %), linalool (9.79 %), trans-ocimene (7.56 %), and α -pinene (7.41 %). The list of essential oil compositions has been shown in Table 18.

4.1.3.2 Peels

The essential oil from peels of *Fortunella japonica* was obtained by hydrodistillation. The oil yield was found to be 0.50 % (v/w) of fresh weight. Nineteen compounds was analysed by GC-MS and identified as ten monoterpenes, five oxygenated monoterpenes, and four sesquiterpenes (Table 19). Amongst these compounds, d-limonene (87.07 %) appeared to be the major component, followed by linalool (1.44 %), myrcene (1.32 %), and geranyl acetate (1.12 %). The list of essential oil compositions has been shown in Table 19.

4.1.4 *Pogostemon cablin*

The essential oil from *Pogostemon cablin* was obtained by fresh leaves hydrodistillation. The oil yield was found to be 0.30 % (v/w) of fresh weight. Twenty two compounds was analysed by GC-MS and identified as eighteen sesquiterpenes, and three oxygenated sesquiterpenes. Among of these, patchouli alcohol (60.30 %) appeared to be the major component, and followed by germacrene A (11.73 %). The list of essential oil compositions has been shown in Table 20.

Table 16 Essential oil constituents of *Artemisia vulgaris* var. *indica* obtained by fresh leaves hydrodistillation

Compound	Kovat's Index	% Area
<u>Monoterpenes</u>		
santolina triene	0908	0.15
sabinene	0976	0.21
α -phellandrene	1005	0.29
δ -2-carene	1001	0.26
<i>o</i> -cymene	1022	1.94
γ -terpinene	1062	0.14
<u>Oxygenated monoterpenes</u>		
1,8-cineole	1033	2.07
cis-chrysanthenol	1162	0.46
chrysanthenone	1123	6.65
4-terpineol	1177	0.51
α -terpineol	1189	0.31
cis-chrysanthenyl acetate	1262	0.37
bornyl acetate	1285	0.09
<u>Sesquiterpenes</u>		
α -copaene	1376	t
9-epi- β -caryophyllene	1467	3.80
α -humulene	1454	0.98
Germacrenes D	1480	1.92
<u>Oxygenated sesquiterpenes</u>		
nordavanone	1229	0.16
cis-threo-davanafuran	1414	0.12
artedouglasia oxide A	1535	0.24
davanone	1586	71.56
juniper camphor	1691	1.63
α -bisabolol acetate	1796	0.55
<u>Others</u>		
(<i>Z</i>)-3-hexenol	0857	0.43
unidentified 1	-	1.00
3-octanone	0986	0.21
3-octanol	0993	0.27
unidentified 2	-	2.86
unidentified 3	-	0.43
unidentified 4	-	0.22

t = trace (less than 0.01)

Table 17 Essential oil constituents of *Cuminum cyminum* obtained by fruit hydrodistillation

Compound	Kovat's Index	% Area
<u>Monoterpenes</u>		
α -thujene	0931	0.2
α -pinene	0939	0.5
β -pinene	0980	7.8
myrcene	0991	0.6
α -phellandrene	1005	0.1
δ -3-carene	1011	0.1
α -terpinene	1018	0.1
p-cymene	1026	9.9
d-limonene	1031	0.5
γ -terpinene	1062	11.1
terpinolene	1088	0.1
<u>Oxygenated monoterpene</u>		
1,8-cineol	1033	0.3
cis-sabinene hydrate	1068	t
linalool	1098	t
cis-p-menth-2-en-1-ol	1121	t
trans-pinocarveol	1139	0.1
pulegone	1237	0.1
pinocarvone	1162	t
4-terpineol	1177	0.6
isopulegol	1146	0.4
myrtenol	1194	0.1
cuminaldehyde	1239	36.3
phellandral	-	0.2
safranal	-	10.9
cuminic alcohol	-	16.9
p-mentha-1,4-en-7-ol	-	0.3
<u>Sesquiterpenes</u>		
β -caryophellene	1418	0.1
trans- β -farnesene	1458	0.4
germacrene D	1480	0.1
α -acoradiene	1463	0.1
β -chamigrene	1475	t
β -bisabolene	1509	0.1
<u>Oxygenated sesquiterpenes</u>		
caryophyllene oxide	1581	t
carotol	1594	0.1

t = trace (less than 0.01)

Table 18 Essential oil constituents of *Fortunella japonica* obtained by fresh leaves hydrodistillation

Compound	Kovat's Index	% Area
<u>Monoterpenes</u>		
α -thujene	0931	0.91
α -pinene	0931	7.41
camphene	0953	3.59
β -pinene	0980	47.44
myrcene	0991	3.16
α -phellandrene	1005	0.95
δ -3-carene	1011	0.77
α -terpinene	1018	1.82
d-limonene	1031	10.24
cis-ocimene	1040	0.91
trans-ocimene	1050	7.56
γ -terpinene	1062	2.56
terpinolene	1088	1.50
<u>Oxygenated monoterpenes</u>		
linalool	1098	9.79
4-terpineol	1177	0.57
α -terpineol	1189	0.44
<u>Others</u>		
n-decanal	1204	0.40

Table 19 Essential oil constituents of *Fortunella japonica* obtained by peel hydrodistillation

Compound	Kovat's Index	% Area
<u>Monoterpenes</u>		
α -pinene	0931	0.83
δ -3-carene	1011	t
myrcene	0991	1.32
α -terpinene	1018	t
d-limonene	1031	87.07
β -phellandrene	1031	0.19
γ -terpinene	1062	0.03
trans-ocimene	1050	0.08
p-cymene	1026	t
terpinolene	1088	0.04
<u>Oxygenated monoterpenes</u>		
linalool	1098	1.44
4-terpineol	1177	0.27
α -terpineol	1189	0.13
geranyl acetate	1383	1.12
geraniol	1255	0.02
<u>Sesquiterpenes</u>		
germacrene D	1480	0.81
β -elemene	1391	0.04
α -copaene	1376	0.02
α -humulene	1454	0.06

t = trace (less than 0.01)

Table 20 Essential oil constituents of *Pogostemon cablin* obtained by fresh leaves hydrodistillation

Compound	Kovat's Index	% Area
<u>Sesquiterpenes</u>		
δ -elemene	1339	t
β -patchoulene	1380	t
β -elemene	1391	0.33
cis-thujopsene	1429	0.25
trans-caryophyllene	1418	2.24
α -guaiene	1439	7.22
γ -patchoulene	1441	3.89
α -humulene	1454	0.48
α -patchoulene	1456	2.27
seychellene	1460	0.98
valencene	1491	0.85
germacrene D	1480	0.15
β -selinene	1485	t
α -selinene	1494	0.23
viridiflorene	1493	1.91
germacrene A	1503	11.73
α -bulnesene	1505	0.86
7-epi- α -selinene	1517	0.17
<u>Oxygenated sesquiterpenes</u>		
longipinanol	1566	t
globulol	1583	4.62
patchouli alcohol	1659	60.30
<u>Others</u>		
1-octen-3-ol	0978	0.20
unidentified	-	1.19

t = trace (less than 0.01)

4.2 Determination of germination and growth of seedlings

Fruits of *Cuminum cyminum* and seeds of *Fortunella japonica* were surface sterilised by same method as shown in Table 21. Each explant was dipped in 70% ethanol, 1 min followed by 30% H₂O₂, 5 min. Then, they were cleaned 3 times in distilled water before germination.

Table 21 Surface sterilisation fruits of *Cuminum cyminum* and seeds of *Fortunella japonica*

Species	Explants	Surface sterilisation
<i>Cuminum cyminum</i>	Fruits	70 % Ethanol, 1 min
<i>Fortunella japonica</i>	Seeds	↓ 30% H ₂ O ₂ , 5 min

After surface sterilisation, aseptic plant materials were aseptically transferred to pre-sterilised glass petri dishes, each one containing two pieces of Whatman No.1 filter paper and containing about 20 ml distilled water, and incubated in the dark at 25 ± 2 °C. The germination of seedling was depended on the sterilisation time period. No germination was observed when sterilisation time was more than 5 minutes. Table 22 shows the germination of individual seeds. After they had germinated, they were put in 12 hour light/dark intervals to develop strong seedlings.

Table 22 Germination of *Cuminum cyminum* and *Fortunella japonica*

Species	Result
<i>Cuminum cyminum</i>	3*
<i>Fortunella japonica</i>	4

* 4 = good germination, 3 = moderate germination, 2 = slight germination

4.3 Surface sterilisation of leaves of *Artemisia vulgaris* var. *indica* and *Pogostemon cablin*

Leaf explants of *Artemisia vulgaris* var. *indica* and *Pogostemon cablin* were surface sterilised by following methods as shown in Table 23 prior to use in callus initiation.

Table 23 Surface sterilisation leaves of *Artemisia vulgaris* var. *indica* and *Pogostemon cablin*

Species	Explants	Surface sterilisation
<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i> var. <i>indica</i>	Leaves	Surface sterilising agent*, 1 hr ↓ 7% H ₂ O ₂ , 15 min ↓ 5% H ₂ O ₂ , 7 min
<i>Pogostemon cablin</i>	Leaves	5 % Clorox, 5 min

* The compositions of surface sterilising agent were described in part C of Appendix

4.4 Growth and appearance of callus cultures

Callus cultures of the individual plants were initiated from the seedlings or sterilised leaf explants. Table 24 shows list details of appearances of callus cultures and growth of the individual species. It was shown that *Fortunella japonica* callus cultures grew fastest (++++). They were subcultured every 14-21 days on average. These callus cultures appeared mainly cream, pale green and green in colour, with a friable and crumbly appearance. The other calli grew well also (+++), and they were subcultured every 21-28 days on average. Table 24 has shown lists details of appearances and growth of individual callus cultures and Fig. 22-25 have shown appearance of individual callus cultures.

Table 24 Appearance and callus growth of individual species

Species	Appearance	Growth
<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i> var. <i>indica</i>	Yellowish-brown, compact	+++
<i>Cuminum cyminum</i> ,	Pale green, green, friable	+++
<i>Fortunella japonica</i>	Pale green, yellowish-green, friable	++++
<i>Pogostemon cablin</i>	Greenish-brown, brown, compact	+++

++++ = profuse growth +++ = good growth ++ = moderate growth

+ = slight growth - = no growth

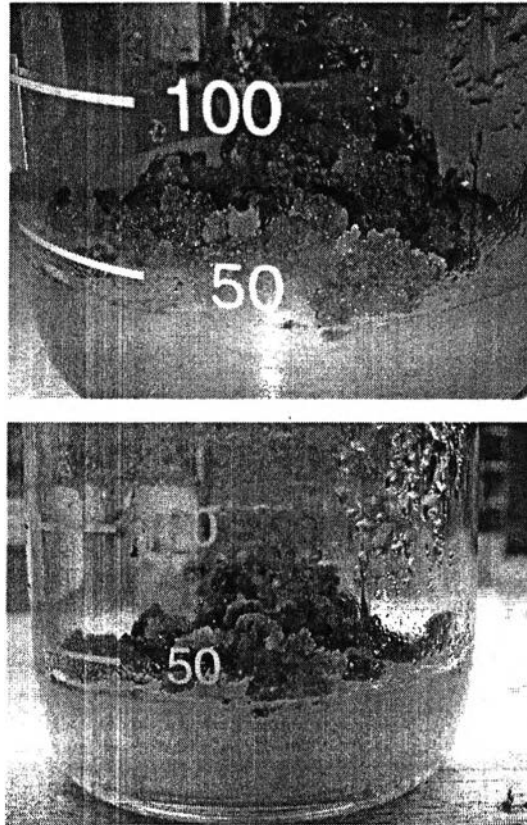


Figure 22 Callus cultures of *Artemisia vulgaris* var. *indica*

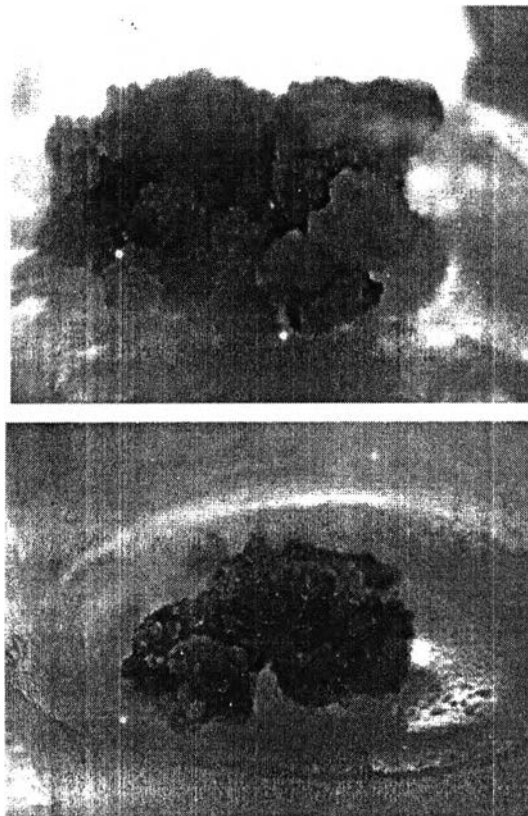


Figure 23 Callus cultures of *Cuminum cyminum*

4.5 Effect of plant growth regulators on callus formation and appearance

Various types and concentrations of plant growth regulators applied in MS media were varied to study their effects on callus formation of the investigated plants. Most plant species had been grown in MS media containing 1 mg/l 2,4 dichlorophenoxyacetic acid and 0.1 mg/l kinetin, excepted for *Pogostemon cablin* had to be grown in 0.5 mg/l naphthaleneacetic acid and 1 mg/l 6-benzyladenine. Plant growth regulators used for maintenance callus cultures has been listed in Table 25.

Table 25 List of plant growth regulators used for maintenance callus cultures

Species	Plant growth regulators
<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i> var. <i>indica</i>	1 mg/l 2,4-D + 0.1 mg/l Kn
<i>Cuminum cyminum</i>	1 mg/l 2,4-D + 0.1 mg/l Kn
<i>Fortunella japonica</i>	1 mg/l 2,4-D + 0.1 mg/l Kn
<i>Pogostemon cablin</i>	0.5 mg/l NAA + 1 mg/l BA

4.6 Effect of light on callus formation and appearance

Callus cultures of various plants were incubated at the temperature of 25 ± 2 °C under different light conditions; 24-h light, 12-h light/12-h dark, and 24-h dark. Most plant species had been incubated in 24 h light condition, excepted for *Pogostemon cablin* had to be incubated in 24 h dark condition as shown in Table 26.

Table 26 Light condition used for maintenance callus cultures

Species	Light conditions
<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i> var. <i>indica</i>	Light, 24 h
<i>Cuminum cyminum</i>	Light, 24 h
<i>Fortunella japonica</i>	Light, 24 h
<i>Pogostemon cablin</i>	Dark, 24 h

4.7 Growth and appearance of cell suspension cultures

Cell suspension cultures were derived from healthy fourth generation callus cultures. Each callus cultures were aseptically transferred in liquid media (the composition is same as using for maintenance callus cultures but without any agar). Fine suspension cultures were observed for *Fortunella japonica* (Fig.28)

Cell suspension cultures of *Fortunella japonica* are the best growing. They grew as yellow-coloured suspensions, and were subcultured in 14-21 days intervals.

Cell suspension cultures of *Cuminum cyminum* appeared green in colour, and the biomass was less than that from *Fortunella japonica*. They were subcultured in 21-28 days intervals.

Cell suspension cultures of *Artemisia vulgaris var. indica* and *Pogostemon cablin* appeared brown in colour, and were subculture in 21-28 days intervals.

Table 27 has shown lists details of appearances and growth of individual cell suspension cultures and Fig. 26-29 have shown appearance of individual cultures.

Table 27 Appearance and growth of suspension cultures of individual species

Species	Appearance	Growth
<i>Artemisia vulgaris var. indica</i>	Pale brown, brown	+++
<i>Cuminum cyminum,</i>	Green, greenish-brown	+++
<i>Fortunella japonica</i>	Yellow, dark yellow	++++
<i>Pogostemon cablin</i>	Brown, dark brown	++

++++ = profuse growth +++ = good growth ++ = moderate growth

+ = slight growth - = no growth

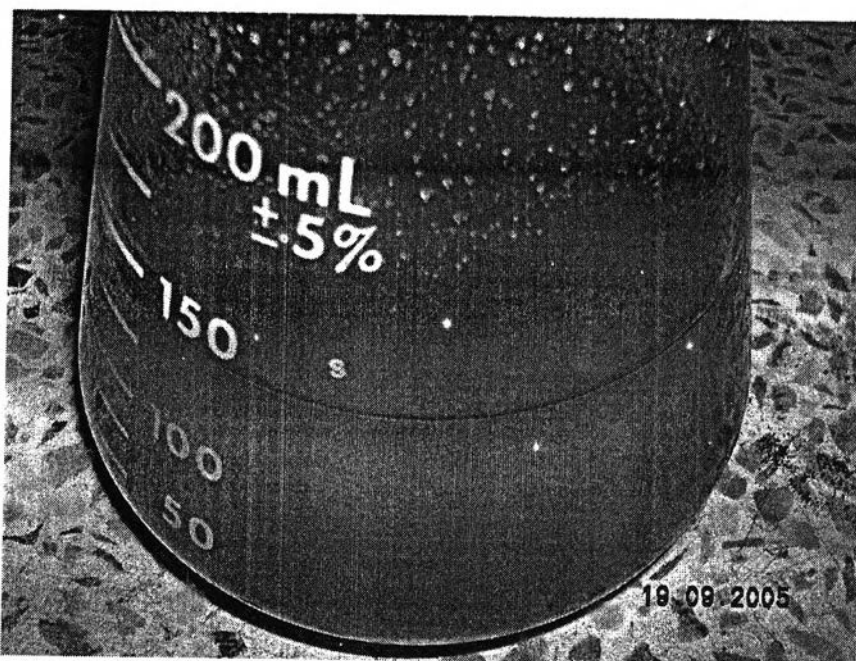


Figure 26 Suspension cultures of *Artemisia vulgaris* var. *indica*



Figure 27 Suspension cultures of *Cuminum cyminum*

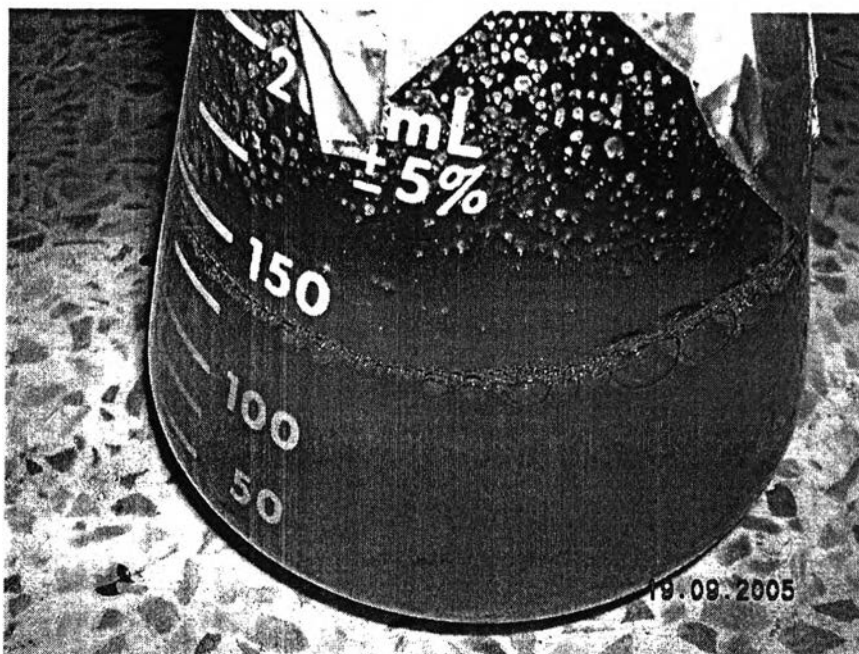


Figure 28 Suspension cultures of *Fortunella japonica*

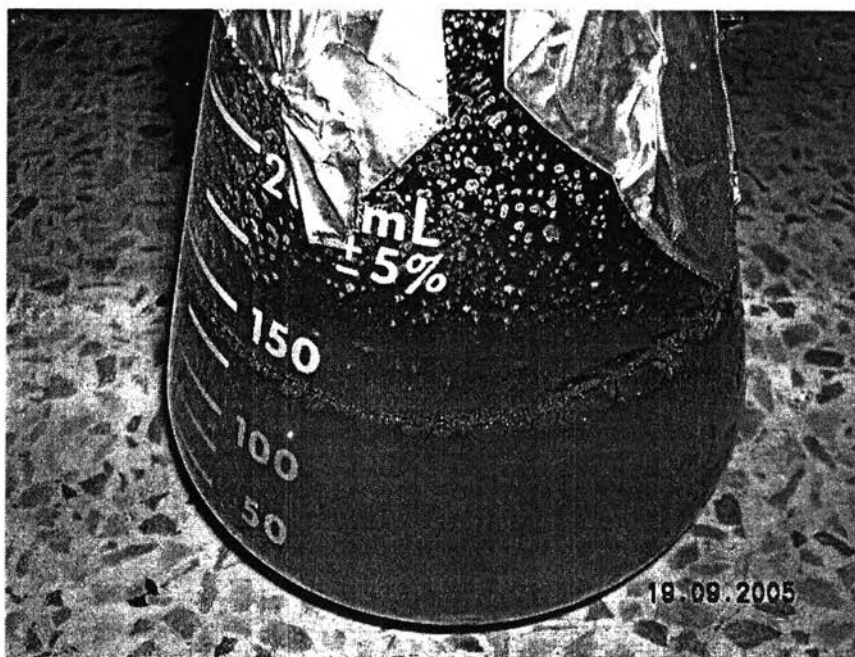


Figure 29 Suspension cultures of *Pogostemon cablin*

4.8 Identification the essential oil constituents produced by plant cell cultures by Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry (GC-MS)

To identify the essential oil constituents produced by callus and cell suspension cultures, they were extracted and analysed by the methods described in 3.14. Table 28 shows essential oil constituents produced by individual plant cell cultures obtained by dichloromethane extraction.

Table 28 Essential oil constituents of *Artemisia vulgaris* var. *indica* callus cultures obtained by dichloromethane extraction

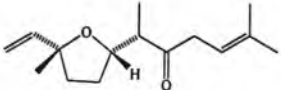
Compounds	Yield (ppm)	Structure	Kovat's index	MS data
Davanone	20.5		1586	41, 55, 69, 81, 93, 111, 125, 139, 153, 180, 236

Table 29 Essential oil constituents of *Artemisia vulgaris* var. *indica* cell suspension cultures obtained by dichloromethane extraction

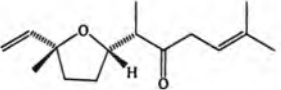
Compounds	Yield (ppm)	Structure	Kovat's index	MS data
Davanone	21.5		1586	41, 55, 69, 81, 93, 111, 125, 139, 153, 180, 236

Table 30 Essential oil constituents of *Cuminum cyminum* callus cultures obtained by dichloromethane extraction


Compounds	Yield (ppm)	Structure	Kovat's index	MS data
Cumin aldehyde	28.35		1239	41, 51, 63, 77, 91, 105, 115, 119, 133, 148

Table 31 Essential oil constituents of *Cuminum cyminum* cell suspension cultures obtained by dichloromethane extraction


Compounds	Yield (ppm)	Structure	Kovat's index	MS data
Cumin aldehyde	26.77		1239	41, 51, 63, 77, 91, 105, 115, 119, 133, 148

Table 32 Essential oil constituents of *Fortunella japonica* callus cultures obtained by dichloromethane extraction

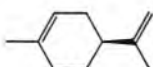
Compounds	Yield (ppm)	Structure	Kovat's index	MS data
d-Limonene	25.5		1031	41, 53, 67, 79, 93, 107, 121, 136

Table 33 Essential oil constituents of *Fortunella japonica* cell suspension cultures obtained by dichloromethane extraction

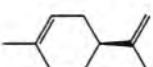
Compounds	Yield (ppm)	Structure	Kovat's index	MS data
d-Limonene	22.5		1031	41, 53, 67, 79, 93, 107, 121, 136

Table 34 Essential oil constituents of *Pogostemon cablin* callus cultures obtained by dichloromethane extraction

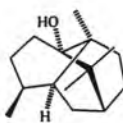
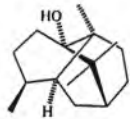
Compounds	Yield (ppm)	Structure	Kovat's index	MS data
Patchouli alcohol	19.85		1659	41, 55, 67, 81, 95, 109, 125, 138, 161, 189, 205, 222

Table 35 Essential oil constituents of *Pogostemon cablin* cell suspension cultures obtained by dichloromethane extraction

Compounds	Yield (ppm)	Structure	Kovat's index	MS data
Patchouli alcohol	19.5		1659	41, 55, 67, 81, 95, 109, 125, 138, 161, 189, 205, 222

The results shown in Table 28-35, have revealed that the major constituents of the essential oil can be produced in callus and cell suspension cultures of individual plants. However, some minor constituents can be found in very low level in each cell extracts, and data not shown in each Table.

4.9 Time-course studies of volatile constituent content during the growth cycle of plant cell cultures

In attempt to increase level of the major constituents in each cell culture, the time-course of each compound during the growth cycles had to be studied. Levels of major constituents and growth rate of callus and suspension cultures were determined and these are shown in Table 36-43 and Fig. 30-37.

Table 36 Fresh weight, dry weight and davanone content in *Artemisia vulgaris* var. *indica* callus cultures (SD<5%, n=3)

Day	Fresh weight (FW) (g)	Dry weight (DW) (g)	Davanone content (ppm)
0	3.8	0.418	1.95
7	4.5	0.54	2.45
14	8.5	1.02	8.55
21	12.5	1.5	20.5
28	14.2	1.56	13.09
35	15.6	1.71	12.25

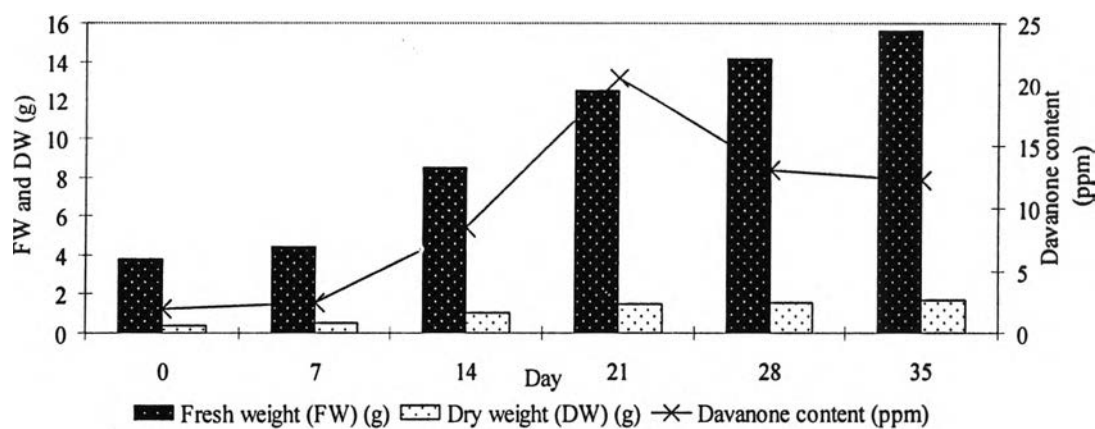


Figure 30 Time-course of growth and the formation of davanone in *Artemisia vulgaris* var. *indica* callus cultures (SD<5%, n=3)

Table 37 Fresh weight, dry weight and davanone content in *Artemisia vulgaris* var. *indica* cell suspension cultures (SD<5%, n=3)

Day	Fresh weight (FW) (g)	Dry weight (DW) (g)	Davanone content (ppm)
0	1.45	0.17	2.85
7	2.98	0.36	3.55
14	8.33	0.92	9.45
21	12.65	1.4	21.5
28	13.2	1.45	15.09

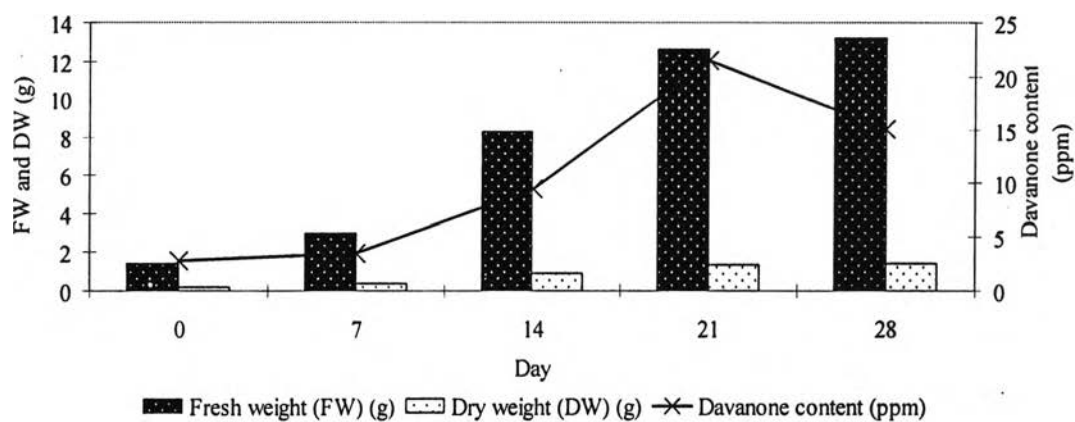


Figure 31 Time-course of growth and the formation of davanone in *Artemisia vulgaris* var. *indica* cell suspension cultures (SD<5%, n=3)

Table 38 Fresh weight, dry weight and cuminaldehyde content in *Cuminum cyminum* callus cultures (SD<5%, n=3)

Day	Fresh weight (FW) (g)	Dry weight (DW) (g)	Cuminaldehyde content (ppm)
0	3.2	0.34	1.55
7	3.7	0.4	2.75
14	4.9	0.57	8.95
21	6.1	0.63	18.95
28	8.1	0.81	26.45
35	9.5	0.99	28.35
42	9.8	1.03	19.45

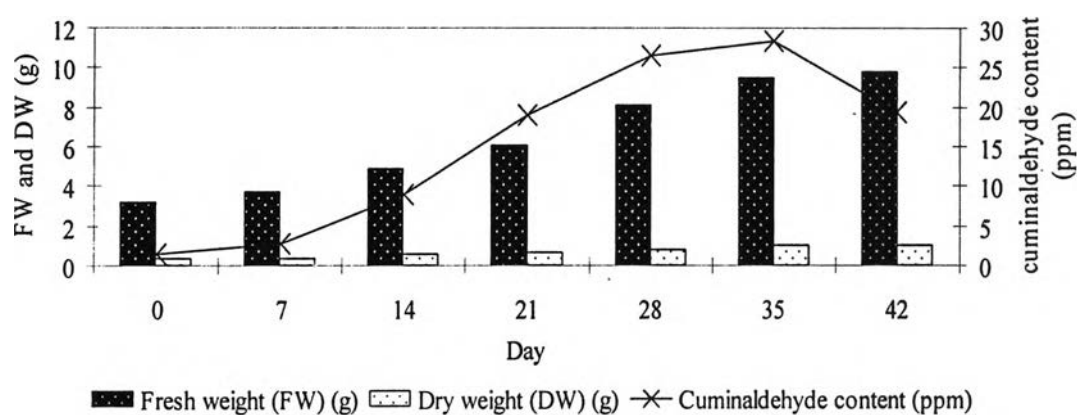


Figure 32 Time-course of growth and the formation of cuminaldehyde in *Cuminum cyminum* callus cultures (SD<5%, n=3)

Table 39 Fresh weight, dry weight and cuminaldehyde content in *Cuminum cyminum* cell suspension cultures (SD<5%, n=3)

Day	Fresh weight (FW) (g)	Dry weight (DW) (g)	Cuminaldehyde content (ppm)
0	1.07	0.16	1.43
7	2.56	0.36	2.55
14	7.5	1.24	6.45
21	9.23	1.48	26.77
28	9.44	1.51	19.56

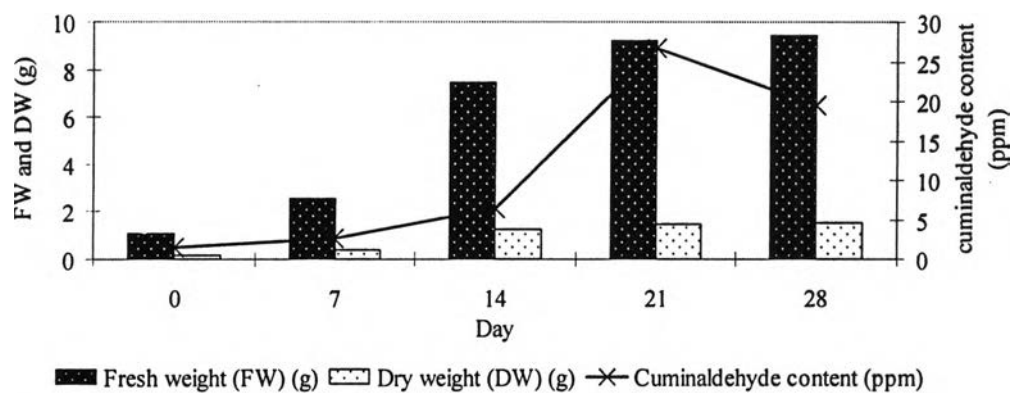


Figure 33 Time-course of growth and the formation of cuminaldehyde in *Cuminum cyminum* cell suspension cultures (SD<5%, n=3)

Table 40 Fresh weight, dry weight and d-limonene content in *Fortunella japonica* callus cultures (SD<5%, n=3)

Day	Fresh weight (FW) (g)	Dry weight (DW) (g)	d-Limonene content (ppm)
0	3.5	0.385	1.95
7	3.9	0.468	3.25
14	6.5	1.17	4.75
21	9.5	1.81	17.65
28	11.7	2.36	25.5
35	12.3	2.45	21.75

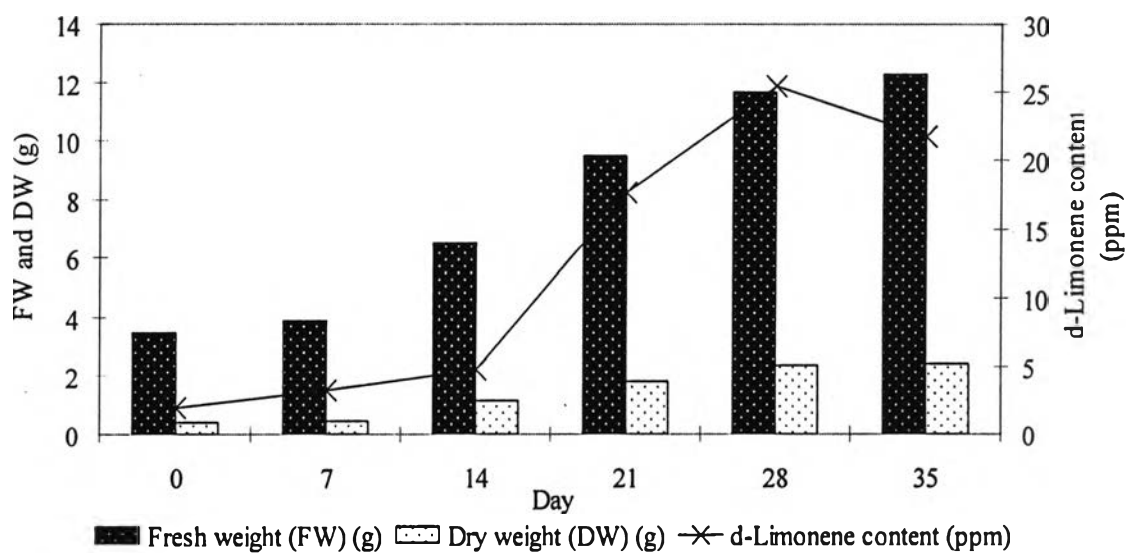


Figure 34 Time-course of growth and the formation of d-limonene in *Fortunella japonica* callus cultures (SD<5%, n=3)

Table 41 Fresh weight, dry weight and d-limonene content in *Fortunella japonica* cell suspension cultures (SD<5%, n=3)

Day	Fresh weight (FW) (g)	Dry weight (DW) (g)	d-Limonene content (ppm)
0	1.36	0.16	1.85
7	2.76	0.34	2.25
14	7.81	1.47	5.35
21	11.5	2.15	22.5
28	12.2	2.45	18.75

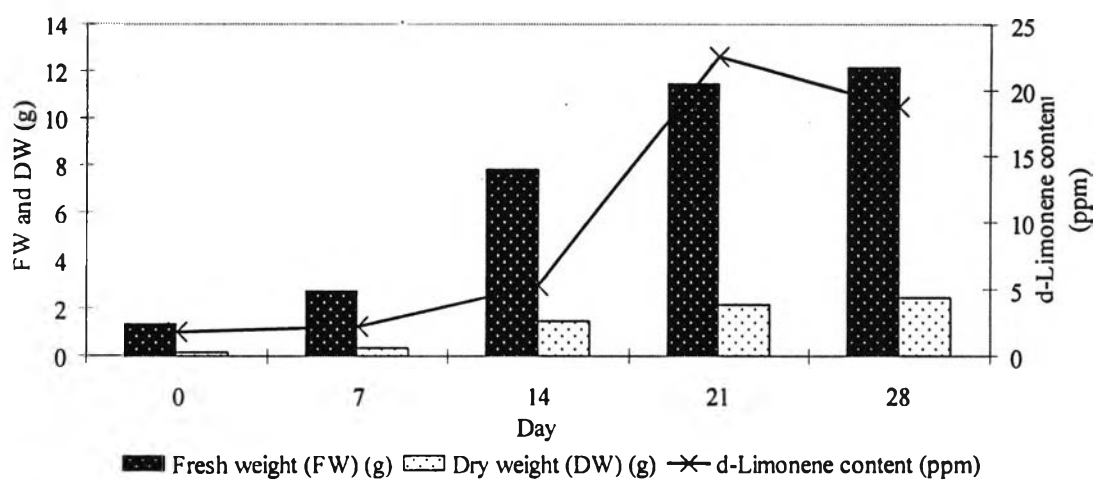


Figure 35 Time-course of growth and the formation of d-limonene in *Fortunella japonica* cell suspension cultures (SD<5%, n=3)

Table 42 Fresh weight, dry weight and patchouli alcohol content in *Pogostemon cablin* callus cultures (SD<5%, n=3)

Day	Fresh weight (FW) (g)	Dry weight (DW) (g)	Patchouli alcohol content (ppm)
0	2.8	0.31	0.65
7	2.9	0.34	2.15
14	3.2	0.37	5.5
21	4.1	0.54	12.55
28	7.5	1.05	14.8
35	8.5	1.1	19.85
42	8.9	1.15	16.75

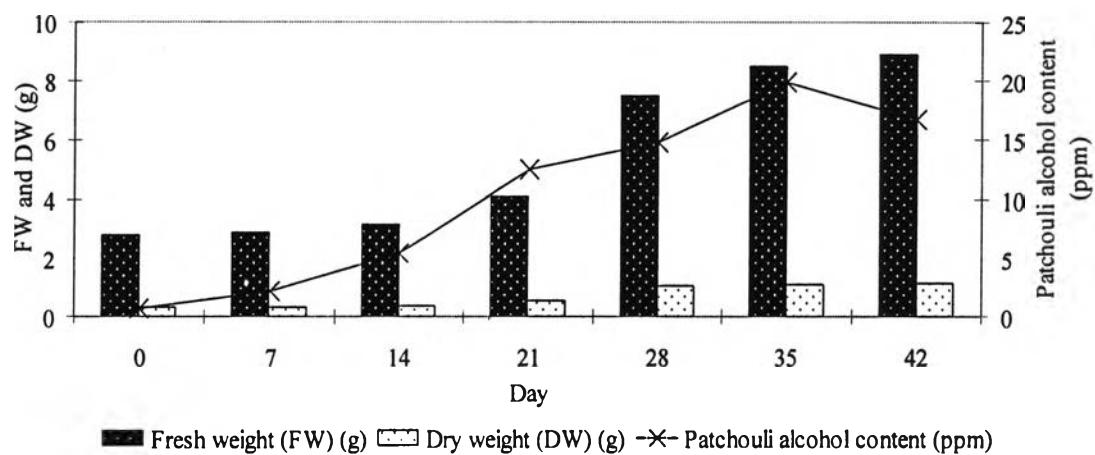


Figure 36 Time-course of growth and the formation of patchouli alcohol in *Pogostemon cablin* callus cultures (SD<5%, n=3)

Table 43 Fresh weight, dry weight and patchouli alcohol content in *Pogostemon cablin* cell suspension cultures (SD<5%, n=3)

Day	Fresh weight (FW) (g)	Dry weight (DW) (g)	Patchouli alcohol content (ppm)
0	1.12	0.14	0.85
7	2.47	0.37	1.35
14	3.89	0.58	4.5
21	6.62	1.19	19.5
28	7.74	1.39	15.55

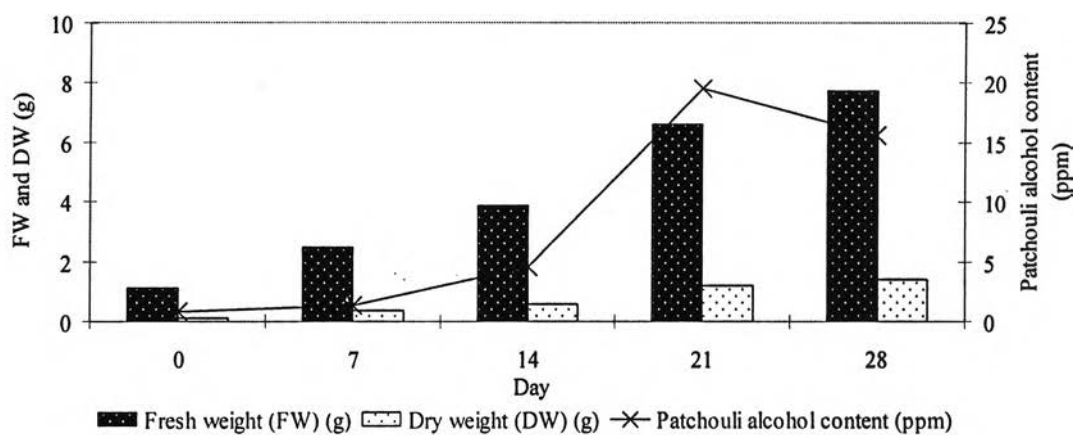
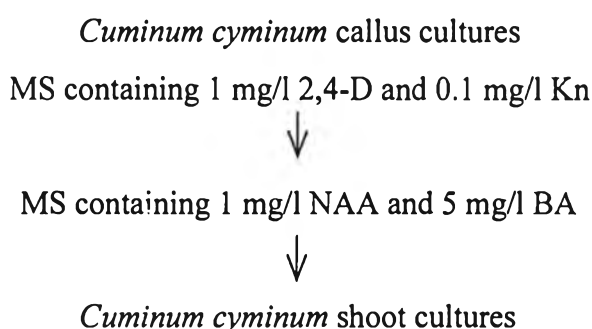


Figure 37 Time-course of growth and the formation of patchouli alcohol in *Pogostemon cablin* cell suspension cultures (SD<5%, n=3)

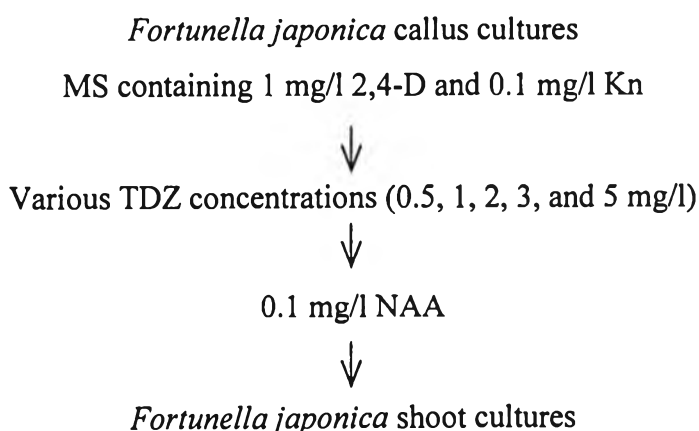
4.10 Shoot regeneration (organogenesis)

Two auxins (NAA and 2,4-D) and three cytokinins (BA, Kn, and TDZ) were applied to culture media at the concentration of 0.5, 1, 2, 3, and 5 mg/l. The effect of various plant growth regulators on shoot formation was measured by investigation of individual growth of various plants, fresh weight determination, and dry weight determination.

After the fourth generation, callus cultures of *Cuminum cyminum* were subcultured to new culture media and successfully formed shoot cultures on MS media containing 1 mg/l NAA and 5 mg/l BA.



Meanwhile, callus cultures of *Fortunella japonica* could not form shoot cultures in MS media containing any concentration of NAA or BA. However, they had been subcultured with various concentrations of TDZ (0.5-5 mg/l) in one generation, and after that they were subcultured to MS media containing low level of auxin (0.1 mg/l NAA). Finally, callus cultures of *Fortunella japonica* successfully formed shoot cultures. The suitable TDZ concentration for shoot regeneration of this plant cultures was 2 mg/l.



4.11 Methods for improving chemical constituents of essential oil produced by plant cell cultures

4.11.1 Study on feeding precursor and biotransformation

4.11.1.1 Effect of substrate concentration on biotransformation

Since monoterpenes are known to be toxic to plant cells, therefore it is important to find a suitable substrate concentration which can safely be fed to suspension cultures without affecting cell growth. Various geraniol concentrations (50, 100, 200, and 400 ppm) were administered to suspension cultures of *Fortunella japonica* (at the age of 14 days old after subculture; early stationary phase) and sampling was collected every 3 hr until 24 hr after feeding. Control experiment was cell suspension cultures which had not had added any concentrations of geraniol.

As the results shown in Fig. 38 geraniol concentrations up to 200 ppm appears to be toxic to suspension cultures of *Fortunella japonica* since their growth rate determination (FW and DW) are lower than control experiment, meanwhile 50 and 100 ppm geraniol feeding seem to do not effect cell growth. The results of effect of substrate concentration on biotransformation are shown in Fig. 38.

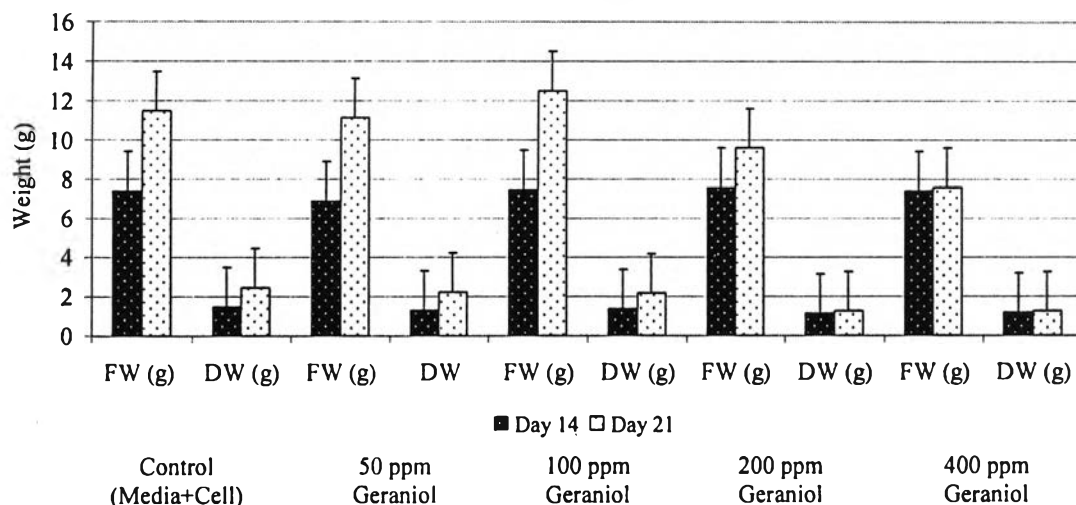


Figure 38 Fresh weight and dry weight of *Fortunella japonica* cell suspension cultures after feeding various concentration of geraniol

4.11.1.2 Time-course study of monoterpene feeding to suspension cultures of *Fortunella japonica*

The various concentrations of geraniol (50, 100, 200, and 400 ppm) had been fed in to cell suspension cultures of *Fortunella japonica* and time-course has been shown in Fig. 39. The level of geraniol concentrations decreased rapidly within 6 hr and still retained at very low level in cell cultures until 24 hr. According to the result above in 4.11.1.1 shown 100 ppm geraniol feeding in cell cultures did not effect cell growth, and it is still remained until 24 hr but could be detectable at low level. Since 50 ppm geraniol feeding to cell cultures did not effect cell growth, however, its level was disappeared after feeding 3 hr. Therefore, 100 ppm has been the best concentration feeding to the cell cultures of *Fortunella japonica* and selected to be the suitable concentration for the other terpenoid precursors feeding through out the experiment. The time-course study of geraniol levels after feeding various concentrations in *Fortunella japonica* cell suspension cultures has been shown in Fig. 39.

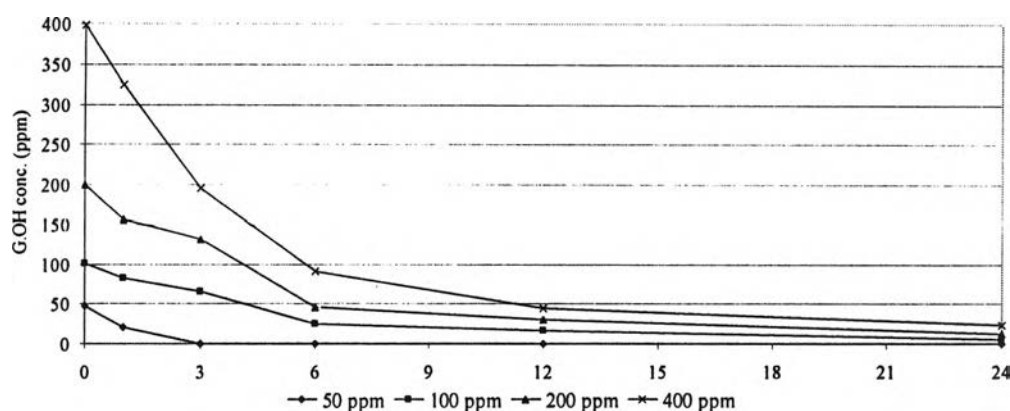


Figure 39 Time-course study of geraniol levels after feeding various concentrations in *Fortunella japonica* cell suspension cultures over 24 hours

4.11.1.3 Study of relationship between citral, geraniol, nerol, geranyl acetate, and neryl acetate in cell suspension cultures of *Fortunella japonica*

To study the possible pathway of biotransformation of citral, geraniol, nerol, geranyl acetate, and neryl acetate in cell suspension cultures of *Fortunella japonica*, 100 ppm of these substance were fed into the cells, and then samples were collected every 1 hr until 6 hr. Control experiments were cell suspension cultures which were not added any substrates, and culture media plus substrate with no cells.

As shown in Fig 40, after feeding citral, the isomer of neral and geranial, it could be biotransformed to their correspondence alcohol, nerol and geraniol, respectively. It had been shown that *Fortunella japonica* cell suspension had got the reducing enzyme. Citral had been decreased and disappeared since 3rd hour after feeding. The highest concentrations of nerol and geraniol had been taken place at 1st hour after feeding and both of them had been decreased. Geranyl acetate could be detected at 3rd hour and then it has been decreased in trace, meanwhile neryl acetate could not be detected at anytimes.

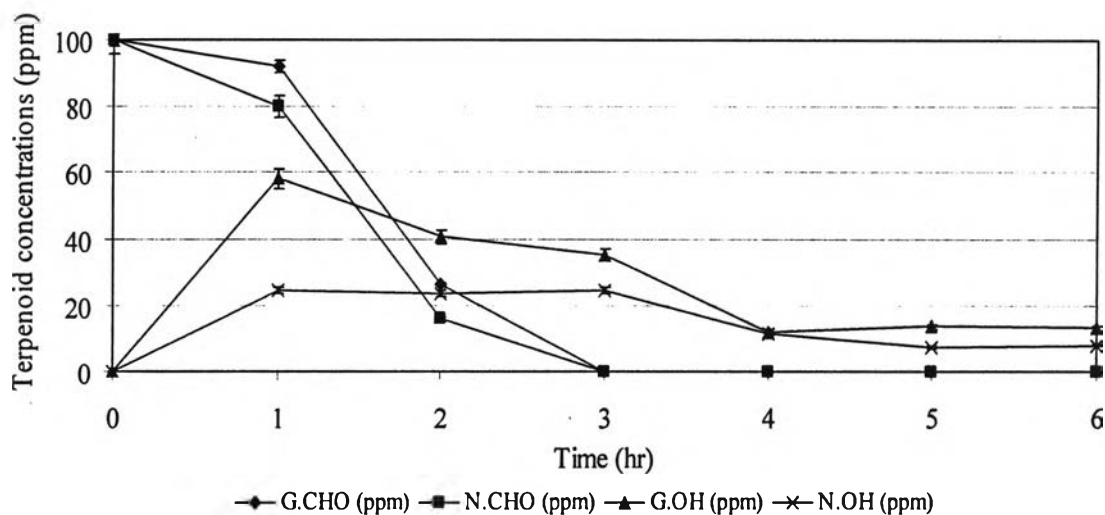


Figure 40 Terpenoid concentrations after feeding 100 ppm citral in *Fortunella japonica* cell suspension cultures

The possible pathway of biotransformation of citral in *Fortunella japonica* is shown in Fig. 41 below.

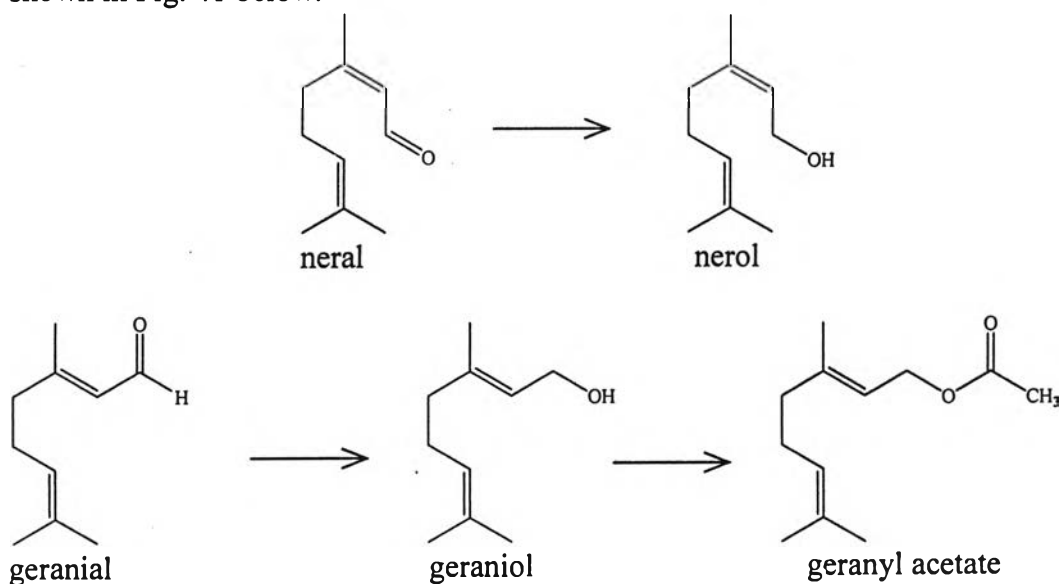


Figure 41 The possible pathway of biotransformation of citral in *Fortunella japonica*

As shown in Fig. 42, after feeding geraniol, it could be biotransformed to nerol, its isomer alcohol. It had been shown that *Fortunella japonica* cell suspension has got the isomerisation enzyme. The highest concentration of nerol had been taken place at 3rd hour after feeding and then both geraniol and nerol had been decreased. Geranyl acetate could be detected in trace since 2nd hour, meanwhile neryl acetate can not be detected at anytimes.

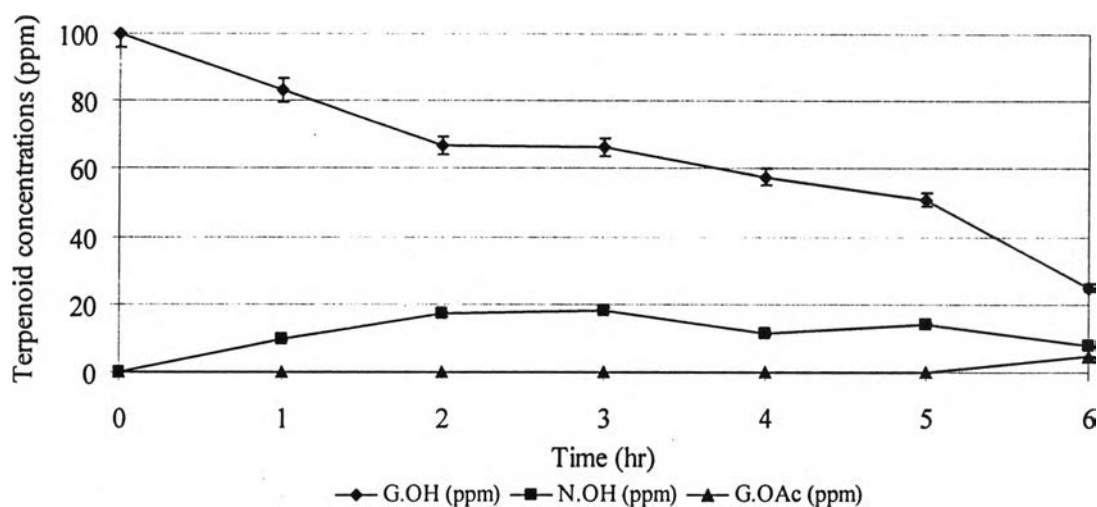


Figure 42 Terpenoid concentrations after feeding 100 ppm geraniol in *Fortunella japonica* cell suspension cultures

The possible pathway of biotransformation of geraniol in *Fortunella japonica* is shown in Fig. 43 below.

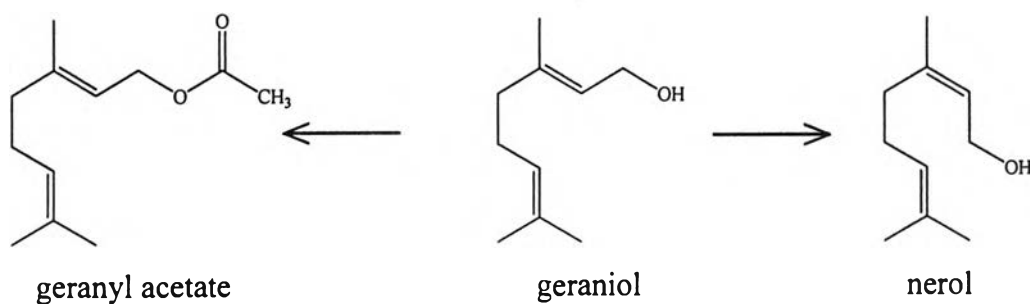


Figure 43 The possible pathway of biotransformation of geraniol in *Fortunella japonica*

As shown in Fig. 44, after feeding nerol, it could be biotransformed to geraniol, its isomer alcohol. It has been shown that *Fortunella japonica* cell suspension has got the isomerisation enzyme. The highest concentration of geraniol was taken place at 3rd hour after feeding and then both nerol and geraniol have been decreased. Neryl acetate can be detected since the 2nd hour in the GC trace as well.

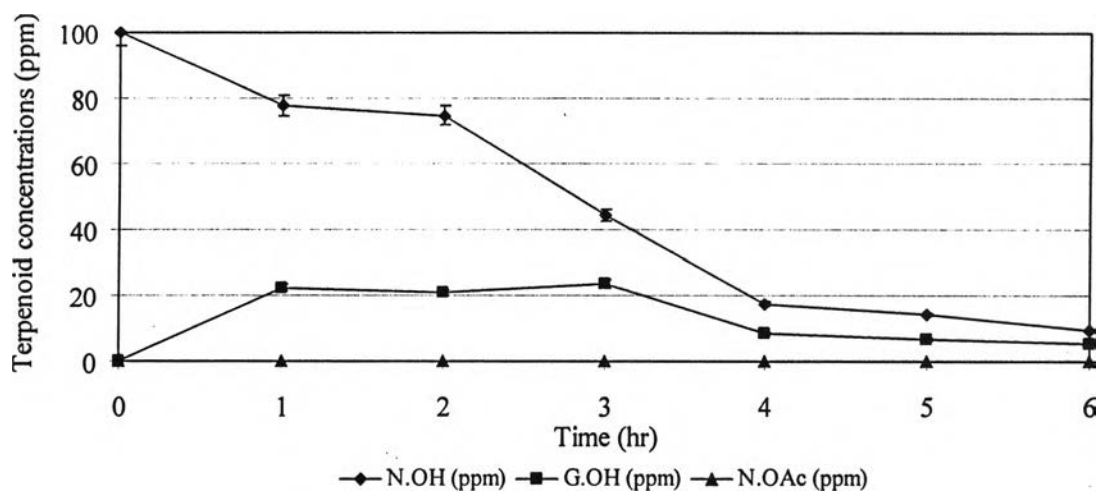


Figure 44 Terpenoid concentrations after feeding 100 ppm nerol in *Fortunella japonica* cell suspension cultures

The possible pathway of biotransformation of nerol is shown in Fig. 45 below.

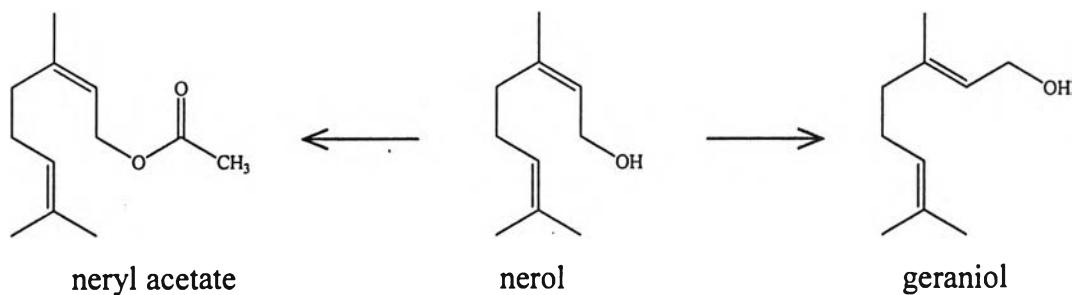


Figure 45 The possible pathway of biotransformation of nerol in *Fortunella japonica*

As shown in Fig. 46, after feeding geranyl acetate, it could be biotransformed to nerol and geraniol. It had been decreased and disappeared since 3rd hour after feeding. The highest concentration of geraniol and nerol were taken place in 1st and 2nd hour after feeding, respectively, and then both of them have been decreased. It had been shown that geranyl acetate might be biotransformed to geraniol and then geraniol is biotransformed to nerol.

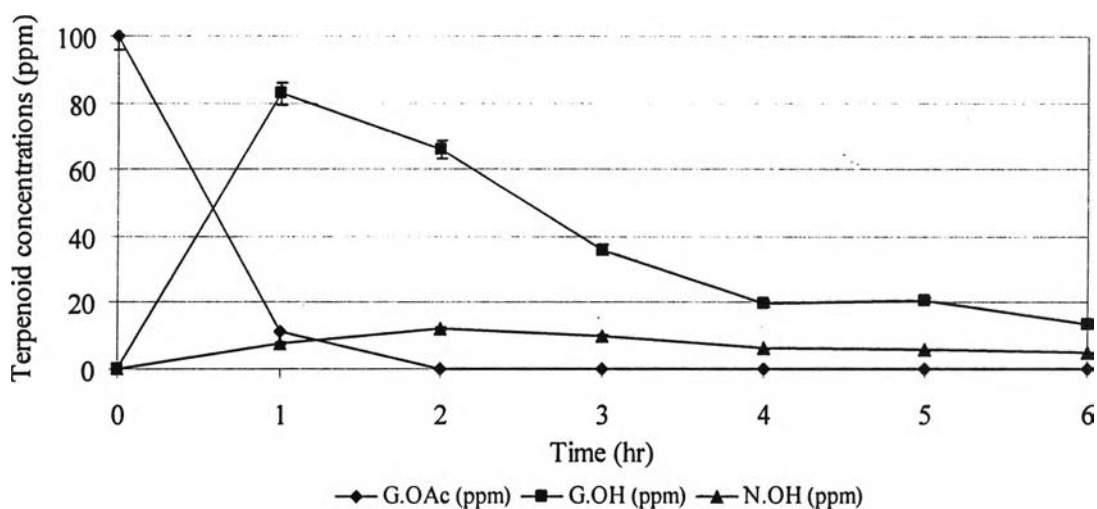


Figure 46 Terpenoid concentrations after feeding 100 ppm geranyl acetate in *Fortunella japonica* cell suspension cultures

The possible pathway of biotransformation of geranyl acetate in *Fortunella japonica* is shown in Fig. 47 below.

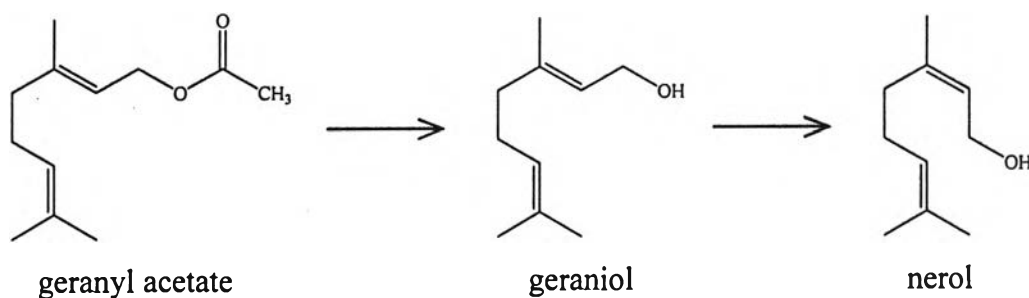


Figure 47 The possible pathway of biotransformation of geranyl acetate in *Fortunella japonica*

4.11.1.4 Substrate feeding in cell suspension cultures

4.11.1.4.1 Biotransformation of acyclic terpenes

Biotransformation of acyclic monoterpenes and sesquiterpenes in cell suspension cultures of *Artemisia vulgaris* var. *indica*, *Cuminum cyminum*, *Fortunella japonica*, and *Pogostemon cablin* were investigated by feeding citral, citronellal, citronellol, farnesol, farnesyl acetate, geraniol, geranyl acetate, linalool, linalyl acetate, myrcene, and nerol. Biotransformation products are shown in Table 44 and Fig. 48-57.

Table 44 Biotransformation products from a range of acyclic terpenes fed to individual suspensions (Reading taken at 24 hours unless otherwise stated)

Substrate	Species	Biotransformation products	Yield (%)	MW	Kovat's index	MS data
Citral	<i>A. vulgaris</i> var. <i>indica</i>	Geraniol	10.4	154	1255	41, 53, 69, 81, 93, 111, 123, 139
		Nerol	8.3	154	1228	41, 53, 69, 81, 93, 111, 121, 139
	<i>C. cyminum</i>	Geraniol	12.8	154	1255	41, 53, 69, 81, 93, 111, 123, 139
		Nerol	9.5	154	1228	41, 53, 69, 81, 93, 111, 121, 139
	<i>F. japonica</i>	Geraniol	14.9	154	1255	41, 53, 69, 81, 93, 111, 123, 139
		Nerol	10.2	154	1228	41, 53, 69, 81, 93, 111, 121, 139
	<i>P. cablin</i>	Geraniol	10.8	154	1255	41, 53, 69, 81, 93, 111, 123, 139
		Nerol	8.5	154	1228	41, 53, 69, 81, 93, 111, 121, 139

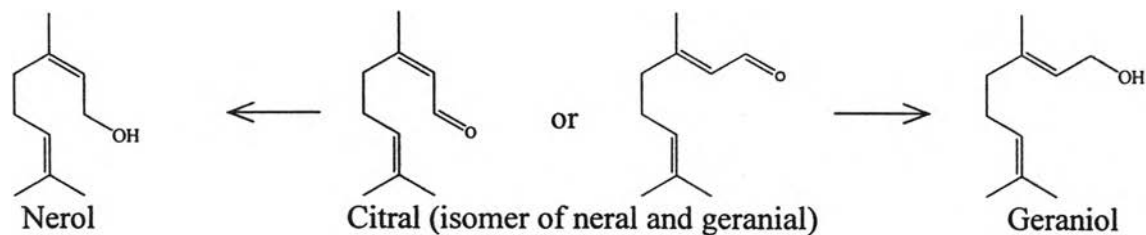


Figure 48 Biotransformation products of citral in individual cell suspension cultures

Table 44 Biotransformation products from a range of acyclic terpenes fed to individual suspensions (Reading taken at 24 hours unless otherwise stated) (Cont.)

Substrate	Species	Biotransformation products	Yield (%)	MW	Kovat's index	MS data
Citronellal	<i>A. vulgaris var. indica</i>	Citronellol	6.4	156	1228	41, 55, 69, 81, 95, 109, 123, 138
	<i>C. cyminum</i>	Citronellic acid	18.3	184	Data not shown	Data not shown
		Citronellyl acetate	14.5	198	1354	43, 55, 67, 81, 95, 109, 123, 138
	<i>F. japonica</i>	Citronellic acid	20.5	184	Data not shown	Data not shown
		Citronellyl acetate	15.5	198	1354	43, 55, 67, 81, 95, 109, 123, 138
		Citronellol	8.5	156	1228	41, 55, 69, 81, 95, 109, 123, 138
	<i>P. cablin</i>	Citronellol	7.5	156	1228	41, 55, 69, 81, 95, 109, 123, 138

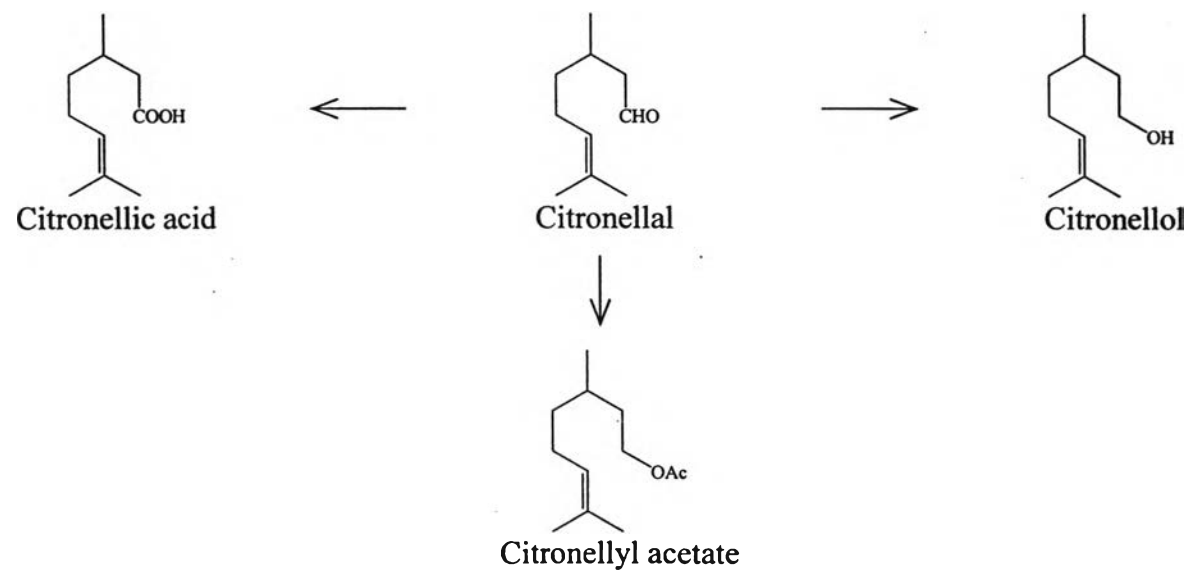


Figure 49 Biotransformation products of citronellal in individual cell suspension cultures

Table 44 Biotransformation products from a range of acyclic terpenes fed to individual suspensions (Reading taken at 24 hours unless otherwise stated) (Cont.)

Substrate	Species	Biotransformation products	Yield (%)	MW	Kovat's index	MS data
Citronellol	<i>A. vulgaris var. indica</i>	Citronellic acid	8.6	184	Data not shown	Data not shown
	<i>C. cyminum</i>	Terpinolene	7.9	136	1088	41, 51, 67, 77, 79, 91, 93, 105, 121, 136
		α -Terpineol	9.1	154	1189	41, 43, 55, 59, 67, 71, 81, 93, 107, 121, 136
		Citronellic acid	11.2	184	Data not shown	Data not shown
		Citronellyl acetate	11.4	198	1354	43, 55, 67, 81, 95, 109, 123, 138
		β -Elemene	7.5	204	1391	41, 53, 67, 79, 93, 105, 121, 133, 147, 161, 175, 189
	<i>F. japonica</i>	cis-p-Menth-2-en-1-ol	15.5	154	1121	43, 55, 69, 81, 93, 111, 121, 139, 154
		Citronellal	19.5	154	1153	41, 55, 69, 84, 95, 111, 121, 139, 154
		α -Terpineol	14.3	154	1189	41, 43, 55, 59, 67, 71, 81, 93, 107, 121, 136
		Citronellyl acetate	15.8	198	1354	43, 55, 67, 81, 95, 109, 123, 138
	<i>P. cablin</i>	Citronellic acid	9.5	184	Data not shown	Data not shown

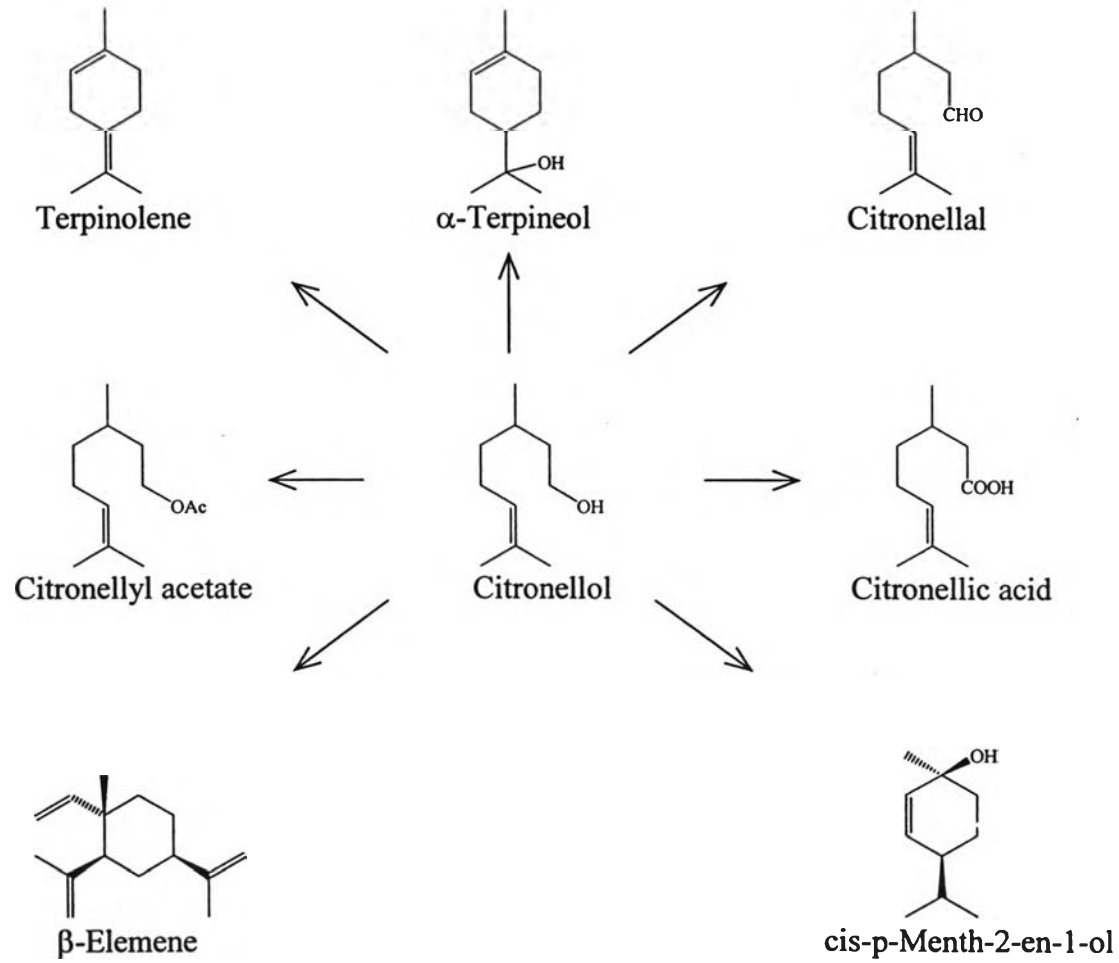


Figure 50 Biotransformation products of citronellol in individual cell suspension cultures

Table 44 Biotransformation products from a range of acyclic terpenes fed to individual suspensions (Reading taken at 24 hours unless otherwise stated) (Cont.)

Substrate	Species	Biotransformation products	Yield (%)	MW	Kovat's index	MS data
Z,Z-Farnesol	<i>A. vulgaris</i> var. <i>indica</i>	Z,Z-Farnesyl acetate	7.5	264	1843	41, 55, 69, 81, 93, 107, 121, 136, 161, 189
	<i>C. cyminum</i>	Z,Z-Farnesyl acetate	15.2	264	1843	41, 55, 69, 81, 93, 107, 121, 136, 161, 189
	<i>F. japonica</i>	Z,Z-Farnesyl acetate	19.3	264	1843	41, 55, 69, 81, 93, 107, 121, 136, 161, 189
	<i>P. cablin</i>	Z,Z-Farnesyl acetate	9.1	264	1843	41, 55, 69, 81, 93, 107, 121, 136, 161, 189

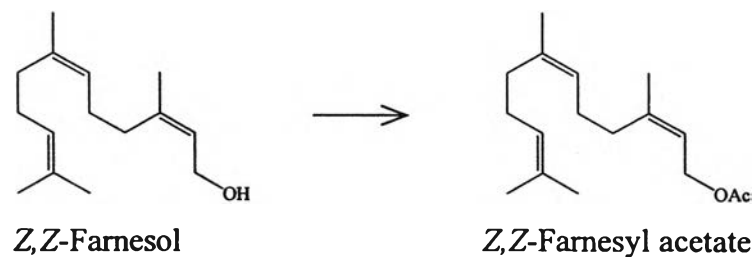


Figure 51 Biotransformation products of Z,Z-farnesol in individual cell suspension cultures

Table 44 Biotransformation products from a range of acyclic terpenes fed to individual suspensions (Reading taken at 24 hours unless otherwise stated) (Cont.)

Substrate	Species	Biotransformation products	Yield (%)	MW	Kovat's index	MS data
Geraniol	<i>A. vulgaris</i> var. <i>indica</i>	Nerol	19.5	154	1228	41, 53, 69, 81, 93, 111, 121, 139
		Linalool	18.5	154	1098	43, 55, 71, 80, 93, 109, 121, 136, 154
	<i>C. cyminum</i>	Nerol	20.5	154	1228	41, 53, 69, 81, 93, 111, 121, 139
	<i>F. japonica</i>	α -Terpineol	4.2	154	1189	43, 55, 59, 67, 71, 81, 93, 107, 121, 136
		Linalyl acetate	7.3	196	1257	43, 55, 67, 80, 93, 105, 121, 136
		Geranial	12.5	152	1270	41, 53, 59, 69, 83, 95, 109, 123, 137, 152
	<i>P. cablin</i>	Nerol	15.5	154	1228	41, 53, 69, 81, 93, 111, 121, 139
		Geranial	9.5	152	1270	41, 53, 59, 69, 83, 95, 109, 123, 137, 152

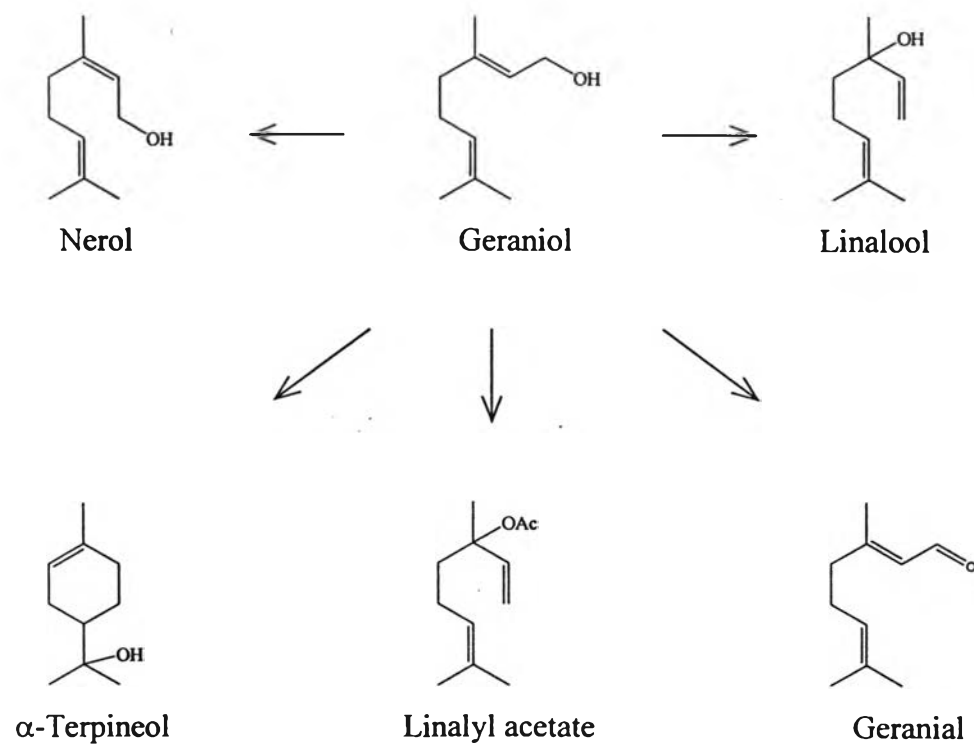


Figure 53 Biotransformation products of geraniol in individual cell suspension cultures

Table 44 Biotransformation products from a range of acyclic terpenes fed to individual suspensions (Reading taken at 24 hours unless otherwise stated) (Cont.)

Substrate	Species	Biotransformation products	Yield (%)	MW	Kovat's index	MS data
Geranyl acetate	<i>A. vulgaris var. indica</i>	Geraniol	15.2	154	1255	41, 53, 69, 81, 93, 111, 123, 139
		Geranial	9.5	152	1270	41, 53, 59, 69, 83, 95, 109, 123, 137, 152
	<i>C. cyminum</i>	Nerol	11.5	154	1228	41, 53, 69, 81, 93, 111, 121, 139
		Geraniol	14.5	154	1255	41, 53, 69, 81, 93, 111, 123, 139
	<i>F. japonica</i>	α -Terpinene	4.7	136	1018	41, 55, 60, 65, 77, 93, 105, 121, 136
		Nerol	12.2	154	1228	41, 53, 69, 81, 93, 111, 121, 139
		Geraniol	15.4	154	1255	41, 53, 69, 81, 93, 111, 123, 139
	<i>P. cablin</i>	Geraniol	16.8	154	1255	41, 53, 69, 81, 93, 111, 123, 139

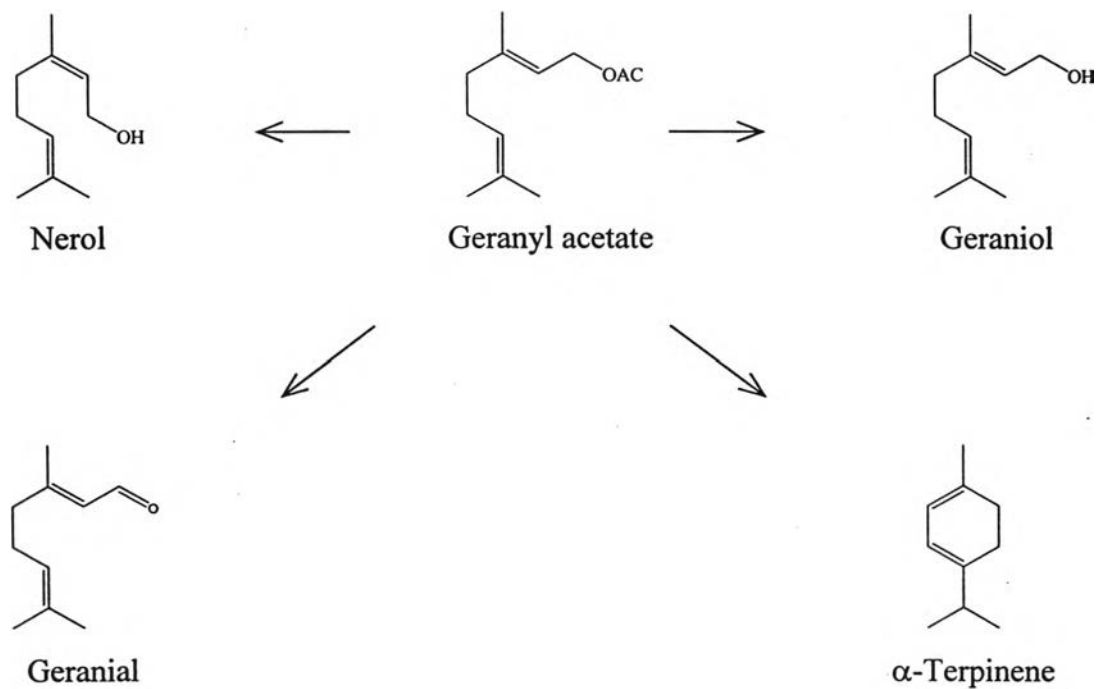


Figure 54 Biotransformation products of geranyl acetate in individual cell suspension cultures

Table 44 Biotransformation products from a range of acyclic terpenes fed to individual suspensions (Reading taken at 24 hours unless otherwise stated) (Cont.)

Substrate	Species	Biotransformation products	Yield (%)	MW	Kovat's index	MS data
Linalool	<i>A. vulgaris var. indica</i>	Linanyl acetate	12.5	196	1257	43, 55, 67, 80, 93, 105, 121, 136
	<i>C. cyminum</i>	Linalyl acetate	16.5	196	1257	43, 55, 67, 80, 93, 105, 121, 136
	<i>F. japonica</i>	cis-Linalool oxide	15.4	170	1074	43, 59, 67, 79, 93, 111, 125, 137, 153, 164
		α -Terpineol	14.4	154	1189	43, 55, 59, 67, 71, 81, 93, 107, 121, 136
		Linalyl acetate	17.6	196	1257	43, 55, 67, 80, 93, 105, 121, 136
		Menthyl acetate	17.6	198	1294	43, 55, 67, 81, 95, 109, 123, 138
		Citronellic acid	15.63	184	Data not shown	Data not shown
		Geranyl acetate	14.3	198	1383	41, 43, 53, 69, 80, 93, 107, 121, 136
	<i>P. cablin</i>	Linalyl acetate	11.5	196	1257	43, 55, 67, 80, 93, 105, 121, 136

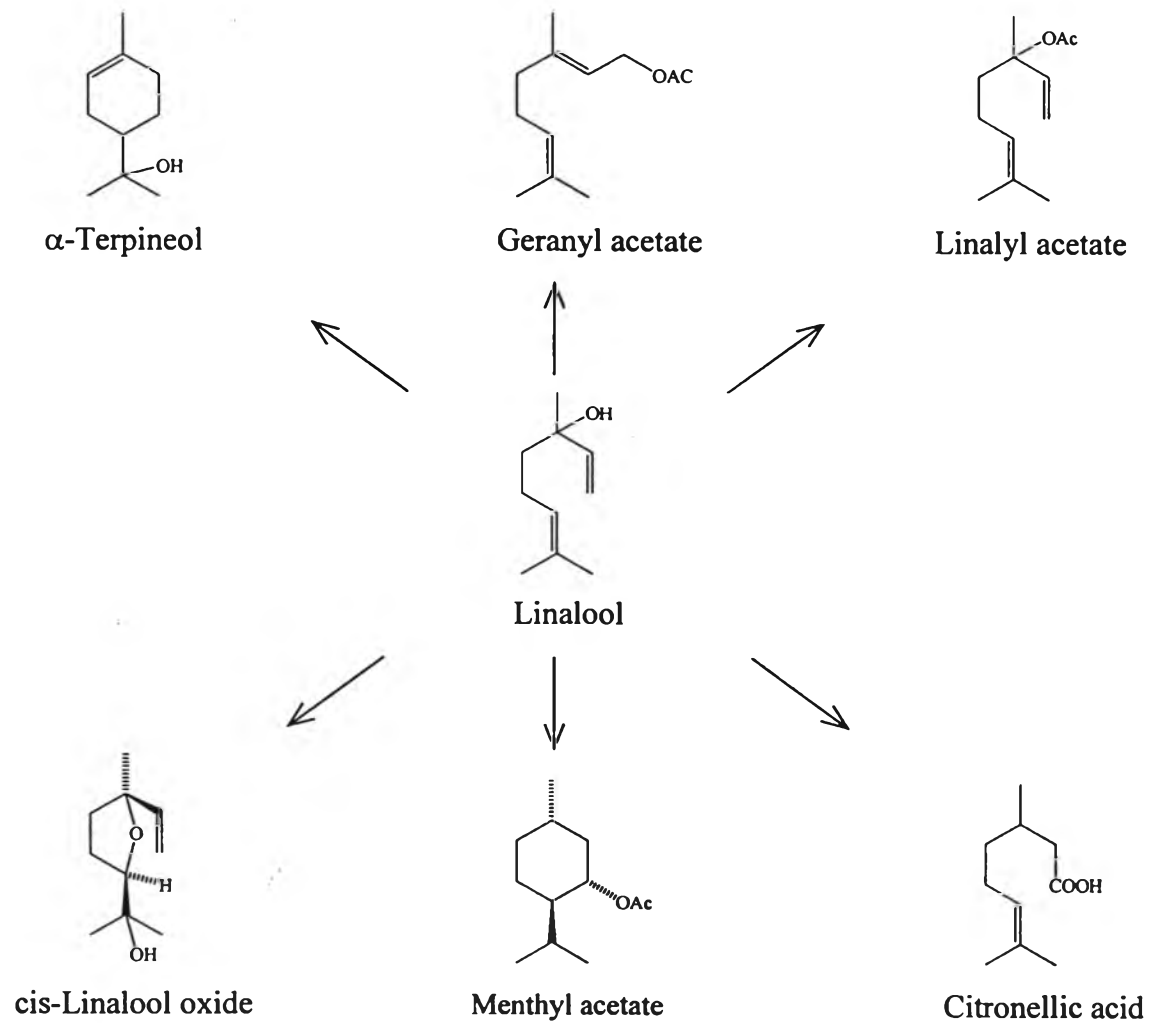


Figure 55 Biotransformation products of linalool in individual cell suspension cultures

Table 44 Biotransformation products from a range of acyclic terpenes fed to individual suspensions (Reading taken at 24 hours unless otherwise stated) (Cont.)

Substrate	Species	Biotransformation products	Yield (%)	MW	Kovat's index	MS data
Linalyl acetate	<i>A. vulgaris var. indica</i>	Linalool	13.5	154	1098	43, 55, 71, 80, 93, 109, 121, 136, 154
	<i>C. cyminum</i>	Linalool	17.3	154	1098	43, 55, 71, 80, 93, 109, 121, 136, 154
		α -Terpineol	11.6	154	1189	43, 55, 59, 67, 71, 81, 93, 107, 121, 136
		Geraniol	5.9	154	1255	41, 53, 69, 81, 93, 111, 123, 139
		α -Terpinyl acetate	4.5	196	1350	43, 55, 67, 79, 93, 105, 121, 136
		Neryl acetate	4.5	196	1365	41, 43, 69, 80, 93, 107, 121, 136, 154

Table 44 Biotransformation products from a range of acyclic terpenes fed to individual suspensions (Reading taken at 24 hours unless otherwise stated) (Cont.)

Substrate	Species	Biotransformation products	Yield (%)	MW	Kovat's index	MS data
Linalyl acetate	<i>F. japonica</i>	β -Myrcene	1.17	136	991	41, 53, 69, 81, 93, 107, 121, 136
		d-Limonene	0.8	136	1031	41, 53, 67, 79, 93, 107, 121, 136
		cis-Linalool oxide	1.58	170	1074	43, 59, 67, 79, 93, 111, 125, 137, 153, 164
		Linalool	18.2	154	1098	43, 55, 71, 80, 93, 109, 121, 136, 154
		Terpinen-4-ol	4.2	154	1177	43, 55, 67, 71, 81, 93, 98, 111, 125, 136, 154
		α -Terpineol	12.6	154	1189	43, 55, 59, 67, 71, 81, 93, 107, 121, 136
		α -Terpinyl acetate	9.5	196	1350	43, 55, 67, 79, 93, 105, 121, 136
		Geranyl acetate	5.7	196	1383	41, 53, 69, 80, 93, 107, 121, 136
	trans-Caryophyllene	4.7	204	1418	41, 55, 69, 79, 91, 105, 119, 133, 147, 161, 175, 189, 204	
	<i>P. cablin</i>	Linalool	16.5	154	1098	43, 55, 71, 80, 93, 109, 121, 136, 154

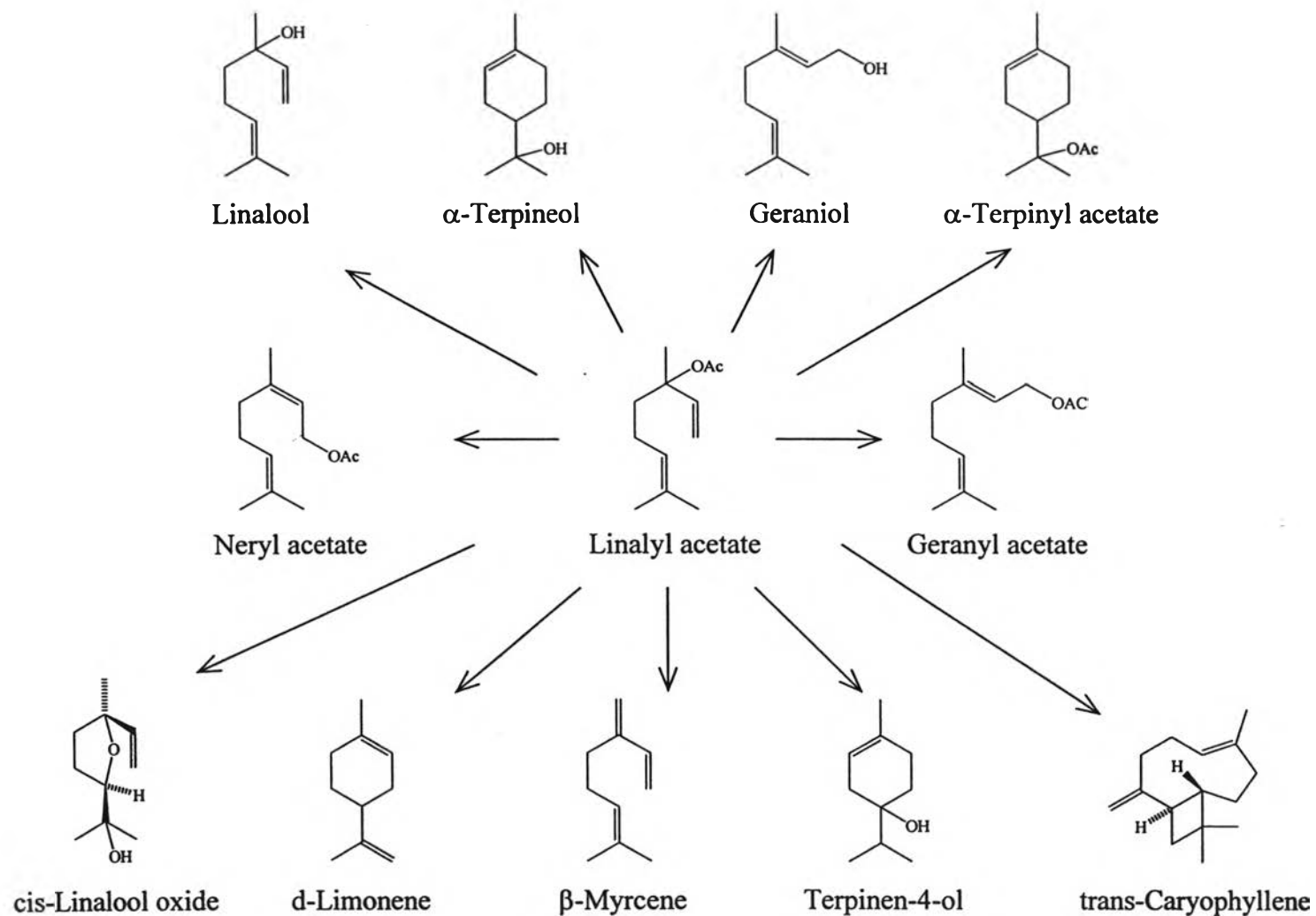


Figure 56 Biotransformation products of linalyl acetate in individual cell suspension cultures

Table 44 Biotransformation products from a range of acyclic terpenes fed to individual suspensions (Reading taken at 24 hours unless otherwise stated) (Cont.)

Substrate	Species	Biotransformation products	Yield (%)	MW	Kovat's index	MS data
Nerol	<i>A. vulgaris var. indica</i>	Geraniol	16.5	154	1255	41, 53, 69, 81, 93, 111, 123, 139
	<i>C. cyminum</i>	Geraniol	18.5	154	1255	41, 53, 69, 81, 93, 111, 123, 139
		Neral	14.5	152	1240	41, 53, 59, 69, 81, 95, 99, 109, 119, 137
		Neryl acetate	9.5	196	1365	41, 53, 69, 80, 93, 107, 121, 136, 154
	<i>F. japonica</i>	α -Terpineol	14.7	154	1189	43, 55, 59, 67, 71, 81, 93, 107, 121, 136
		Linalyl acetate	16.7	196	1257	43, 55, 67, 80, 93, 105, 121, 136
		Geranial	15.5	152	1270	41, 53, 59, 69, 83, 95, 109, 123, 137, 152
		trans-Dihydro- α -terpineol	16.1	156	1161	49, 59, 67, 81, 95, 123, 155
	<i>P. cablin</i>	Geraniol	13.5	154	1255	41, 53, 69, 81, 93, 111, 123, 139

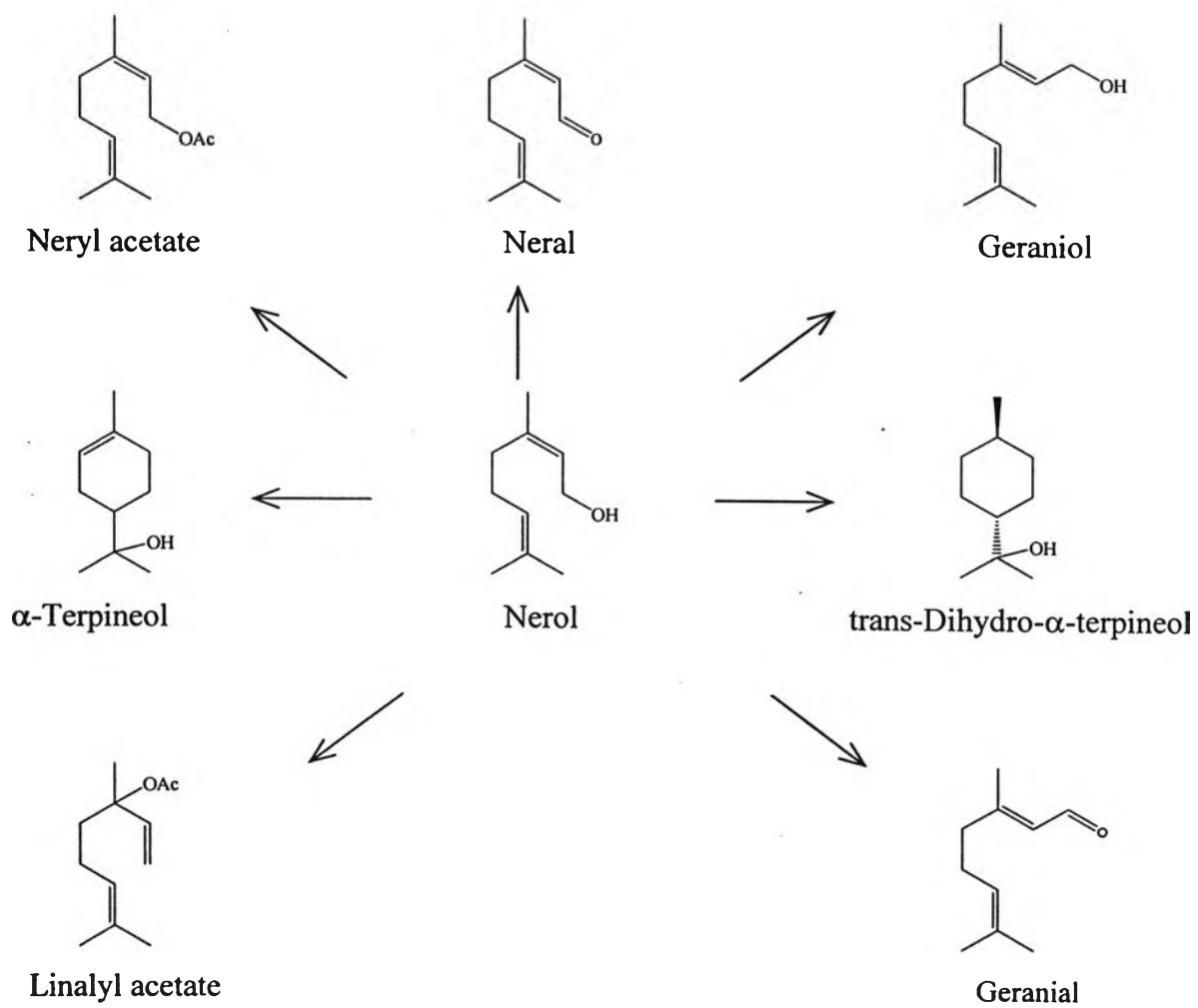


Figure 57 Biotransformation products of nerol in individual cell suspension cultures

4.11.1.4.2 Biotransformation of cyclic monoterpenes

Some common cyclic monoterpenes were administered to suspension cultures of *Artemisia vulgaris* var. *indica*, *Cuminum cyminum*, *Fortunella japonica*, and *Pogostemon cablin*. Again the results showed different biotransformation products in individual suspensions. Details are shown in Table 45 and Fig. 58-67.

Table 45 Biotransformation products from a range of cyclic terpenes fed to individual cell suspension cultures (Reading taken at 24 hours unless otherwise stated)

Substrate	Species	Biotransformation products	Yield (%)	MW	Kovat's index	MS data
l-Bornyl acetate	<i>A. vulgaris var. indica</i>	l-Borneol	20.1	154	1165	41, 55, 67, 81, 95, 111, 121, 137
	<i>C. cuminum</i>	Camphor	11.2	152	1143	41, 55, 67, 81, 95, 108, 137, 152
		l-Borneol	21.7	154	1165	41, 55, 67, 81, 95, 111, 121, 137
	<i>F. japonica</i>	Camphor	14.8	152	1143	41, 55, 67, 81, 95, 108, 137, 152
		l-Borneol	25.6	154	1165	41, 55, 67, 81, 95, 111, 121, 137
	<i>P. cablin</i>	l-Borneol	20.3	154	1165	41, 55, 67, 81, 95, 111, 121, 137

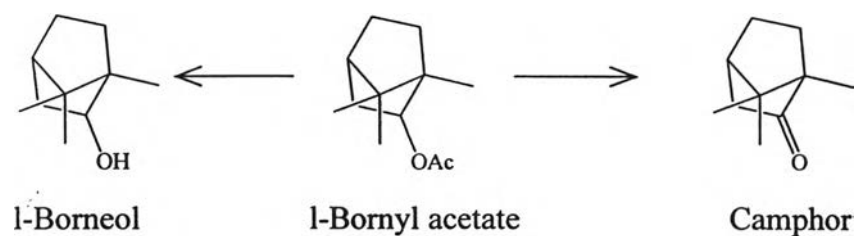


Figure 58 Biotransformation products of l-bornyl acetate in individual cell suspension cultures

Table 45 Biotransformation products from a range of cyclic terpenes fed to individual cell suspension cultures (Reading taken at 24 hours unless otherwise stated) (Cont.)

Substrate	Species	Biotransformation products	Yield (%)	MW	Kovat's index	MS data
l-Borneol	<i>A. vulgaris var. indica</i>	Camphor	20.2	152	1143	41, 55, 67, 81, 95, 108, 137, 152
	<i>C. cyminum</i>	Camphor	25.2	152	1143	41, 55, 67, 81, 95, 108, 137, 152
	<i>F. japonica</i>	Camphor	28.5	152	1143	41, 55, 67, 81, 95, 108, 137, 152
	<i>P. cablin</i>	Camphor	21.9	152	1143	41, 55, 67, 81, 95, 108, 137, 152

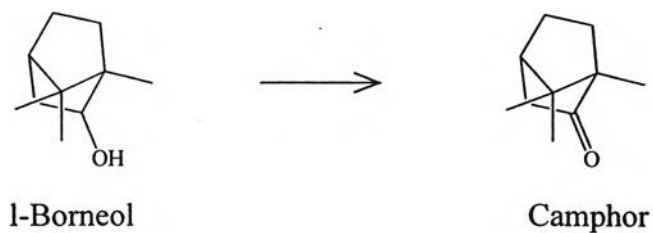


Figure 59 Biotransformation products of l-borneol in individual cell suspension cultures

Table 45 Biotransformation products from a range of cyclic terpenes fed to individual cell suspension cultures (Reading taken at 24 hours unless otherwise stated) (Cont.)

Substrate	Species	Biotransformation products	Yield (%)	MW	Kovat's index	MS data
Fenchyl acetate	<i>A. vulgaris var. indica</i>	Fenchol	14.3	154	1112	43, 57, 67, 81, 93, 98, 111, 121, 137
	<i>C. cyminum</i>	Fenchol	18.3	154	1112	43, 57, 67, 81, 93, 98, 111, 121, 137
		Borneol	9.2	154	1165	41, 55, 67, 81, 95, 111, 121, 137
	<i>F. japonica</i>	Fenchol	23.5	154	1112	43, 57, 67, 81, 93, 98, 111, 121, 137
		Borneol	12.1	154	1165	41, 55, 67, 81, 95, 111, 121, 137
	<i>P. cablin</i>	Fenchol	14.6	154	1112	43, 57, 67, 81, 93, 98, 111, 121, 137

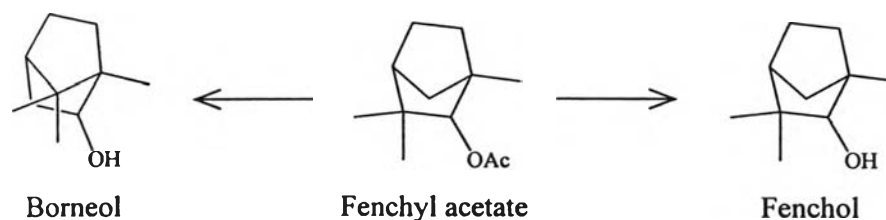


Figure 61 Biotransformation products of fenchyl acetate in individual cell suspension cultures

Table 45 Biotransformation products from a range of cyclic terpenes fed to individual cell suspension cultures (Reading taken at 24 hours unless otherwise stated) (Cont.)

Substrate	Species	Biotransformation products	Yield (%)	MW	Kovat's index	MS data
Menthone	<i>A. vulgaris var. indica</i>	Menthol	5.5	156	1173	41, 55, 71, 81, 95, 109, 123, 138
	<i>C. cyminum</i>	Menthol	9.5	156	1173	41, 55, 71, 81, 95, 109, 123, 138
	<i>F. japonica</i>	Menthol	12.5	156	1173	41, 55, 71, 81, 95, 109, 123, 138
		Menthyl acetate	7.5	198	1294	43, 55, 67, 81, 95, 109, 123, 138
	<i>P. cablin</i>	Menthol	6.5	156	1173	41, 55, 71, 81, 95, 109, 123, 138

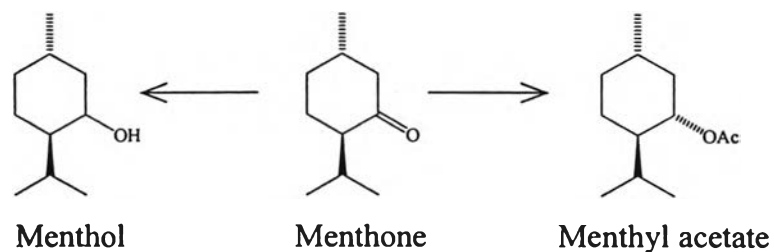


Figure 62 Biotransformation products of menthone in individual cell suspension cultures

Table 45 Biotransformation products from a range of cyclic terpenes fed to individual cell suspension cultures (Reading taken at 24 hours unless otherwise stated) (Cont.)

Substrate	Species	Biotransformation products	Yield (%)	MW	Kovat's index	MS data
Menthyl acetate	<i>A. vulgaris var. indica</i>	Menthol	5.5	156	1173	41, 55, 71, 81, 95, 109, 123, 138
	<i>C. cyminum</i>	Menthol	6.7	156	1173	41, 55, 71, 81, 95, 109, 123, 138
	<i>F. japonica</i>	Menthol	9.5	156	1173	41, 55, 71, 81, 95, 109, 123, 138
	<i>P. cablin</i>	Menthol	5.3	156	1173	41, 55, 71, 81, 95, 109, 123, 138

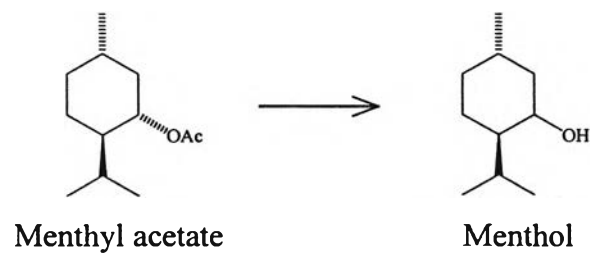


Figure 63 Biotransformation products of menthyl acetate in individual cell suspension cultures

Table 45 Biotransformation products from a range of cyclic terpenes fed to individual cell suspension cultures (Reading taken at 24 hours unless otherwise stated) (Cont.)

Substrate	Species	Biotransformation products	Yield (%)	MW	Kovat's index	MS data
d-Limonene	<i>A. vulgaris var. indica</i>	α -Terpineol	8.5	154	1189	43, 59, 67, 81, 93, 107, 121, 136
		cis-Carveol	4.2	152	1229	41, 55, 67, 84, 93, 109, 119, 134
	<i>C. cyminum</i>	α -Terpineol	11.5	154	1189	43, 59, 67, 81, 93, 107, 121, 136
		cis-Carveol	4.5	152	1229	41, 55, 67, 84, 93, 109, 119, 134
	<i>F. japonica</i>	α -Terpineol	13.5	154	1189	43, 59, 67, 81, 93, 107, 121, 136
		cis-Carveol	5.8	152	1229	41, 55, 67, 84, 93, 109, 119, 134
	<i>P. cablin</i>	α -Terpineol	8.3	154	1189	43, 59, 67, 81, 93, 107, 121, 136
		cis-Carveol	3.9	152	1229	41, 55, 67, 84, 93, 109, 119, 134

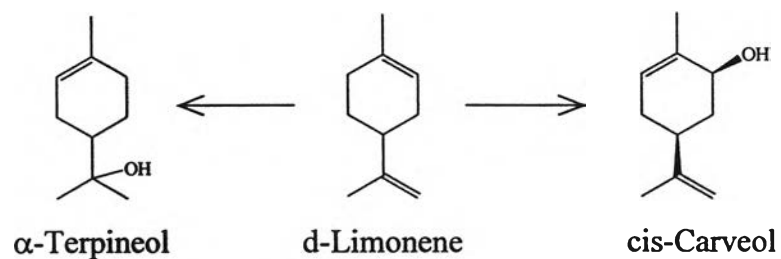


Figure 64 Biotransformation products of d-limonene in individual cell suspension cultures

Table 45 Biotransformation products from a range of cyclic terpenes fed to individual cell suspension cultures (Reading taken at 24 hours unless otherwise stated) (Cont.)

Substrate	Species	Biotransformation products	Yield (%)	MW	Kovat's index	MS data
α -Pinene	<i>A. vulgaris var. indica</i>	trans-Verbenol	11.5	152	1144	41, 55, 67, 81, 91, 109, 119
	<i>C. cyminum</i>	trans-Verbenol	16.3	152	1144	41, 55, 67, 81, 91, 109, 119
		Verbenone	6.5	150	1204	41, 55, 67, 79, 91, 107, 122, 135, 150
	<i>F. japonica</i>	trans-Verbenol	18.5	152	1144	41, 55, 67, 81, 91, 109, 119
		Verbenone	7.2	150	1204	41, 55, 67, 79, 91, 107, 122, 135, 150
	<i>P. cablin</i>	trans-Verbenol	11.2	152	1144	41, 55, 67, 81, 91, 109, 119

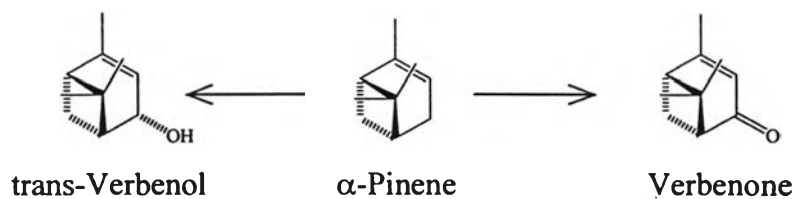


Figure 65 Biotransformation products of α -pinene in individual cell suspension cultures

Table 45 Biotransformation products from a range of cyclic terpenes fed to individual cell suspension cultures (Reading taken at 24 hours unless otherwise stated) (Cont.)

Substrate	Species	Biotransformation products	Yield (%)	MW	Kovat's index	MS data
β -Pinene	<i>A. vulgaris</i> var. <i>indica</i>	Myrtenol	16.8	152	1194	41, 53, 67, 79, 91, 107, 119 137 152
	<i>C. cyminum</i>	Myrtenol	21.5	152	1194	41, 53, 67, 79, 91, 107, 119 137 152
		Myrtenal	25.5	150	1193	41, 51, 67, 79, 91, 107, 121, 135, 150
	<i>F. japonica</i>	Myrtenol	24.8	152	1194	41, 53, 67, 79, 91, 107, 119 137 152
		Myrtenal	28.3	150	1193	41, 51, 67, 79, 91, 107, 121, 135, 150
	<i>P. cablin</i>	Myrtenol	18.6	152	1194	41, 53, 67, 79, 91, 107, 119 137 152

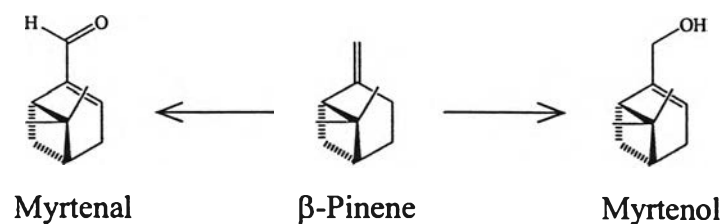


Figure 66 Biotransformation products of β -pinene in individual cell suspension cultures

Table 45 Biotransformation products from a range of cyclic terpenes fed to individual cell suspension cultures (Reading taken at 24 hours unless otherwise stated) (Cont.)

Substrate	Species	Biotransformation products	Yield (%)	MW	Kovat's index	MS data
Verbenol	<i>A. vulgaris</i> var. <i>indica</i>	Verbenone	22.4	150	1204	41, 55, 67, 79, 91, 107, 122, 135, 150
	<i>C. cyminum</i>	Verbenone	24.3	150	1204	41, 55, 67, 79, 91, 107, 122, 135, 150
		Verbenyl acetate	21.9	194	1282	43, 59, 67, 77, 91, 109, 119, 134
	<i>F. japonica</i>	Verbenone	29.5	150	1204	41, 55, 67, 79, 91, 107, 122, 135, 150
		Verbenyl acetate	23.5	194	1282	43, 59, 67, 77, 91, 109, 119, 134
	<i>P. cablin</i>	Verbenone	10.5	150	1204	41, 55, 67, 79, 91, 107, 122, 135, 150

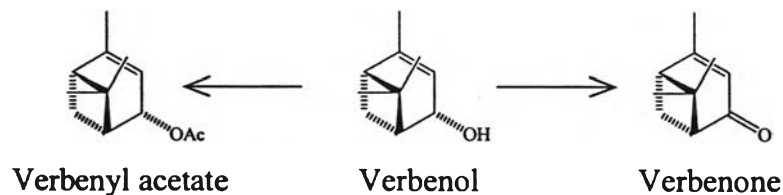


Figure 67 Biotransformation products of verbenol in individual cell suspension cultures

4.11.1.5 Improved yield of biotransformation products by p-HEMA discs

Various ratio of HEMA, EGDMA and water content were chosen in order to optimise the ratio of disc components. The suitable ratio of HEMA, EGDMA and water content studied by Zhu (Zhu and Lockwood, 2000) was 5:0.5:2. This ratio had been selected to prepare polymer disc in this experiment. 100 ppm Geraniol was added into p-HEMA disc and its time-course studied after feeding to cell cultures.

4.11.1.5.1 Time-course study of feeding of p-HEMA discs containing monoterpenes to cell suspension cultures

According to experiment 4.11.1.3, after feeding 100 ppm geraniol into cell suspension cultures of *Fortunella japonica*, it had been biotransformed to nerol and geranyl acetate. However, the levels of geraniol, nerol, and geranyl acetate were decreased rapidly, meanwhile neryl acetate could not be detected at any times. In order to improved yields of biotransformation products, the disc polymer named p-HEMA disc was applied.

After feeding p-HEMA disc containing 100 ppm geraniol, geraniol was control-released from disc polymer and biotransformed to nerol and geranyl acetate. Nerol and geranyl acetate could be detected until 21 day at the low level and stable concentrations in cell cultures. Moreover, neryl acetate could be detected at the lowest concentration.

4.11.1.6 Feeding precursors of each major chemical constituents in individual cell suspension cultures

In attempt to increase the level of major chemical constituents, the precursor of each compound was fed into cell suspension cultures in the early of stationary phase. After feeding precursor experiments of individual cell cultures, their levels of major chemical constituents were successfully increased as shown in Table 46.

Table 46 Yield of major chemical constituent of individual plant after precursor feeding experiments

Plant species	Precursor feeding	Major chemical constituent	Yield (ppm)	
			Control experiment	Feeding experiment
<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i> var. <i>indica</i>	Geraniol	(+)-davanone	21.5	35.5
<i>Fortunella japonica</i>	Geraniol	d-limonene	22.5	26.5
	Nerol	d-limonene	22.5	28.9
	Linalool	d-limonene	22.5	40.4
<i>Cuminum cyminum</i>	Geraniol	cuminaldehyde	26.7	31.5
	Cuminol	cuminaldehyde	26.7	52.5
<i>Pogostemon cablin</i>	Z,Z-Farnesol	patchouli alcohol	19.5	25.5

4.11.2 Elicitation

In attempt to increase d-limonene level in cell suspension cultures of *Fortunella japonica*, chitosan and methyl jasmonate had been used as elicitors in elicitation.

4.11.2.1 Elicitation with chitosan

Chitosan has been proved to be the effective elicitor used for increasing the level of secondary metabolites in cell cultures. According to it is permeabilising agent as well, excessively chitosan concentration may be caused cell death. Determination of the optimum chitosan concentration should be done before starting elicitation experiment.

4.11.2.1.1 Determination of optimum chitosan concentration

To determine the optimum chitosan concentration, the concentrations of chitosan were varied from 50 to 400 ppm, and the effect of chitosan on cell growth and volatile constituents, particularly in d-limonene, was investigated for 7 days. As shown in Fig. 68, any concentrations of chitosan up to 200 ppm did not inhibit growth of *Fortunella japonica* and d-limonene was reached a maximum value at 200 ppm chitosan.

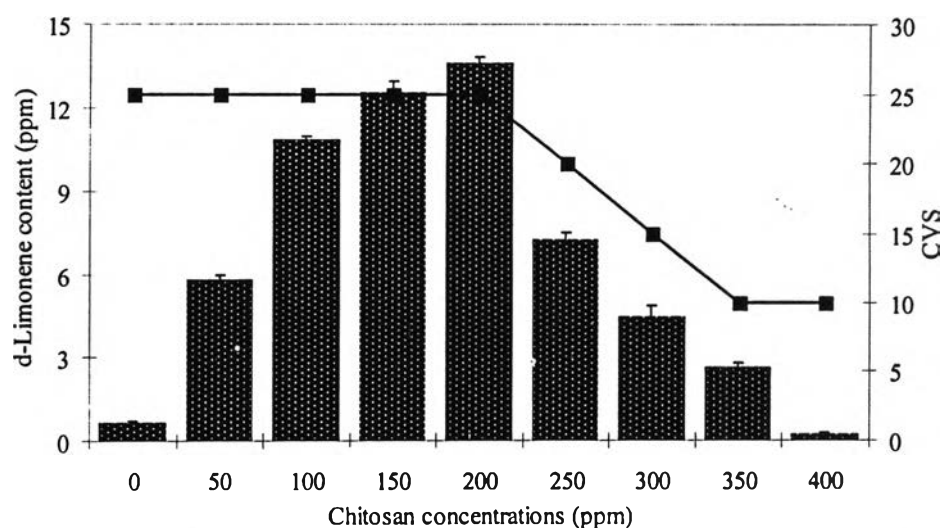


Figure 68 The effect of various chitosan concentrations on cell growth (■) and d-limonene production (■) in *F. japonica* suspension cultures after 7 days

4.11.2.1.2 Determination of optimum period of elicitation

200 ppm of chitosan was added to suspension cultures of *Fortunella japonica*, and volatile constituents, particularly in d-limonene, were investigated for 21 days. The result has been shown in Fig. 69. In elicited cell, d-limonene content increased up at day 12 and then decrease, whilst d-limonene content in control experiment remained low until day 21. The maximum d-limonene content reached 42.5 ppm (34.27 fold increase compared to control) at day 12 of elicitation. This result indicates that the optimum period of elicitation for d-limonene production is 12 days. From the pathways for α -terpineol formation, it is formed from d-limonene or linalool. In this experiment, after d-limonene decrease in day 15, α -terpineol increase. Both d-limonene and α -terpineol remain in culture until day 21, 17 fold and 15 fold increase, respectively, compare to control.

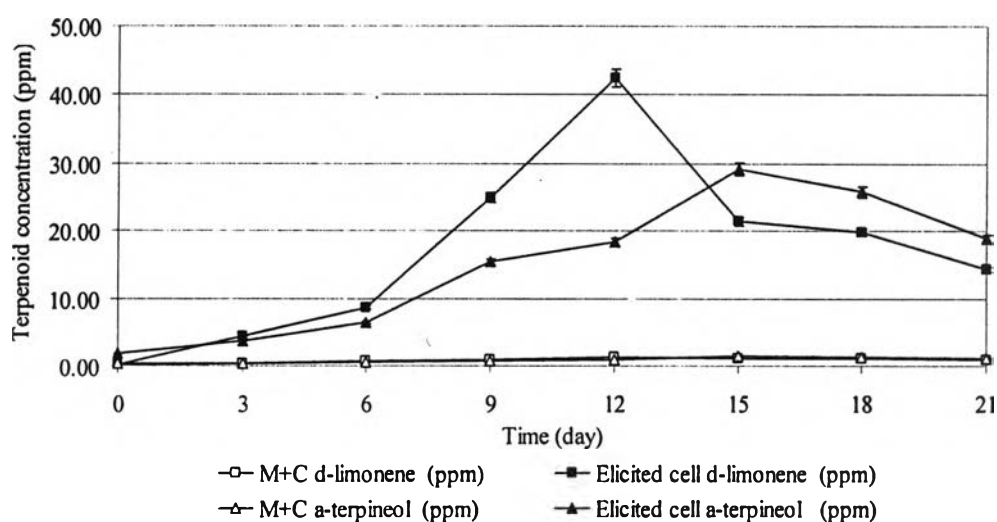


Fig. 69 d-Limonene and α -terpineol concentrations in elicited cell cultures of *Fortunella japonica* compared to control experiment (non-elicited cells; M+C)

4.11.2.2 Elicitation with methyl jasmonate (MEJA)

4.11.2.2.1 Determination of optimum concentration of methyl jasmonate

The concentration of MEJA was varied from 50 to 200 ppm. The effect of MEJA on cell growth and volatile constituents are investigated every 7 day until 21 days. After 21 days of experiment, 50 ppm MEJA seemed to inhibit growth of *Fortunella japonica* cell suspension cultures, whilst cell did not growth in 100 and 200 ppm MEJA. Meanwhile, every concentrations of MEJA effect to cell growth of *Cuminum cyminum*, their growth rate were less than control experiment. Moreover, the pH of both cultures compared to control experiment was different.

4.11.2.2.2 Effect of methyl jasmonate on essential oil constituents product in *Fortunella japonica* cell suspension cultures

By day 14 of the experiment in *Fortunella japonica* cell suspension cultures, the GC chromatogram shows peaks of nerol (4.06 ppm) and geraniol (5.41 ppm), while linalool shows only a trace. By day 21 of the experiment, all of them had disappeared, but the GC chromatogram showed peaks of α -thujene (5.83 ppm), camphene (7.17 ppm), β -pinene (6.17 ppm), isopulegol (15.21 ppm) and geranyl acetate (17.07 ppm). α -Thujene, camphene, and β -pinene are volatile constituents found in leaves essential oil, but isopulegol and geranyl acetate are not. The results have been shown in Table 47 and Table 48, respectively.

Table 47 Detected essential oil constituents after day 14 of elicitation of methyl jasmonate in *Fortunella japonica*

Detected compound	Yield (ppm)	KI	MS data
linalool	t	1098	43, 55, 71, 80, 93, 109, 121, 136, 154
nerol	4.07	1228	41, 53, 69, 81, 93, 111, 121, 139
geraniol	5.41	1255	41, 53, 69, 81, 93, 111, 123, 139

t = trace (less than 0.01)

Table 48 Detected essential oil constituents after day 21 of elicitation of methyl jasmonate in *Fortunella japonica*

Detected compound	Yield (ppm)	KI	MS data
α -thujene	5.83	931	41, 51, 65, 77, 91, 105, 121, 136
camphene	7.17	953	41, 53, 67, 79, 93, 107, 121, 136
β -pinene	6.17	980	41, 53, 69, 79, 93, 107, 121, 136
isopulegol	15.21	1146	41, 55, 67, 81, 95, 111, 121, 137
geranyl acetate	17.07	1383	41, 53, 69, 80, 93, 107, 121, 136

4.11.3 Permeabilisation

In an attempt to increase levels of essential oil constituents, particularly in d-limonene, Tween-20 was used as permeabilising agent in this experiment.

4.11.3.1 Determination of optimum Tween-20 concentration

Tween-20 is permeabilising agent, and excessive Tween-20 concentration may cause cell death. The optimum Tween-20 concentration should be determined before starting permeabilisation experiment.

The concentration of Tween-20 was varied (1, 1.5, and 2 % (w/v), and effect of Tween-20 concentration on appearance, growth rate, and volatile constituents were investigated every 7 days, until 21 days.

At day 21 of the experiment no concentration of Tween-20 inhibited growth of *Fortunella japonica* cell suspension cultures. Meanwhile, every concentration of Tween-20 effected cell growth of *Cuminum cyminum*, their growth rate were less than control experiment.

The pH of both cultures compared to control experiment was different.

4.11.3.2 Effect of Tween-20 on essential oil constituents in *Fortunella japonica* cell suspension cultures

In day 7 of experiment, there are nothing different between permeabilised cell and control experiment. In day 14 of experiment, the GC chromatogram of all Tween-20 concentrations showed peaks of linalool and geraniol, while nerol is only shown in GC chromatogram have 2% Tween-20. Their concentration in individual cell is shown below. Meanwhile, in day 21 of experiment, only GC chromatogram have 2% Tween-20 shows peaks of myrcenol, α -terpineol and geranyl acetate. The results have been shown in Table 49 and Table 50, respectively.

Table 49 Detected essential oil constituents after day 14 of permeabilisation using various Tween-20 concentrations in *Fortunella japonica*

1% Tween-20

Detected compound	Yield (ppm)	KI	MS data
linalool	4.63	1098	43, 55, 71, 80, 93, 109, 121, 136, 154
geraniol	6.53	1255	41, 53, 69, 81, 93, 111, 123, 139

1.5 % Tween-20

Detected compound	Yield (ppm)	KI	MS data
linalool	4.95	1098	43, 55, 71, 80, 93, 109, 121, 136, 154
geraniol	5.90	1255	41, 53, 69, 81, 93, 111, 123, 139

2% Tween-20

Detected compound	Yield (ppm)	KI	MS data
linalool	6.71	1098	43, 55, 71, 80, 93, 109, 121, 136, 154
nerol	4.41	1228	41, 53, 69, 81, 93, 111, 123, 139
geraniol	8.70	1255	41, 53, 69, 81, 93, 111, 123, 139

Table 50 Detected essential oil constituents after day 21 of permeabilisation using 2% Tween-20 in *Fortunella japonica*

2% Tween-20

Detected compound	Yield (ppm)	KI	MS data
myrcenol	5.62	1118	43, 53, 59, 67, 79, 93, 107, 121, 136
α -terpineol	136.08	1189	43, 55, 59, 67, 71, 81, 93, 107, 121, 136
geranyl acetate	120.46	1383	41, 53, 69, 80, 93, 107, 121, 136

4.11.4 *In situ* product removal (two-phase system)

In order to prevent cell death from monoterpenes released in culture media, n-hexadecane was applied as the second phase in culture media for accumulating essential oil constituents. After this experiment, the levels of major chemical constituents of each plant cultures are not different significantly. They were still detected in low levels, however, each plant culture looked healthy compared to the control experiment.