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Evaluation of flavour profiles in e-cigarette refill solutions using gas chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry

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11 **Abstract**

12 Many flavour compounds that are present in e-liquids for e-cigarettes are responsible for
13 specific tastes and smoking sensations for users. Data concerning content and specific types
14 of flavours is often limited and unknown to users. The aim of the research was to define and
15 compare flavour profiles of e-liquids with the same group taste from different manufacturers.
16 Gas chromatography coupled with tandem mass spectrometry (GC-MS/MS) was used to
17 separate and identify 90 popular compounds (98, including isomers) of interest. The
18 developed method was validated in terms of accuracy (88-113%) for three spiking levels and
19 the intra-day (0.2-13%) and inter-day precision (1-10%). Limits of quantitation were in the
20 range of 10 to 816 ng/mL, while the matrix effects for 80% of the compounds were at
21 negligible levels. The proposed method is rapid, simple and reliable and uses a green and
22 modern GC-MS/MS technique. Twenty-five samples of five different flavours (tobacco,
23 strawberry, cherry, menthol and apple) from five different producers were analysed, and the
24 determined compounds were categorized and differentiated. The approach proposed in this
25 study allowed for the evaluation of which compounds/group of compounds are responsible for
26 taste and to distinguish common flavour compounds among the investigated brands for each
27 flavour. Furthermore, the presented research can be considered in future toxicological studies.

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29 **Keywords:** replacement liquids for e-cigarettes; gas chromatography-tandem mass
30 spectrometry; flavour compounds; flavour profiles

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32 1. Introduction

33 The availability and growing popularity of flavoured refill liquids for e-cigarettes,
34 especially among young people, raises questions about potential adverse health implications
35 to primary users and non-smokers exposed to second-hand smoke [1,2]. According to the
36 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the use of e-cigarettes (used on at least 1
37 day during the past 30 days) increased dramatically from 1.5% to 11.3% among US middle
38 and high school students during the period of 2011-2016 [3]. In turn, Filippidis *et al.* reported
39 that the use of e-cigarettes in 27 European Union (EU) member states increased from 7.2% to
40 11.6% between 2011 and 2014 [4]. Notably, 81.5% of young e-cigarette users declared they
41 use e-cigarettes “because they come in flavours I like” [5]. Manufacturers offer a wide range
42 of flavoured refill liquids, attracting youths to e-smoking and possibly facilitating the
43 transition to conventional smoking [6,7].

44 The EU Tobacco Product Directive (2014/40/EU) prohibits implementation of
45 flavoured cigarettes; however, this regulation does not consider e-cigarettes. Moreover, there
46 were over 7700 unique flavoured e-liquids being sold on the market according to a study
47 conducted in 2014 [8]. In view of the above information, a chemical analysis is necessary to
48 determine the flavour components added to e-liquids. Moreover, there is lack of studies on the
49 effects of these additives on human cells, particularly in the lungs [9,10]. The dependence
50 between the possible toxicity and flavour compound concentration in e-liquids is another face
51 that requires attention [2]. Currently, there is limited data on the compounds that are
52 responsible for specific e-liquid flavours. However, a qualitative method for the description of
53 flavours in tobacco products has been presented [11] together with quantitative methods for
54 the determination of the compounds in e-liquids [12–14].



55 The application of gas chromatography coupled to mass spectrometry (GC-MS) has
56 aroused significant interest in the analysis of flavouring chemicals in various matrices [15–
57 18], including e-liquids [12,14,19-21]. In the last decade, gas chromatography-tandem mass
58 spectrometry (GC-MS/MS) has emerged as a beneficial tool in the analysis of environmental,
59 food and forensic samples [22–24]. The use of MS/MS allows for better selectivity and
60 sensitivity than MS-based methods, and in most cases, reduces interferences, which is crucial
61 in multivariate flavour determination.

62 The aim of the present study was to evaluate the taste profiles of e-liquids and to
63 distinguish for the first time the dependence between the e-liquid composition and a given
64 flavour. Although, the number of flavour chemicals is large, more knowledge about the
65 specific and known flavour profiles for a specific flavour will help to introduce additional
66 regulation to ensure the chemicals added to e-liquids are maintained at non-toxic doses.

67 For this purpose, a new, highly sensitive and robust GC-MS/MS-based method was
68 developed, which allows for the quantification of 90 (identification of 98, including isomers)
69 flavouring chemicals in e-liquids during a single analytical run. The analytes were chosen
70 among the compounds detected in previous studies and from commonly used flavour
71 additives to e-liquids [11-14, 19]. To the best of the authors' knowledge, there are no
72 scientific reports regarding the quantitation of a wide range of flavour compounds with the aid
73 of GC-MS/MS. The applicability of the developed method was demonstrated through the
74 analysis of 25 e-liquid samples with an expected characteristic flavour profile (menthol,
75 apple, tobacco, strawberry and cherry) of 5 different brands.

76 **2. Materials and methods**

77 **2.1. Reagents and standards**



78 All standards were of analytical grade and obtained from Sigma Aldrich (St. Louis,
79 USA): 1-amyl alcohol, 2-isopropyl-5-methyl-2-hexenal, 3,4-dihydrocoumarin, 2-
80 acetylpyrazine, 2-acetylpyridine, 2-acetylpyrrole, 2-isopropyl-4-methylthiazole, 2-
81 methylpyrazine, 2,5-dimethylpyrazine, 2,6-dimethylpyridine, ethyl 2-methylpropanoate,
82 2,3,5-trimethylpyrazine, 2,3,5,6-tetramethylpyrazine, 3-ethylpyridine, ethyl-3-methyl-3-
83 phenylglycidate, 4-methyl acetophenone, 5-methylfurfural, anisyl acetate, benzaldehyde, α,α -
84 dimethylphenethyl butyrate, benzyl acetate, benzyl alcohol, capric acid, carvone, citral
85 (mixture of *cis* and *trans*; neral and geranial), citronellol, *cis*-3-hexenyl acetate, *cis*-3-
86 hexenyl-valerate, cocal, decanal, diethyl malonate, diethyl succinate, ethyl caproate, ethyl
87 cinnamate, ethyl lactate, ethyl heptanoate, ethyl phenylacetate, ethyl vanillin, ethyl 3-
88 (methylthio)propionate, ethyl maltol, eugenol, furaneol, furfural, furfuryl alcohol, geranyl
89 propionate, geraniol, hedione (mixture of *cis* and *trans*), hexyl acetate, hexyl hexanoate,
90 ionone α , ionone β , isoamyl butyrate, isoamyl isovalerate, isopentyl acetate, leaf aldehyde,
91 leaf alcohol (*cis*-3-hexen-1-ol), limonene, linalool, linalool oxide, linalyl acetate, L-menthyl
92 acetate, maltol, melonal, menthol, menthone, methyl cinnamate, methyl cyclopentenolone,
93 methyl heptenone, methyl salicylate, nerol, n-hexanol, phenethyl alcohol, phenethyl
94 isovalerate, raspberry ketone, styrallyl acetate, tetrahydrolinalool, theaspirane, *trans*-2-
95 hexenol, vanillin, β -damascone, δ -tetradecalactone, γ -valeroactone, γ -hexalactone, α -
96 terpineol, γ -nonanolactone, γ -butyrolactone, γ -decalactone, γ -dodecalactone and δ -
97 decalactone. Naphthalene- d_8 was used as the internal standard (IS) and was purchased from
98 Isotec/Sigma-Aldrich (St. Louis, USA). Vegetable glycerine (VG) and propylene glycol (PG)
99 were purchased from Anwit (Warsaw, Poland), and acetonitrile (ACN) (MS grade) was
100 obtained from Merck (Darmstadt, Germany).

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102 2.2. Standard solutions, calibration solutions and validation formulations



103 Standard stock solutions of the flavours and the IS (naphthalene-d₈) were prepared
104 separately in ACN (5 mg/mL). The working standard mixture of the analytes was prepared by
105 mixing and diluting the standard stock solutions with ACN to obtain a concentration of 25
106 µg/mL of each substance.

107 According to the labels, the main component of samples of e-liquids are: propylene
108 glycol (above 50%), glycerine (content described as low 1-30% or in most cases as medium
109 30-50%) and water (content described as below 10%). The samples used for method
110 validation were prepared as follows: 100 mg of blank laboratory made e-liquid (65%
111 propylene glycol, 30% glycerine, 5% water, w/w/w) was spiked with an aliquot of the
112 working standard mixture to obtain three spiking levels: 0.01, 0.08, 0.4 mg/mL, what
113 corresponds to 100, 800 and 4000 ng/mL in the samples with a 100x dilution factor.

114 For furfuryl alcohol and capric acid, different spiking levels were applied: 0.03, 0.08
115 and 0.4 mg/mL and 0.08, 0.15 and 0.4 mg/mL, respectively. Seven calibration solutions (n=3)
116 were prepared using a laboratory made e-liquid as the matrix in concentration ranges specific
117 for each compound (in general, 50-5000 ng/mL). The concentration of the IS in every solution
118 was maintained at 500 ng/mL. Validation samples were used for the evaluation of the
119 accuracy, precision and matrix effects of the developed procedure.

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121 **2.3. E-liquid samples**

122 All commercially available e-liquids samples were purchased from five companies
123 present on the Polish market. The selection of e-liquids was based on the brand and flavour
124 popularity. The selection of flavour was performed based on questionnaires carried out among
125 sellers from local stores in Gdańsk about which flavours and brands are the most frequently
126 bought by users of e-cigarettes. Five e-liquids, which were expected to have a characteristic
127 flavour (menthol, apple, tobacco, strawberry and cherry), were purchased from each



128 manufacturer. For every e-liquid, the information pertaining to the presence of the primary
129 components was provided (glycerine, propylene glycol and nicotine). In most cases, the
130 composition (without concentration) of the flavouring compounds was included. A total of 25
131 e-liquid samples were selected, and the samples were analysed within two weeks of purchase
132 after storage at room temperature in a dark place similar to the shop conditions.

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134 **2.4. Sample preparation**

135 E-liquid samples were prepared prior to the analysis according to a recently
136 published procedure [12]. Briefly, approximately 100 mg of an e-liquid sample was weighed
137 into a 10-mL volumetric flask. Subsequently, the IS was added, and the flask filled to the
138 mark with ACN.

139 **2.5. GC-MS/MS conditions**

140 The GC-MS/MS analyses were performed on a Shimadzu GC-2010 PLUS System
141 (Kyoto, Japan) coupled with a Shimadzu TQ8050 triple quadrupole mass spectrometer
142 (Kyoto, Japan). The separation of the analytes was performed on a Phenomenex ZB-5 MSi
143 (30 m x 0.25 mm i.d., 0.25 μ m film thickness) capillary column. Helium (purity \geq 99.999%)
144 was applied as a carrier gas at a constant flow rate of 1 mL/min. The temperature programme
145 was set as follows: 50°C (hold for 4 min), ramp to 130°C at 10°C/min, then to 300°C (hold
146 for 3 min) at 25°C/min. The injection volume was 1 μ L in the splitless injection mode (1
147 min), and a solvent delay time of 2.6 min was used. The temperature of the transfer line and
148 injector temperature was set at 285°C and 250°C, respectively. The MS was operated in
149 electron impact (EI) mode with an electron energy of 70 eV, and the ion source temperature
150 was set at 220°C. Argon (purity \geq 99.999%) was applied as the collision-induced dissociation
151 (CID) gas with a scan range that covered 30-250 m/z. For quantitation and validation, the
152 instrument was operated in multiple reaction monitoring mode (MRM). The monitored



153 transitions and optimized collision energies (CEs) are listed in **Table 1**. For each compound,
154 the characteristic transitions with the highest signal to noise ratios were selected (one
155 quantifier, one qualifier). To verify the presence of flavour additives in each e-liquid sample,
156 the quantifier/qualifier ion ratio relative intensity was confirmed. The following acceptance
157 criterion for positive identification of analytes was set: relative intensities of
158 quantifier/qualifier in the e-liquids samples should not differ by more than $\pm 20\%$ of those
159 observed after analysis of standards. Chromatograms of the standards mixture and two real
160 samples are presented in **Figure 1**. For identification, a deviation of ± 0.1 min of the expected
161 retention time was allowed. The flavour chemicals hedione, citral, theaspirane, 2-isopropyl-5-
162 methylhex-2-enal, epoxydihydrolinalool, α - terpineol, 3-methyl-phenylglycidate ester and
163 menthone were detected as 2 separate single peaks due to the presence of structural isomers of
164 these compounds.

165 *<insert Figure 1>*

166 *<insert Table 1>*

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168 **2.6. Flavour categorization**

169 Compounds were divided into eight flavour categories as described in a recent study
170 [11], namely: menthol, herbal, spicy, fruity, sweet, floral, alcoholic and miscellaneous. The
171 main odour types for a specific flavour compound was designated from the internet database:
172 The Good Scents Company (source: www.thegoodscentscompany.com). Each compound was
173 assigned to one flavour category and are listed in Table 2. **The assignment of particular**
174 **compounds to one flavour category based on odour type is unequivocal and independent from**
175 **odour threshold of specific compound**. For each e-liquid, the sum of the identified compounds
176 belonging to an adequate flavour category was calculated and expressed as a percentage of the
177 total flavour chemical number. Additionally, the sum of the total concentration of quantified



178 compounds assigned to a given flavour category in the investigated e-liquids was expressed as
179 the percentage of the total flavour concentration in each sample.

180 <insert Table 2>

181 **2.7. Data analysis**

182 Data processing was performed by GCMS Solution and Insight software (version
183 4.45, Shimadzu Corporation). Scatter plots for selected common flavour additives were
184 constructed to separate the distribution of the analytes among the flavours and companies. To
185 visualize the correlations of the same e-liquid flavour in terms of the identified compounds
186 among the brands, a Venn Diagram was applied (a web tool for generating diagrams:
187 bioinformatics.psb.ugent.be/webtools/Venn/)

188 **3. 3. Results and discussion**

189 **3.1. Method validation**

190 The method described in this study was validated according to the guidelines for
191 analytical method validation [25–27].

192 The linearity of the calibration curves prepared in the solvent and matrix was
193 assessed in the concentration range specific for each compound (as listed in **Table 3**) at seven
194 concentration levels (n=3). The linearity was evaluated for each specific compound curve
195 with coefficient of determination (r) values greater than 0.991 (**Table 3**).

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197 The GC-MS/MS matrix effects were evaluated according to the strategy described
198 previously [12]. Briefly, seven calibration solutions (n=3) were prepared in ACN as well as in
199 a laboratory-made e-liquid as the matrix. The assessment of the matrix effect was performed
200 by a comparison of the slopes of both calibration curves. The following formula was used:

201 $ME [\%] = (a_m/a_s - 1) * 100\%$, where a_m is the slope of the calibration curve in the matrix, and a_s

202 is the slope of the calibration curve in the solvent. Approximately 80% of the compounds
203 exhibited negligible matrix effects ($\leq \pm 20\%$). For the remaining compounds, medium and
204 high matrix effects were observed (**Table 3**). The observed very high ion enhancement for
205 some compounds (91.4%, 102.7%, 227.2% and 78% for furaneol, maltol, ethyl maltol and
206 vanillin, respectively) is caused by the blockage of active sites in the GC inlet and column by
207 matrix components, reducing the loss of analytes by adsorption/degradation on these active
208 sites. The polarity and/or hydrogen binding affinity of these compounds increases their
209 tendency to exhibit matrix-induced chromatographic enhancement. This phenomenon results
210 in a higher analyte signal in the matrix-matched solution in comparison to the matrix-free
211 solutions [28]. Therefore, quantification and validation were performed with the use of a
212 matrix-matched calibration curve.

213 The limit of detection (LOD) was calculated according to the following formula:
214 $LOD = 3.3 * S_b / a$, where S_b is the standard deviation of the intercept of the calibration curve,
215 and a is the slope of the calibration curve. The limit of quantitation (LOQ) was defined as
216 $3 * LOD$. Quantification limits varied between 10 and 816 ng/mL, which corresponded to 1 and
217 81.6 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ in original sample, respectively, assuming a 100 time dilution of the sample.

218 The accuracy of the developed method was evaluated by a threefold analysis of the
219 laboratory-made e-liquid spiked with an appropriate aliquot of analyte at three different
220 concentration levels. The accuracy varied between 88% and 113% regardless of the spiking
221 level. The obtained results are summarized in **Table S1 in the Supplementary Material**.

222 The data obtained during the accuracy investigation were used to assess the intra-day
223 precision. The inter-day precision of the developed method was verified by the analysis ($n=9$)
224 of the sample spiked at medium concentration level for the next three consecutive days. The
225 precision of the method was expressed in terms of the coefficients of variation (CVs). The
226 intra-day precision results were between 0.2 and 13%, and the inter-day precision ranged from



227 1 to 10%. The developed method is precise, accurate and suitable for real sample analysis.
228 The intra- and inter-day accuracy and precision data are shown in **Table S1 in the**
229 **Supplementary Material.**

230 **3.2. Analysis of real samples**

231 The applicability of the developed method was assessed by the analysis of 25 e-
232 liquid samples. For each brand, five flavours (menthol, tobacco, apple, strawberry and cherry)
233 were analysed. An overview of the components that were identified and quantified in the
234 samples is presented in **Table S2 in the Supplementary Material.** The concentration of the
235 compounds was expressed in mg/mL assuming the average density of the investigated e-liquid
236 was equal to 1100 ± 100 mg/mL. Among the 90 investigated and determined compounds (98,
237 including isomers), a total number of 56 flavour additives were found. Underlined compounds
238 were indicated in the label. Manufacturers did not provide complete information regarding the
239 content of the flavouring compounds. In some cases, compounds expected to be present in the
240 e-liquids were not detected, while compounds not included in the label were quantified.

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242 **3.3. Categorization of the flavour additives**

243 Analytes were divided into eight categories based on the odour type of each flavour
244 found in the Good Scents Company flavour database. The categorization of the target
245 compounds is summarized in **Table 2.** The presence of each flavour category among the
246 investigated samples was expressed as a percentage of the total number of flavour chemicals
247 (**Figure 2**).

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249 The highest number of chemicals observed was for cherry-flavoured e-liquids, while
250 the lowest, as expected, was for tobacco-flavoured liquids. Products with fruit flavours
251 contained flavour additives categorized into multiple flavour categories, and therefore, no



252 superior flavour category emerged. An exception was made in the case of the strawberry-
253 flavoured e-liquids, which scored highest on the “fruit” category among all brands. In turn, all
254 menthol products were dominated by menthol-like components (their % contribution in the
255 total number of chemicals varied between 31% to even 75%). Surprisingly, the tobacco-
256 flavoured e-liquid group distinguished itself with the “sweet” category as the main flavour
257 category, with ethyl maltol as a most frequently occurring compound. Ethyl maltol is a widely
258 used sweet taste potentiator, despite its chemical stability in e-liquids and influence on the
259 respiratory tract is unknown [29]. E-liquids from brand C distinguish themselves with the
260 presence of menthol-like components (menthol, menthone) in the flavour composition
261 regardless of the flavour, and these components are responsible for the brand’s characteristic
262 menthol flavour. The lowest number of flavour additives was observed for e-liquids from
263 brand A, while the highest was reported for brand E. Moreover, the sum of the total
264 concentration of quantified compounds assigned to a given flavour category was investigated
265 and presented as the estimated percentage of the total flavour concentration in each sample
266 **(Figure 3)**.

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268 For tobacco-flavoured products, the “sweet” category has the highest contribution in
269 total flavour chemical concentration, standing at 50% - 93%. Ethyl maltol appears to be a
270 common denominator for this category among the tobacco-flavoured e-liquids with a
271 concentration ranging from 0.013 to 0.54 mg/mL. Notably, concentration rate of menthol -
272 like components (menthol, menthone) in e-liquids with tobacco flavour from brand C is equal
273 to nearly 25%. Fruity-like components dominated the strawberry-flavoured e-liquids with a
274 percentage rate ranging from 31% to 84% and concentration ranges of 0.57 to 9.99 mg/mL.
275 The highest detected concentrations within this group have been recorded for ethyl butyrate
276 and γ -decalactone with concentration ranges equal to 0.0072 – 2.6 and 0.026 – 7.4 mg/mL,



277 respectively. Apple- and cherry- flavoured e-liquids contain various additives belonging to
278 different flavour categories, therefore no dominant group among all companies in the total
279 flavour chemical concentration can be distinguished. Surprisingly, menthol (0.62 mg/mL) was
280 determined in one apple e-liquid (brand C) and cover 51% of total flavour concentration. For
281 menthol products, compounds assigned with the menthol category comprised 96% - 100% of
282 the overall determined flavour content. Additionally, no correlation has been observed
283 between the high number of chemicals for particular flavour and their concentration.

284 **3.4. 3.4 Indication of common flavour additives for a certain flavour**

285 To identify flavour additives that are most frequently present and that may be of
286 interest for regulatory purposes, Venn diagrams were created (**Figure 4**). By use of this tool,
287 clear qualitative differences and similarities between the flavour composition among brands
288 were simulated.

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290 The Venn Diagrams show the overlap in the number of compounds identified in e-
291 liquids of various brands within a given flavour and the presence of unique flavour additives.
292 The diagrams show that one, two, three, two and three flavour chemicals were identified in
293 tobacco-, strawberry-, apple-, cherry- and menthol-flavoured e-liquids, respectively, and were
294 common for all companies; further details are includes in the description of **Figure 4**.
295 Furthermore, flavour chemicals that were common for 80% of the e-liquids are listed.
296 Visualization performed by the Venn diagrams allowed for the elucidation of the compounds
297 that most frequently exist within a given flavour. Benzaldehyde, isopentyl acetate, and L-
298 menthyl acetate have been suspected to cause irritation to respiratory passages according to
299 Classification, Labelling and Packaging (CLP) Regulation. The indication of these specific
300 compounds provides information as to which compounds e-cigarette users are most often
301 exposed and may be a future concern for health researchers in view of their potential toxicity.



302 The amounts of the common flavour ingredients across flavours and companies are
303 presented in the form of scatter plot (Figure 5); data are derived from Table S2 in the
304 Supplementary Material. Ethyl maltol was detected with the highest frequency in the
305 concentration range of 0.013 to 0.54 mg/mL (84% detection frequency), which is in
306 agreement with previous reports [14, 30]. Vanillin (52% detection frequency) and maltol
307 (60% detection frequency) were detected with a high frequency as well with concentration
308 ranges equal to 0.08-2.5 mg/mL and 0.009-1.25 mg/mL, respectively. Of the analysed e-liquid
309 samples, the highest total flavour concentration was reported for menthol-flavoured e-liquids
310 (from 9.7 mg/mL for brand E to 17 mg/mL for brand D), while the lowest for tobacco-
311 flavoured (from 0.024 mg/mL for brand E to 1.7 mg/mL for brand D). Menthol (identified
312 mainly in menthol-flavoured e-liquids) was detected at the highest concentration level, equal
313 to 12.2 mg/mL, followed by ethyl butyrate (up to 7.4 mg/ mL) and cis-3-hexenol (up to 3.2
314 mg/ mL). The results revealed the fluctuation of the concentration ranges among the
315 companies. For instance, ethyl butyrate in strawberry-flavoured e-liquids was detected in the
316 range of 0.026 to 7.4 mg/mL, benzaldehyde in cherry-flavoured – 0.043 to 1.3 mg/mL and n-
317 hexanol in apple e-liquids in concentration ranges of 0.080 to 1.4 mg/mL. The differences in
318 the detected concentrations of a specific flavour category are responsible for the specific taste
319 profile of the e-liquids for a given brand. In view of the possible negative influence of some
320 of these compounds on the respiratory tract, the evaluation of their concentration ranges in e-
321 liquids is crucial. Additionally, an attempt was made to evaluate the correlation between the
322 price of the e-liquid and the total amount of flavour additives (Figure S1 Supplementary
323 Material). However, no correlation was noted. The price is dictated entirely by the
324 manufacturer and is unrelated to the e-liquid composition.

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326 4. Conclusions

327 In this study, a rapid and sensitive GC-MS/MS method for the quantitation of 90
328 flavour additives in replacement liquids for electronic cigarettes, i.e., less than 22 min, has
329 been developed. This approach based on the categorization of flavour chemicals allowed for
330 an evaluation of the taste profiles used in e-liquids and the distinct correlation between the e-
331 liquid composition and given flavour. The information about specific flavour compounds (and
332 their concentration ranges) responsible for the overall flavour of e-liquids, regardless of the
333 manufacturer, may be beneficial in future toxicological studies. The toxicological evaluation
334 of many flavouring compounds in e-liquids is difficult to perform. It is crucial to differentiate
335 common compounds responsible for a certain flavour, which any e-cigarette user is exposed
336 to, as well as the most frequently present additives. Thus, the developed method for
337 qualitative and quantitative determination of popular flavour additives in e-liquids might be
338 suitable in quality control laboratories. Future studies should focus on the use of human
339 pulmonary fibroblasts to model the effects of e-liquid components on lung cells together with
340 concentration determination. This type of research would be an integral part of improving the
341 surveillance of e-cigarette products and categorizing hazardous compounds.

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| Lp. | Compound name | Molecular formula | Retention time [min] | MRM transition, m/z (quantitative) | CE [V] | MRM transition, m/z (qualitative) | CE [V] | Ion ratio |
|-----|-------------------------------------|--|----------------------|------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| 1 | Ethyl 2-methylpropanoate | C ₅ H ₁₀ O ₂ | 3.835 | 88.00>73.10 | 10 | 88.00>55.00 | 18 | 100/33 |
| 2 | 1-amylalcohol | C ₅ H ₁₂ O | 3.96 | 70.00>55.10 | 6 | 55.00>53.10 | 10 | 100/64 |
| 3 | Ethyl butyrate | C ₆ H ₁₂ O ₂ | 4.39 | 88.00>61.10 | 6 | 88.00>60.00 | 6 | 100/61 |
| 4 | Ethyl lactate | C ₅ H ₁₀ O ₃ | 5.157 | 75.00>45.10 | 6 | - | | |
| 5 | 2-methylpyrazine | C ₅ H ₆ N ₂ | 5.320 | 94.00>67.10 | 10 | 94.00>53.10 | 14 | 100/45 |
| 6 | Furfural | C ₅ H ₄ O ₂ | 5.550 | 95.00>67.00 | 6 | 96.00>68.00 | 10 | 100/97 |
| 7 | Leaf aldehyde | C ₉ H ₁₄ O | 5.980 | 83.00>55.10 | 6 | 83.00>53.00 | 14 | 100/6 |
| 8 | Furfuryl alcohol | C ₅ H ₆ O ₂ | 6.003 | 98.00>70.10 | 6 | 81.00>53.10 | 10 | 100/43 |
| 9 | Cis-3-hexenol | C ₆ H ₁₂ O | 6.100 | 82.00>67.10 | 6 | 67.00>65.10 | 18 | 100/20 |
| 10 | Trans-2-hexenol | C ₆ H ₁₂ O | 6.323 | 82.00>67.10 | 6 | 82.00>65.10 | 18 | 100/28 |
| 11 | n-Hexanol | C ₆ H ₁₄ O | 6.363 | 69.00>67.10 | 6 | 56.00>54.00 | 10 | 100/37 |
| 12 | Isopentyl acetate | C ₇ H ₁₄ O ₂ | 6.510 | 70.00>55.10 | 10 | 70.00>53.00 | 18 | 100/64 |
| 13 | 2,6-dimethylpyridine | C ₇ H ₉ N | 6.673 | 107.00>65.10 | 22 | 107.00>92.10 | 14 | 100/45 |
| 14 | 2,5-dimethylpyrazine | C ₆ H ₈ N ₂ | 7.227 | 108.00>81.10 | 10 | 108.00>67.10 | 10 | 100/74 |
| 15 | γ-butyrolactone | C ₄ H ₆ O ₂ | 7.300 | 86.00>42.10 | 6 | 86.00>57.90 | 6 | 100/65 |
| 16 | γ-valeroactone | C ₅ H ₈ O ₂ | 8.123 | 85.00>57.10 | 6 | 85.00>74.00 | 26 | 100/62 |
| 17 | 3-ethylpyridine | C ₇ H ₉ N | 8.207 | 92.00>65.10 | 10 | 107.00>92.10 | 14 | 100/99 |
| 18 | Benzaldehyde | C ₇ H ₆ O | 8.277 | 106.00>77.10 | 18 | 77.00>51.10 | 14 | 100/85 |
| 19 | 5-methylfurfural | C ₆ H ₆ O ₂ | 8.330 | 109.00>53.00 | 14 | 110.00>53.10 | 22 | 100/89 |
| 20 | Methyl heptenone | C ₈ H ₁₄ O | 8.793 | 108.00>93.00 | 2 | 108.00>69.00 | 10 | 100/63 |
| 21 | Ethyl caproate | C ₈ H ₁₆ O ₂ | 9.027 | 88.00>61.10 | 6 | 99.00>71.10 | 6 | 100/52 |
| 22 | 2,3,5-trimethylpyrazine | C ₇ H ₁₀ N ₂ | 9.077 | 122.00>81.10 | 10 | 122.00>54.20 | 18 | 100/22 |
| 23 | Cis-3-hexenylacetate | C ₈ H ₁₄ O ₂ | 9.177 | 82.00>67.10 | 6 | 67.00>65.10 | 10 | 100/85 |
| 24 | 4-methyl-2-(1-methylethyl)-thiazole | C ₅ H ₇ NOS | 9.407 | 126.00>73.00 | 10 | 141.00>126.00 | 10 | 100/37 |
| 25 | 2-acetylpyrazine | C ₆ H ₆ N ₂ O | 9.460 | 122.00>94.10 | 6 | 80.00>53.10 | 10 | 100/99 |
| 26 | Methyl cyclopentenolone | C ₆ H ₈ O ₂ | 9.653 | 112.00>84.10 | 6 | 112.00>56.10 | 14 | 100/39 |
| 27 | 2-acetylpyridine | C ₇ H ₇ NO | 9.687 | 79.00>52.10 | 14 | 121.00>79.00 | 14 | 100/65 |
| 28 | Limonene | C ₁₀ H ₁₆ | 9.690 | 93.00>77.10 | 10 | 93.00>91.10 | 10 | 100/89 |
| 29 | Benzyl alcohol | C ₇ H ₈ O | 9.750 | 79.00>77.10 | 14 | 108.00>79.10 | 14 | 100/89 |
| 30 | Melonal | C ₉ H ₁₆ O | 10.067 | 82.00>67.10 | 10 | 67.00>65.10 | 10 | 100/66 |
| 31 | γ-hexalactone | C ₆ H ₁₀ O ₂ | 10.077 | 70.00>55.10 | 6 | 85.00>57.00 | 6 | 100/15 |
| 32 | Isoamyl butyrate | C ₉ H ₁₈ O ₂ | 10.083 | 89.00>71.10 | 6 | 71.00>56.10 | 10 | 100/98 |
| 33 | Furaneol | C ₆ H ₈ O ₃ | 10.170 | 128.00>85.00 | 6 | 85.00>57.10 | 6 | 100/31 |
| 34 | 2-acetylpyrrole | C ₆ H ₇ NO | 10.263 | 109.00>94.10 | 10 | 94.00>66.10 | 10 | 100/90 |
| 35 | Diethyl malonate | C ₇ H ₁₂ O ₄ | 10.333 | 133.00>115.10 | 6 | 133.00>87.00 | 14 | 100/71 |
| 36 | Epoxydihydrolinalool (1. isomer) | C ₁₀ H ₂₀ O ₂ | 10.430 | 94.00>79.10 | 10 | 94.00>77.10 | 22 | 100/55 |
| 37 | 2,3,5,6-tetramethylpyrazine | C ₈ H ₂ N ₂ | 10.647 | 136.00>54.10 | 14 | 136.00>95.10 | 10 | 100/81 |

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| 38 | Epoxydihydrolinalool (2. isomer) | C ₁₀ H ₂₀ O ₂ | 10.703 | 94.00>79.10 | 10 | 94.00>77.10 | 22 | 100/48 |
| 39 | Ethyl heptanoate | C ₉ H ₁₈ O ₂ | 10.817 | 88.00>61.00 | 6 | 88.00>70.10 | 2 | 100/55 |
| 40 | Tetrahydrolinalool | C ₁₀ H ₂₂ O | 10.840 | 73.00>55.10 | 10 | 73.00>58.10 | 18 | 100/52 |
| 41 | Geranyl propionate | C ₁₃ H ₂₂ O ₂ | 10.847 | 82.00>67.10 | 6 | 67.00>65.00 | 10 | 100/60 |
| 42 | Linalool | C ₁₀ H ₁₈ O | 10.867 | 93.00>77.10 | 14 | 93.00>91.10 | 6 | 100/87 |
| 43 | Ethyl-3-methylthiopropionate | C ₆ H ₁₂ O ₂ S | 10.873 | 148.00>74.10 | 6 | 74.00>59.00 | 14 | 100/78 |
| 44 | Isopentyl isovalerate | C ₁₀ H ₂₀ O ₂ | 10.960 | 70.00>55.10 | 10 | 85.00>57.10 | 6 | 100/54 |
| 45 | 2-Isopropyl-5-methylhex-2-enal (1. isomer) | C ₁₀ H ₁₈ O | 11.013 | 111.00>55.00 | 14 | 97.00>69.10 | 6 | 100/98 |
| 46 | 2-Isopropyl-5-methylhex-2-enal (2. isomer) | C ₁₀ H ₁₈ O | 11.137 | 111.00>55.10 | 14 | 111.00>93.00 | 6 | 100/56 |
| 47 | Maltol | C ₆ H ₆ O ₃ | 11.180 | 126.00>71.10 | 14 | 126.00>55.10 | 22 | 100/36 |
| 48 | Phenylethyl alcohol | C ₈ H ₁₀ O | 11.193 | 91.00>65.10 | 14 | 122.00>92.10 | 6 | 100/29 |
| 49 | Menthone (1. isomer) | C ₁₀ H ₁₈ O | 11.833 | 112.00>97.00 | 6 | 112.00>70.00 | 14 | 100/81 |
| 50 | Benzyl acetate | C ₉ H ₁₀ O ₂ | 11.960 | 108.00>79.10 | 14 | 108.00>77.10 | 26 | 100/50 |
| 51 | Menthone (2. isomer) | C ₁₀ H ₁₈ O | 12.020 | 112.00>97.30 | 10 | 112.00>70.00 | 10 | 100/72 |
| 52 | Menthol | C ₁₀ H ₂₀ O | 12.123 | 81.00>79.10 | 14 | 81.00>53.10 | 14 | 100/91 |
| 53 | Diethyl succinate | C ₈ H ₁₄ O ₄ | 12.153 | 129.00>101.10 | 6 | 101.00>73.00 | 6 | 100/62 |
| IS | Naphtalene-d ₈ | C ₁₀ D ₈ | 12.277 | 136.00>108.10 | 22 | 136.00>84.10 | 22 | 100/50 |
| 54 | 4'-methylacetophenone | C ₉ H ₁₀ O | 12.307 | 119.00>91.10 | 10 | 91.00>65.10 | 10 | 100/72 |
| 55 | Styrallyl acetate | C ₁₀ H ₁₂ O ₂ | 12.400 | 122.00>107.10 | 10 | 104.00>78.10 | 10 | 100/79 |
| 56 | α-terpineol (1. isomer) | C ₁₀ H ₁₈ O | 12.407 | 93.00>77.10 | 14 | 93.00>91.10 | 10 | 100/78 |
| 57 | α-terpineol (2. isomer) | C ₁₀ H ₁₈ O | 12.497 | 93.00>77.00 | 14 | 121.00>93.10 | 6 | 100/78 |
| 58 | Methyl salicylate | C ₈ H ₈ O ₃ | 12.453 | 120.00>92.00 | 10 | 120.00>64.00 | 18 | 100/54 |
| 59 | Ethyl maltol | C ₇ H ₈ O ₃ | 12.503 | 139.00>111.10 | 10 | 140.00>71.00 | 14 | 100/60 |
| 60 | Decanal | C ₁₀ H ₂₀ O | 12.537 | 82.00>67.10 | 6 | 70.00>55.10 | 6 | 100/50 |
| 61 | Citral (1. isomer) | C ₁₀ H ₁₆ O | 12.797 | 134.00>117.10 | 10 | 134.00>91.10 | 26 | 100/50 |
| 62 | Citronellol | C ₁₀ H ₂₀ O | 12.823 | 95.00>67.10 | 10 | 123.00>81.10 | 6 | 100/75 |
| 63 | Nerol | C ₁₀ H ₁₈ O | 12.853 | 93.00>77.10 | 10 | 93.00>51.20 | 22 | 100/75 |
| 64 | Cis-3-Hexenyl valerate | C ₁₁ H ₂₀ O ₂ | 12.907 | 82.00>67.10 | 6 | 67.00>65.00 | 10 | 100/20 |
| 65 | Ethyl phenylacetate | C ₁₀ H ₁₂ O ₂ | 13.027 | 91.00>65.10 | 18 | 164.00>91.10 | 14 | 100/32 |
| 66 | Carvone | C ₁₀ H ₁₄ O | 13.067 | 82.00>54.10 | 6 | 108.00>93.10 | 10 | 100/47 |
| 67 | Linalyl acetate | C ₁₂ H ₂₀ O ₂ | 13.133 | 93.00>77.00 | 14 | 93.00>91.10 | 6 | 100/44 |
| 68 | Geraniol | C ₁₀ H ₁₈ O | 13.130 | 69.00>53.10 | 14 | 69.00>67.00 | 10 | 100/49 |
| 69 | Citral (2. isomer) | C ₁₀ H ₁₆ O | 13.177 | 134.00>117.10 | 10 | 134.00>91.10 | 26 | 100/50 |
| 70 | L-menthyl acetate | C ₁₂ H ₂₂ O ₂ | 13.565 | 95.00>67.10 | 10 | 95.00>55.10 | 14 | 100/72 |
| 71 | Theaspirane (1. isomer) | C ₁₃ H ₂₂ O ₂ | 13.673 | 138.00>96.10 | 6 | 138.00>82.10 | 14 | 100/46 |
| 72 | Theaspirane (2. isomer) | C ₁₃ H ₂₂ O ₂ | 13.827 | 138.00>96.10 | 6 | 138.00>82.00 | 14 | 100/50 |
| 73 | Capric acid | C ₁₀ H ₂₀ O ₂ | 14.103 | 73.00>55.00 | 10 | 129.00>87.10 | 10 | 100/58 |
| 74 | Eugenol | C ₁₀ H ₁₂ O ₂ | 14.153 | 164.00>149.10 | 10 | 164.00>104.10 | 14 | 100/36 |
| 75 | γ-nonalactone | C ₉ H ₁₆ O | 14.181 | 85.00>57.10 | 6 | 85.00>83.00 | 26 | 100/20 |
| 76 | Hexyl hexanoate | C ₁₂ H ₂₄ O ₂ | 14.318 | 117.00>89.10 | 10 | 117.00>75.00 | 10 | 100/45 |



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| 77 | Methyl cinammate | C ₁₀ H ₁₀ O ₂ | 14.363 | 131.00>103.10 | 10 | 131.00>77.10 | 26 | 100/64 |
| 78 | 3,4-dihydrocoumarin | C ₉ H ₈ O ₂ | 14.413 | 148.00>120.10 | 10 | 148.00>91.10 | 26 | 100/74 |
| 79 | Vanillin | C ₈ H ₈ O ₃ | 14.493 | 151.00>123.10 | 10 | 152.00>123.10 | 18 | 100/97 |
| 80 | Anisyl acetate | C ₁₀ H ₁₂ O ₃ | 14.603 | 121.00>78.10 | 22 | 180.00>138.10 | 6 | 100/39 |
| 81 | β-damascone | C ₁₃ H ₂₀ O | 14.610 | 123.00>81.10 | 10 | - | | 100/34 |
| 82 | α-Ionone | C ₁₃ H ₂₀ O | 14.703 | 93.00>77.00 | 14 | 121.00>77.10 | 18 | 100/76 |
| 83 | Ethyl 3-methyl-3-phenylglycidate (1. isomer) | C ₁₁ H ₁₂ O ₃ | 14.743 | 132.00>104.00 | 14 | 132.00>78.10 | 18 | 100/42 |
| 84 | Ethyl Vanillin | C ₉ H ₁₀ O ₃ | 14.907 | 137.00>109.00 | 10 | 166.00>137.00 | 18 | 100/53 |
| 85 | Ethyl cinammate | C ₁₁ H ₁₂ O ₂ | 14.940 | 131.00>103.10 | 10 | 131.00>77.10 | 22 | 100/49 |
| 86 | γ-decalactone | C ₁₀ H ₁₈ O ₂ | 14.957 | 85.00>57.10 | 6 | 128.00>95.10 | 6 | 100/18 |
| 87 | β-ionone | C ₁₃ H ₂₀ O | 15.107 | 177.00>147.10 | 22 | 177.00>162.10 | 10 | 100/33 |
| 88 | Phenethyl isovalerate | C ₁₃ H ₁₈ O ₂ | 15.113 | 105.00>79.10 | 11 | 85.00>57.10 | 6 | 100/15 |
| 89 | Cocal | C ₁₃ H ₁₆ ⁶ O | 15.117 | 117.00>115.10 | 10 | 117.00>91.10 | 18 | 100/79 |
| 90 | α,α-dimethylphenethyl butyrate | C ₁₄ H ₂₀ O ₂ | 15.117 | 132.00>117.10 | 14 | 132.00>91.10 | 26 | 100/38 |
| 91 | δ-decalactone | C ₁₀ H ₁₈ O ₂ | 15.153 | 99.00>71.10 | 6 | 99.00>55.10 | 14 | 100/45 |
| 92 | Ethyl 3-methyl-3-phenylglycidate (2. isomer) | C ₁₁ H ₁₂ O ₃ | 15.340 | 132.00>104.10 | 10 | 132.00>78.10 | 18 | 100/42 |
| 93 | Raspberry ketone | C ₁₀ H ₁₂ O ₂ | 15.473 | 107.00>77.00 | 14 | 164.00>107.10 | 14 | 100/42 |
| 94 | γ-undecalactone | C ₁₁ H ₁₂ O ₂ | 15.613 | 85.00>57.10 | 6 | 85.00>70.10 | 6 | 100/12 |
| 95 | Hedione (1. isomer) | C ₁₃ H ₂₂ O ₃ | 16.030 | 83.00>55.10 | 14 | 153.00>97.10 | 10 | 100/26 |
| 96 | Hedione (2. isomer) | C ₁₃ H ₂₂ O ₃ | 16.173 | 83.00>55.10 | 14 | 153.00>97.10 | 10 | 100/26 |
| 97 | γ-dodecalactone | C ₁₂ H ₂₂ O ₂ | 16.173 | 85.00>57.10 | 6 | 55.00>53.00 | 10 | 100/15 |
| 98 | δ-tetradecalactone | C ₁₄ H ₂₆ O ₂ | 17.313 | 99.00>71.10 | 6 | 99.00>55.00 | 14 | 100/15 |

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Table 2. Categorization of target compounds into eight flavour categories

| Compound name | Odour type according to Good Scents Company | Assigned flavour category |
|---|---|---------------------------|
| methyl heptenone, limonene, citral | Citrus | |
| δ -decalactone, γ -nonalactone | Coconut | |
| melonal | Melon | |
| ethyl butyrate, ethyl lactate (fruity), isopentyl acetate, benzaldehyde, ethyl heptanoate, β -damascone, γ -decalactone, ethyl 2-methylpropanoate, isopentyl isovalerate, diethyl succinate, isoamyl butyrate, ethyl caproate, ethyl 3-methyl-3-phenylglycidate, raspberry ketone, γ -undecalactone, γ -dodecalactone, 4-methyl-2-(1-methylethyl)-thiazole, diethyl malonate | Fruity | Fruity |
| 2-methylpyrazine, 2,3,5-trimethylpyrazine, 2,3,5,6-tetramethylpyrazine, 2,6-dimethylpyridine, | Nutty | |
| methyl cyclopentenolone, furaneol, maltol, ethyl maltol, 5-methylfurfural | Caramellic | Sweet |
| ethyl vanillin, vanillin | Vanilla | |
| 2,5-dimethylpyrazine, cocal | Chocolate | |
| anisyl acetate | Powdery | |
| furfural, leaf aldehyde, cis-3-hexenol, cis-3-hexenylacetate, trans-2-hexenol, styrallyl acetate, cis-3-hexenyl valerate, hexyl hexanoate, | Green | |
| δ -tetradecalactone | Waxy | |
| capric acid | Fatty | |
| 2-acetylpyrrole | Musty | |
| 3-ethylpyridine | Tobacco | Miscellaneous |
| furfuryl alcohol | Bready | |
| 2-acetylpyrazine, 2-acetylpyridine | Popcorn | |
| γ - butyrolactone | Creamy | |
| α -terpineol | Terpenic | |
| ethyl-3-methylthiopropionate | Sulfurous | |
| tetrahydrolinalool, geranyl propionate, linalool, phenylethyl alcohol, benzyl acetate, 4'-methylacetophenone, benzyl alcohol, epoxydihydrolinalool, nerol, citronellol, geraniol, ethyl phenylacetate, β - ionone, phenethyl isovalerate, α,α -dimethylphenethyl butyrate, hedione, α -ionone | Floral | Floral |
| 2-isopropyl-5-methylhex-2-enal, theaspirane, linalyl acetate, γ - valeroactone, n-hexanol | Herbal | Herbal |
| γ - hexalactone, 3,4-dihydrocoumarin | Tonka | |
| menthone, carvone, methyl salicylate | Minty | |
| L-menthylacetate, menthol | Menthol | Menthol |
| eugenol | Spicy | Spicy |
| methyl cinammate, ethyl cinammate | Balsamic | |
| decanal | Aldehydic | Alcoholic |
| 1-amylalcohol | Fermented | |

Table 3. Calculated numerical values of parameters describing calibration curves in solvent and matrix, LOD, LOQ, correlation coefficient of method for quantification of flavouring additives in e-cigarette refill solutions.

| Compound name | Calibration curve range [ng/mL] 7 points, n=3 | Solvent calibration curve | | | Matrix matched calibration curve | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|----------|--------|----------------------------------|----------|----------------|----------------|-----|-----|--------|--------|
| | | a | b | r | a | b | S _a | S _b | LOD | LOQ | r | ME [%] |
| Ethyl 2-methylpropanoate | 50-5000 | 0.000599 | -0.0050 | 0.9932 | 0.0003243 | 0.0012 | 0.0000056 | 0.0027 | 28 | 83 | 0.9901 | -45.9 |
| 1-amyloalcohol | 100-5000 | 0.001608 | 0.009 | 0.9937 | 0.0007091 | 0.0127 | 0.0000067 | 0.0048 | 22 | 66 | 0.9917 | -55.9 |
| Ethyl butyrate | 100-5000 | 0.000816 | 0.004 | 0.9956 | 0.000487 | 0.008 | 0.0000020 | 0.014 | 95 | 284 | 0.9901 | -40.4 |
| Ethyl lactate | 100-5000 | 0.0001198 | -0.0058 | 0.9939 | 0.0001035 | 0.0003 | 0.0000028 | 0.0020 | 63 | 188 | 0.9927 | -13.6 |
| 2-methylpyrazine | 100-5000 | 0.000644 | 0.065 | 0.9912 | 0.000858 | -0.043 | 0.000016 | 0.012 | 45 | 134 | 0.9901 | 33.2 |
| Furfural | 50-5000 | 0.0002939 | -0.0026 | 0.9930 | 0.0002795 | -0.0047 | 0.0000028 | 0.0013 | 16 | 48 | 0.9938 | -4.9 |
| Leaf aldehyde | 100-5000 | 0.0002156 | -0.0090 | 0.9858 | 0.0001849 | -0.0070 | 0.0000036 | 0.0026 | 46 | 137 | 0.9921 | -14.2 |
| Furfuryl alcohol | 250-5000 | 0.0004333 | -0.0029 | 0.9979 | 0.000360 | 0.001 | 0.000011 | 0.011 | 105 | 316 | 0.9925 | -16.9 |
| Cis-3-hexenol | 50-5000 | 0.000616 | -0.0012 | 0.9915 | 0.0006961 | -0.0160 | 0.0000091 | 0.0044 | 21 | 63 | 0.9963 | 13.0 |
| Trans-2-hexanol | 50-5000 | 0.000407 | -0.0046 | 0.9911 | 0.0004258 | -0.0040 | 0.0000054 | 0.0026 | 20 | 61 | 0.9968 | 4.5 |
| n-Hexanol | 100-5000 | 0.0000756 | -0.0009 | 0.9986 | 0.00006575 | -0.00063 | 0.00000090 | 0.00064 | 32 | 96 | 0.9915 | -13.0 |
| Isopentyl acetate | 100-5000 | 0.0004756 | -0.0001 | 0.9933 | 0.000423 | -0.0080 | 0.000013 | 0.0095 | 74 | 222 | 0.9901 | -11.0 |
| 2,6-dimethylpyridine | 50-5000 | 0.000713 | -0.0127 | 0.9965 | 0.0005817 | 0.0042 | 0.0000099 | 0.0048 | 27 | 82 | 0.9938 | -18.4 |
| 2,5-dimethylpyrazine | 50-5000 | 0.000604 | -0.0123 | 0.9910 | 0.0005750 | -0.0104 | 0.0000059 | 0.0029 | 16 | 49 | 0.9950 | -4.8 |
| γ-butyrolactone | 50-5000 | 0.0002910 | -0.0015 | 0.9979 | 0.0003490 | 0.0005 | 0.0000027 | 0.0013 | 13 | 38 | 0.9986 | 19.9 |
| γ-valeroactone | 50-5000 | 0.0002401 | -0.0009 | 0.9975 | 0.0002885 | -0.0004 | 0.0000035 | 0.0017 | 19 | 58 | 0.9976 | 20.2 |
| 3-ethylpyridine | 50-5000 | 0.001819 | -0.0299 | 0.9981 | 0.002057 | -0.0412 | 0.000017 | 0.0082 | 13 | 39 | 0.9978 | 13.1 |
| Benzaldehyde | 50-5000 | 0.001642 | 0.0186 | 0.9962 | 0.001815 | 0.0325 | 0.000011 | 0.0051 | 9 | 28 | 0.9964 | 10.5 |
| 5-methylfurfural | 50-5000 | 0.001458 | -0.0062 | 0.9989 | 0.0016206 | -0.0080 | 0.0000092 | 0.0045 | 9 | 27 | 0.9952 | 11.1 |
| Methyl heptenone | 50-5000 | 0.0003756 | -0.0020 | 0.9989 | 0.0003784 | -0.00355 | 0.0000019 | 0.00094 | 8 | 25 | 0.9989 | 0.7 |
| Ethyl caproate | 50-5000 | 0.000947 | 0.001 | 0.9926 | 0.000902 | -0.0176 | 0.000010 | 0.0050 | 18 | 55 | 0.9950 | -4.8 |
| 2,3,5-trimethylpyrazine | 50-5000 | 0.0009093 | -0.0109 | 0.9954 | 0.000946 | -0.0036 | 0.000012 | 0.0058 | 20 | 60 | 0.9958 | 4.1 |
| Cis-3-hexenylacetate | 50-5000 | 0.001670 | -0.0275 | 0.9921 | 0.001527 | -0.0178 | 0.000016 | 0.0076 | 16 | 49 | 0.9924 | -8.5 |
| 4-methyl-2-(1-methylethyl)-thiazole | 50-5000 | 0.001158 | -0.0213 | 0.9970 | 0.0010614 | -0.0144 | 0.0000089 | 0.0043 | 13 | 40 | 0.9973 | -8.3 |
| 2-acetylpyrazine | 50-5000 | 0.0007023 | -0.0042 | 0.9990 | 0.0008119 | -0.0032 | 0.0000052 | 0.0026 | 10 | 31 | 0.9989 | 15.6 |
| Methyl cyclopentenolone | 50-5000 | 0.001056 | -0.062 | 0.9922 | 0.001692 | 0.0504 | 0.000017 | 0.0082 | 16 | 48 | 0.9982 | 60.3 |
| Limonene | 50-5000 | 0.0005135 | -0.0058 | 0.9985 | 0.0005951 | -0.0016 | 0.0000026 | 0.0013 | 7 | 21 | 0.9984 | 15.9 |
| 2-acetylpyridine | 50-5000 | 0.0012104 | -0.0062 | 0.9992 | 0.001305 | -0.008 | 0.000025 | 0.012 | 31 | 93 | 0.9956 | 7.8 |
| Benzyl alcohol | 50-5000 | 0.001917 | -0.0116 | 0.9986 | 0.002193 | -0.038 | 0.000034 | 0.017 | 25 | 76 | 0.9986 | 14.4 |
| Melonal | 50-5000 | 0.002185 | -0.0034 | 0.9990 | 0.002289 | -0.013 | 0.000021 | 0.010 | 15 | 44 | 0.9981 | 4.7 |
| Furaneol | 250-5000 | | | | 0.0003297 | -0.0200 | 0.0000059 | 0.0063 | 63 | 188 | 0.9969 | 91.4 |
| | 50-5000* | 0.000172 | -0.041 | 0.9820 | 0.0003212 | -0.0046 | 0.0000054 | 0.0026 | 27 | 81 | 0.9966 | |
| γ-hexalactone | 50-5000 | 0.001728 | -0.003 | 0.9956 | 0.001703 | -0.0015 | 0.000012 | 0.0059 | 11 | 34 | 0.9985 | -1.5 |
| Isoamyl butyrate | 50-5000 | 0.0000966 | -0.00011 | 0.9981 | 0.0000948 | -0.0004 | 0.0000011 | 0.0005 | 18 | 54 | 0.9973 | -1.9 |
| 2-acetylpyrrole | 50-5000 | 0.003936 | -0.0452 | 0.9982 | 0.005048 | -0.007 | 0.000073 | 0.036 | 23 | 70 | 0.9940 | 28.2 |
| Diethyl malonate | 50-5000 | 0.0011331 | -0.0124 | 0.9986 | 0.001304 | -0.0030 | 0.000011 | 0.0056 | 14 | 42 | 0.9984 | 15.1 |
| 2,3,5,6-tetramethylpyrazine | 50-5000 | 0.0018555 | 0.028 | 0.9996 | 0.0020950 | -0.0148 | 0.0000024 | 0.0050 | 8 | 24 | 0.9997 | 12.9 |
| Epoxydihydrolinalool (2 isomers) | 50-5000 | 0.0011321 | -0.0049 | 0.9994 | 0.0012237 | -0.0031 | 0.0000054 | 0.0026 | 7 | 21 | 0.9993 | 8.1 |
| Ethyl heptanoate | 50-5000 | 0.001600 | -0.0183 | 0.9971 | 0.0015517 | -0.0303 | 0.0000071 | 0.0035 | 7 | 22 | 0.9974 | -3.0 |
| Tetrahydrolinalool | 50-5000 | 0.002716 | 0.006 | 0.9987 | 0.002714 | -0.0156 | 0.000013 | 0.0065 | 8 | 24 | 0.9984 | -0.1 |
| Geranyl propionate | 50-5000 | 0.002267 | -0.0145 | 0.9984 | 0.002252 | -0.0336 | 0.000012 | 0.0058 | 8 | 25 | 0.9977 | -0.7 |
| Linalool | 50-5000 | 0.0011758 | -0.0071 | 0.9994 | 0.0012632 | 0.0000 | 0.0000026 | 0.0013 | 3 | 10 | 0.9992 | 7.4 |



| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|------------|----------|--------|------------|----------|------------|---------|-----|------|--------|-------|
| Ethyl-3-methylthiopropionate | 50-5000 | 0.0011210 | -0.0099 | 0.9986 | 0.0011870 | -0.0018 | 0.0000055 | 0.0027 | 7 | 22 | 0.9995 | 5.9 |
| Isopentyl isovalerate | 50-5000 | 0.002289 | -0.010 | 0.9954 | 0.002074 | -0.006 | 0.000029 | 0.014 | 22 | 67 | 0.9952 | -9.4 |
| Maltol | 50-5000 | 0.000455 | -0.253 | 0.9968 | 0.000923 | -0.132 | 0.000034 | 0.051 | 182 | 545 | 0.9941 | 102.7 |
| | 100-5000* | | | | 0.000892 | -0.073 | 0.000028 | 0.020 | 74 | 221 | 0.9928 | |
| Phenylethyl alcohol | 50-5000 | 0.002574 | -0.025 | 0.9983 | 0.002966 | -0.084 | 0.000063 | 0.031 | 34 | 102 | 0.9850 | 15.2 |
| 2-Isopropyl-5-methylhex-2-enal (2 isomers) | 100-5000 | 0.0002311 | -0.0030 | 0.9981 | 0.00023141 | -0.00127 | 0.00000087 | 0.00061 | 9 | 26 | 0.9981 | 0.1 |
| Benzyl acetate | 50-5000 | 0.002445 | -0.0189 | 0.9994 | 0.002646 | 0.0007 | 0.000015 | 0.0075 | 9 | 28 | 0.9994 | 8.2 |
| Menthone | 50-5000 | 0.0009565 | -0.0098 | 0.9990 | 0.0009316 | -0.0003 | 0.0000027 | 0.0013 | 5 | 14 | 0.9996 | -2.6 |
| Menthol | 50-5000 | 0.0003996 | 0.00051 | 0.9988 | 0.0004315 | -0.0078 | 0.0000024 | 0.0049 | 37 | 112 | 0.9997 | 8.0 |
| Diethyl succinate | 50-5000 | 0.0030283 | -0.0417 | 0.9987 | 0.003436 | -0.030 | 0.000018 | 0.038 | 36 | 109 | 0.9993 | 13.5 |
| 4'-methylacetophenone | 50-5000 | 0.004934 | -0.0331 | 0.9992 | 0.005419 | -0.0003 | 0.00002 | 0.0107 | 7 | 20 | 0.9995 | 9.8 |
| Styrallyl acetate | 50-5000 | 0.0023081 | -0.0139 | 0.9994 | 0.002477 | 0.0009 | 0.00001 | 0.0053 | 7 | 21 | 0.9995 | 7.3 |
| Alpha terpineol (2 isomers) | 50-5000 | 0.002120 | -0.0003 | 0.9992 | 0.001357 | 0.0043 | 0.00001 | 0.0049 | 12 | 36 | 0.9990 | -36.0 |
| Methyl salicylate | 50-5000 | 0.003842 | -0.0383 | 0.9992 | 0.0041607 | -0.0032 | 0.0000086 | 0.0042 | 3 | 10 | 0.9997 | 8.3 |
| Ethyl maltol | 500-5000 | 0.000147 | -0.084 | 0.9982 | 0.000479 | -0.065 | 0.000017 | 0.026 | 180 | 541 | 0.9941 | 227.2 |
| | 100-5000* | | | | 0.000462 | -0.0308 | 0.000014 | 0.0096 | 69 | 207 | 0.9934 | |
| Decanal | 50-5000 | 0.0006632 | -0.0005 | 0.9951 | 0.0006257 | 0.0060 | 0.0000021 | 0.0010 | 5 | 16 | 0.9976 | -5.7 |
| Citronellol | 50-5000 | 0.0005009 | -0.0082 | 0.9987 | 0.0005398 | 0.0033 | 0.0000022 | 0.0011 | 7 | 20 | 0.9992 | 7.8 |
| Nerol | 50-5000 | 0.0005895 | -0.0128 | 0.9952 | 0.0006730 | -0.0051 | 0.0000062 | 0.0030 | 15 | 44 | 0.9954 | 14.2 |
| Cis-3-Hexenyl valerate | 50-5000 | 0.003485 | -0.035 | 0.9986 | 0.003346 | -0.007 | 0.000028 | 0.014 | 13 | 40 | 0.9971 | -4.0 |
| Ethyl phenylacetate | 50-5000 | 0.003604 | -0.018 | 0.9976 | 0.0034696 | 0.0020 | 0.0000085 | 0.0041 | 4 | 12 | 0.9972 | -3.7 |
| Carvone | 50-5000 | 0.001865 | -0.0107 | 0.9981 | 0.0020069 | -0.0054 | 0.0000098 | 0.0048 | 8 | 24 | 0.9991 | 7.6 |
| Linalyl acetate | 50-5000 | 0.001408 | -0.030 | 0.9969 | 0.0021123 | -0.0189 | 0.0000079 | 0.0038 | 6 | 18 | 0.9997 | 50.0 |
| Geraniol | 100-5000 | 0.00002593 | -0.00016 | 0.9963 | 0.00003139 | -0.00009 | 0.00000025 | 0.00018 | 19 | 56 | 0.9992 | 21.1 |
| Citral | 50-5000 | 0.0002970 | -0.00333 | 0.9987 | 0.0003180 | 0.00110 | 0.0000019 | 0.00093 | 10 | 29 | 0.9993 | 7.1 |
| L-menthyl acetate | 50-5000 | 0.0014619 | -0.0192 | 0.9943 | 0.001324 | 0.0009 | 0.000015 | 0.0073 | 18 | 54 | 0.9974 | -9.4 |
| Theaspirane (2 isomers) | 50-5000 | 0.002093 | -0.009 | 0.9941 | 0.001945 | -0.012 | 0.000030 | 0.015 | 25 | 74 | 0.9928 | -7.1 |
| Capric acid | 1000-5000 | 0.000192 | -0.203 | 0.9981 | 0.000305 | -0.161 | 0.000024 | 0.052 | 562 | 1686 | 0.9896 | 58.9 |
| | 500-5000* | | | | 0.000284 | -0.083 | 0.000015 | 0.023 | 272 | 816 | 0.9900 | |
| Eugenol | 50-5000 | 0.0013987 | -0.0340 | 0.9979 | 0.001599 | -0.0022 | 0.000013 | 0.0064 | 13 | 40 | 0.9988 | 14.3 |
| γ -nonalactone | 50-5000 | 0.002130 | -0.0288 | 0.9983 | 0.002269 | -0.0052 | 0.000017 | 0.0082 | 12 | 36 | 0.9987 | 6.5 |
| Hexyl hexanoate | 50-5000 | 0.0005572 | -0.0045 | 0.9972 | 0.0005117 | 0.0001 | 0.0000035 | 0.0017 | 11 | 33 | 0.9971 | -8.2 |
| Methyl cinammate | 50-5000 | 0.005020 | -0.065 | 0.9971 | 0.005491 | -0.022 | 0.000034 | 0.016 | 10 | 30 | 0.9991 | 9.4 |
| 3,4-dihydrocoumarin | 50-5000 | 0.003662 | -0.051 | 0.9974 | 0.004004 | 0.011 | 0.000032 | 0.015 | 13 | 38 | 0.9987 | 9.3 |
| Vanillin | 100-5000 | 0.001094 | -0.101 | 0.9925 | 0.001948 | -0.048 | 0.000029 | 0.020 | 34 | 103 | 0.9967 | 78.0 |
| Anisyl acetate | 50-5000 | 0.002741 | -0.0492 | 0.9981 | 0.002956 | -0.014 | 0.000023 | 0.011 | 13 | 38 | 0.9988 | 7.8 |
| β -damascone | 50-5000 | 0.0004760 | -0.0044 | 0.9970 | 0.0004919 | -0.0019 | 0.0000023 | 0.0011 | 8 | 23 | 0.9994 | 3.3 |
| α -ionone | 50-5000 | 0.001801 | -0.0183 | 0.9970 | 0.0018430 | -0.0082 | 0.0000083 | 0.0040 | 7 | 22 | 0.9992 | 2.3 |
| Ethyl Vanillin | 100-5000 | 0.002779 | -0.261 | 0.9957 | 0.00431 | -0.191 | 0.00013 | 0.091 | 70 | 209 | 0.9928 | 54.9 |
| γ -decalactone | 50-5000 | 0.002306 | -0.037 | 0.9981 | 0.002276 | -0.0102 | 0.000015 | 0.0072 | 10 | 31 | 0.9985 | -1.3 |
| Ethyl cinammate | 50-5000 | 0.005316 | -0.086 | 0.9983 | 0.005538 | -0.035 | 0.000040 | 0.019) | 13 | 40 | 0.9990 | -4.0 |
| β -ionone | 50-5000 | 0.0011193 | -0.0146 | 0.9970 | 0.0011171 | -0.0045 | 0.0000048 | 0.0023 | 7 | 20 | 0.9993 | -0.2 |
| Phenethyl isovalerate | 50-5000 | 0.001035 | -0.0090 | 0.9964 | 0.0010068 | -0.0016 | 0.0000093 | 0.0045 | 15 | 45 | 0.9985 | -2.8 |
| Cocal | 50-5000 | 0.001435 | -0.0168 | 0.9964 | 0.0014030 | 0.0017 | 0.0000084 | 0.0041 | 10 | 29 | 0.9980 | -2.2 |
| α,α -dimethylphenethyl butyrate | 50-5000 | 0.003162 | -0.031 | 0.9973 | 0.003159 | -0.0076 | 0.000017 | 0.0083 | 9 | 26 | 0.9992 | -0.1 |
| δ -decalactone | 50-5000 | 0.005330 | -0.120 | 0.9957 | 0.004986 | 0.008 | 0.000042 | 0.021 | 14 | 41 | 0.9982 | -6.4 |
| Ethyl 3-methyl-3-phenylglycidate (2 isomers) | 50-5000 | 0.001881 | -0.0490 | 0.9975 | 0.002143 | -0.0187 | 0.000016 | 0.0076 | 12 | 35 | 0.9988 | 14.0 |
| Raspberry ketone | 50-5000 | 0.004128 | -0.244 | 0.9942 | 0.004357 | 0.017 | 0.000056 | 0.027 | 21 | 62 | 0.9961 | 5.6 |
| γ -undecalactone | 50-5000 | 0.002396 | -0.043 | 0.9964 | 0.002262 | -0.0098 | 0.000015 | 0.0074 | 11 | 32 | 0.9986 | -5.6 |



| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------|----------|--------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----|-----|--------|-------|
| Hedione (2 isomers) | 50-5000 | 0.002589 | -0.064 | 0.9955 | 0.002344 | 0.0043 | 0.000020 | 0.0097 | 14 | 41 | 0.9983 | -9.5 |
| γ -dodecalactone | 50-5000 | 0.002238 | -0.058 | 0.9953 | 0.001985 | 0.032 | 0.000069 | 0.034 | 56 | 168 | 0.9965 | -11.3 |
| δ -tetradecalactone | 50-5000 | 0.005989 | -0.246 | 0.9960 | 0.0053 | -0.068 | 0.0053 | -0.068 | 42 | 127 | 0.9971 | -12.2 |

* Due to the smaller detector response in the solvent calibration solutions compared to those prepared in the matrix, it was decided to use the calibration curve equation in this range for quantitative analysis

where: S_a – standard deviation of slope, S_b – standard deviation of intercept, r – correlation coefficient, LOD – limit of detection, LOQ – limit of quantitation, n – number of measurements, ME – matrix effect



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Figure 1. Example of chromatograms obtained for real samples (Strawberry - brand A and Menthol- brand B) and for standard mixture (500 ng/mL each) the peak numbers correspond to the number given in Table 1

Figure 2. Number of flavour chemicals in investigated e-liquid samples. Total number of identified compounds in each sample is shown above the bars and represents the number of flavour additives. The colours represent the eight different flavour categories. Segment on the bars represent the percentage of the total flavour chemicals number. The letters: A,B,C,D,E indicate the brands

Figure 3. Concentration of flavour chemicals in investigated e-liquid samples. Total number of identified compounds in each sample is shown above the bars and represents the number of flavour additives. The colours represent the eight different flavour categories. Segment on the bars represent the percentage of the total flavour chemicals concentration. The letters: A,B,C,D,E indicate the brands

Figure 4. Venn diagrams present shared and unique flavour additives identified in investigated e-liquid samples

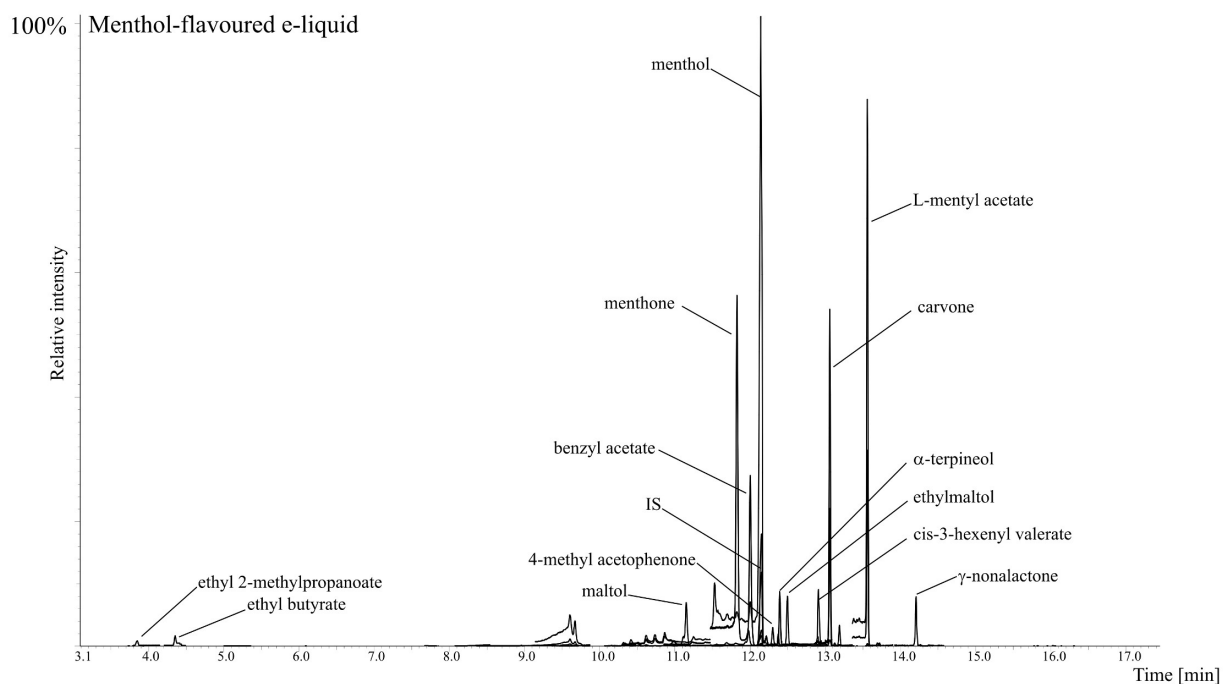
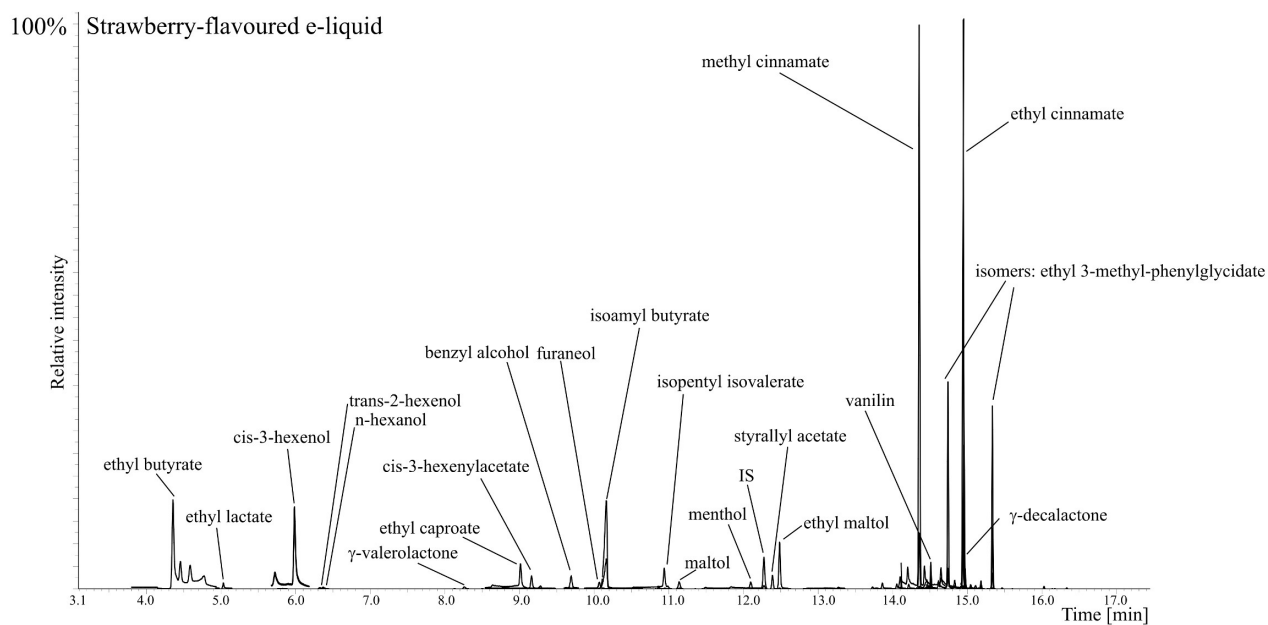
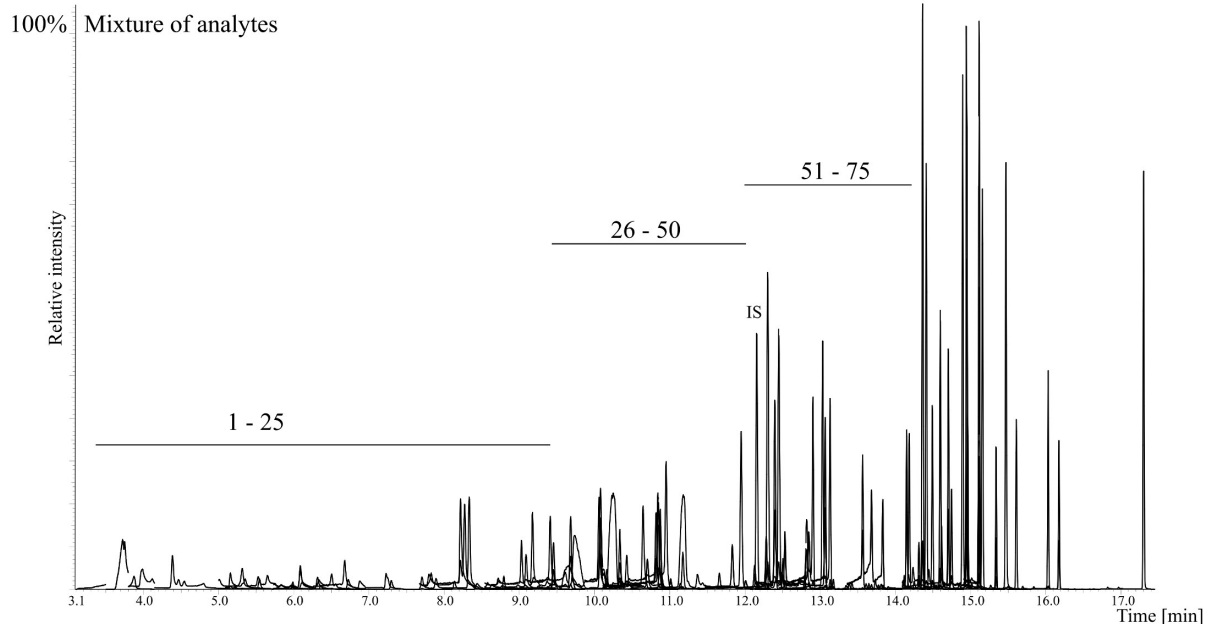
Figure 5. Scatter plot showing the distribution levels of common compounds within given flavours

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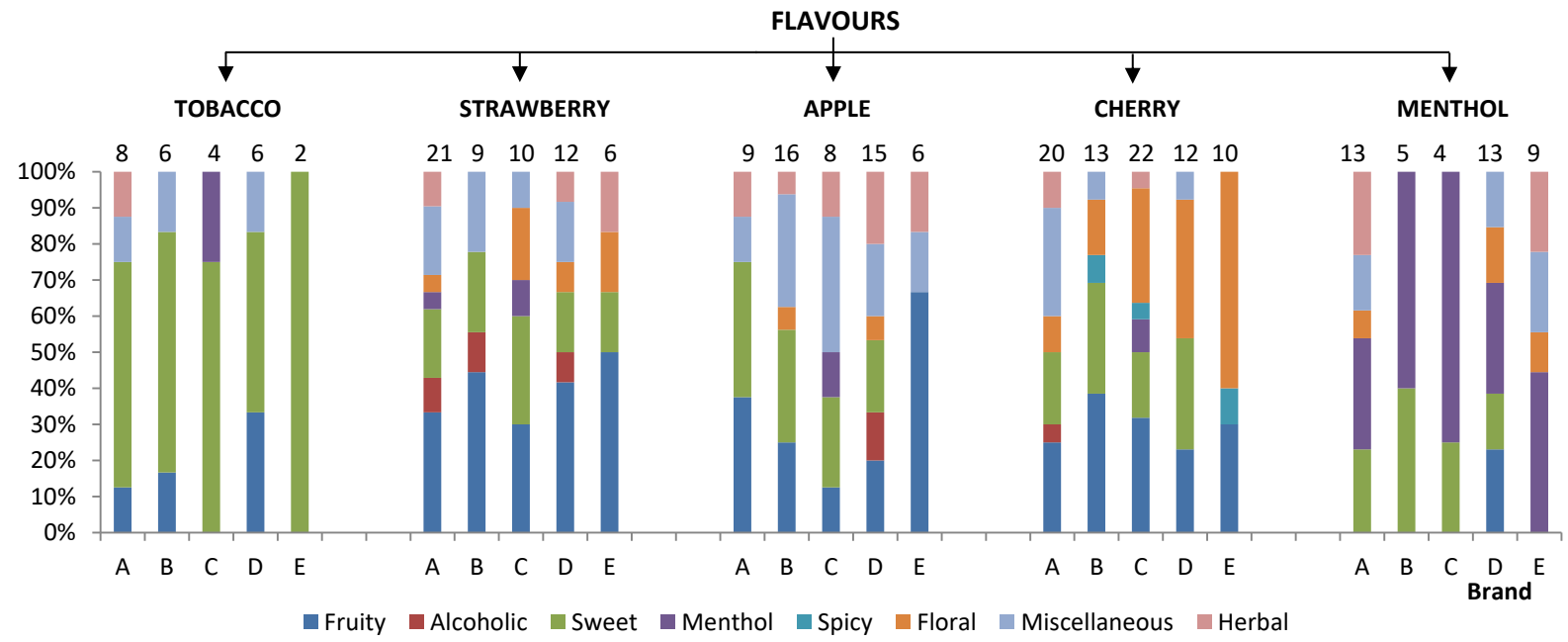
Table S1. Repeatability and precision data of developed method

Table S2. Concentrations (mg/mL \pm SD) of determined flavour chemicals in investigated e – liquid samples

Figure S1. Comparison of total flavour concentration and price among investigated brand and flavours. Prices are given for bottle of e-liquid of volume 10 mL.



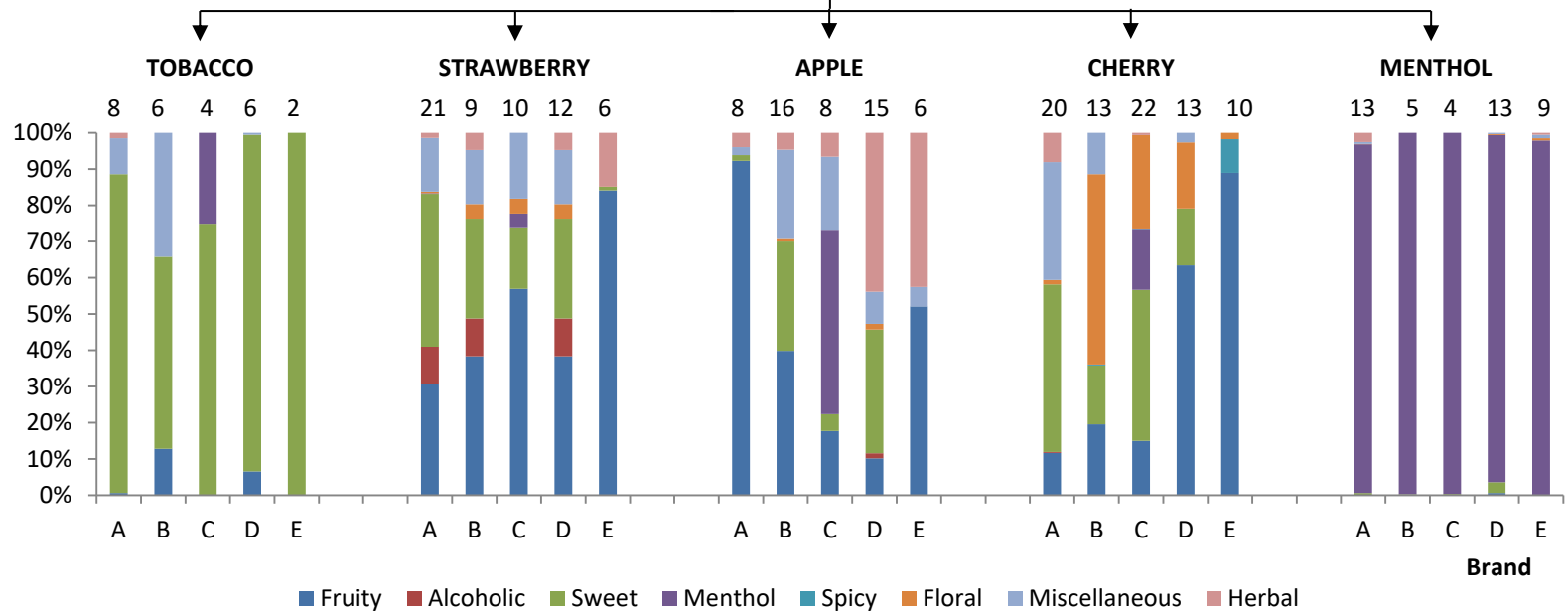
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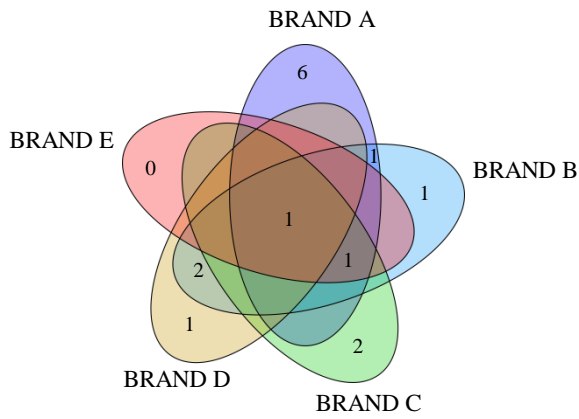


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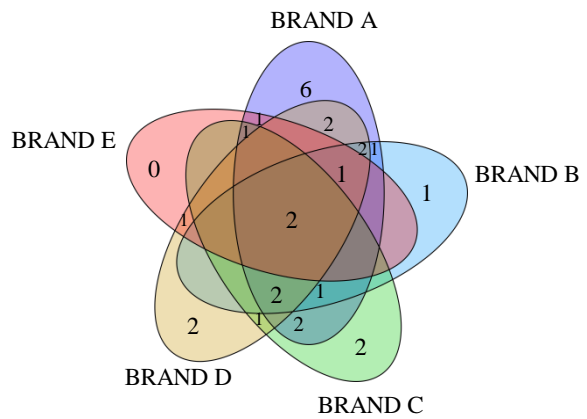
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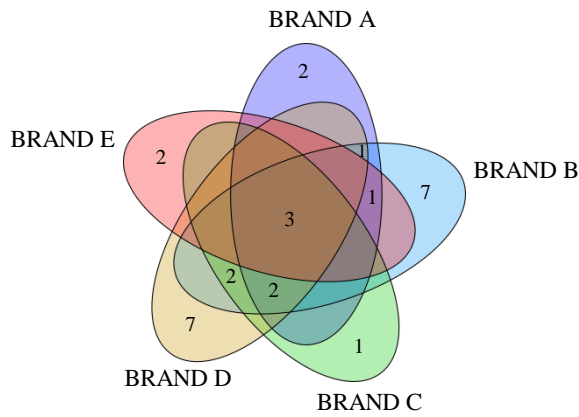
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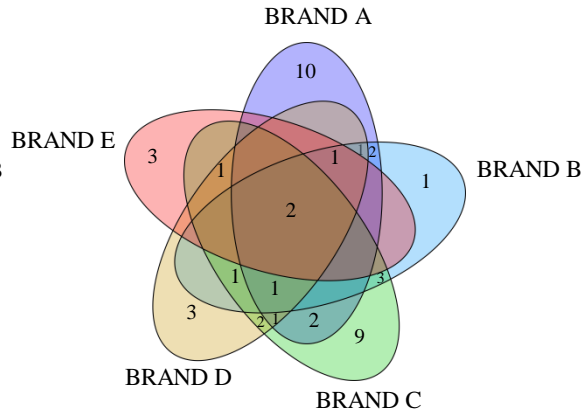
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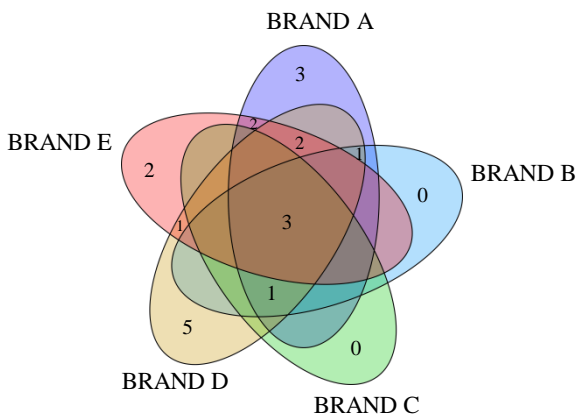
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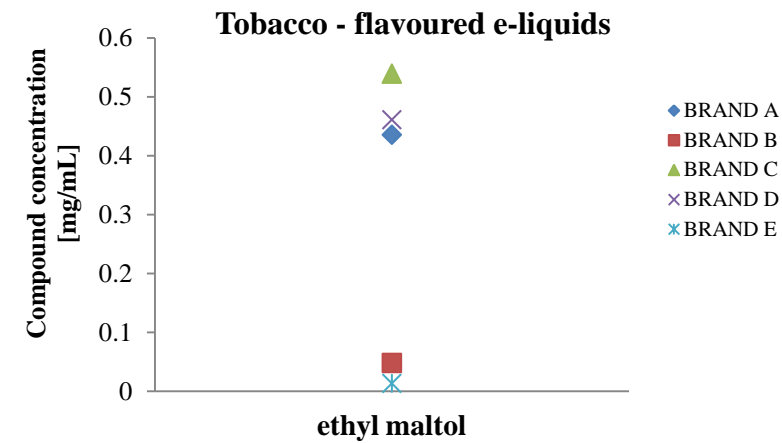
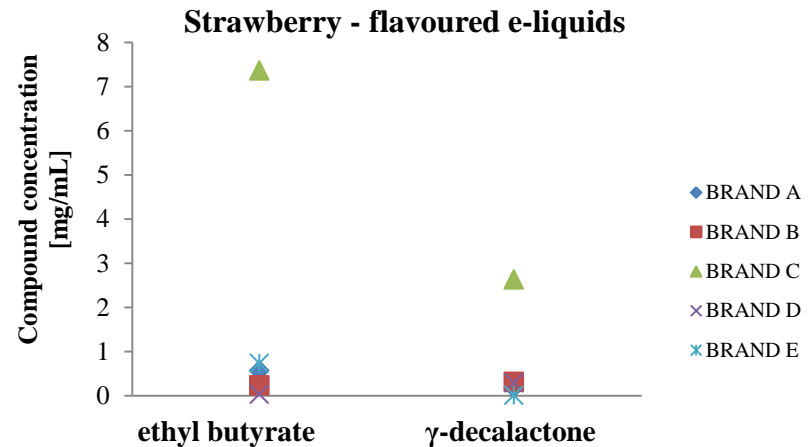
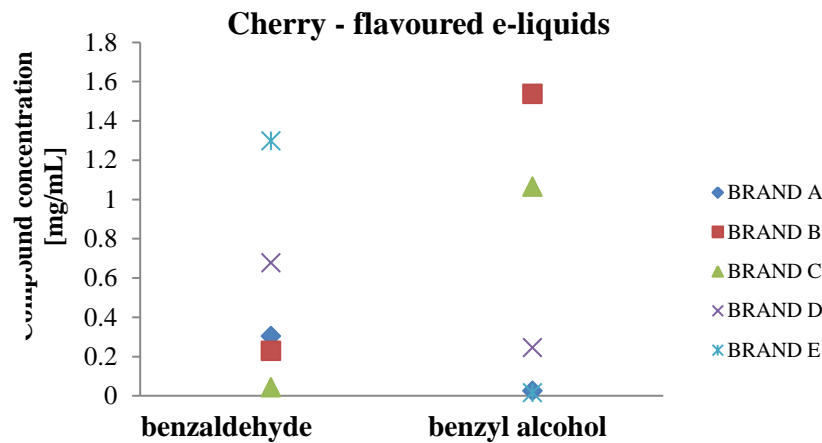
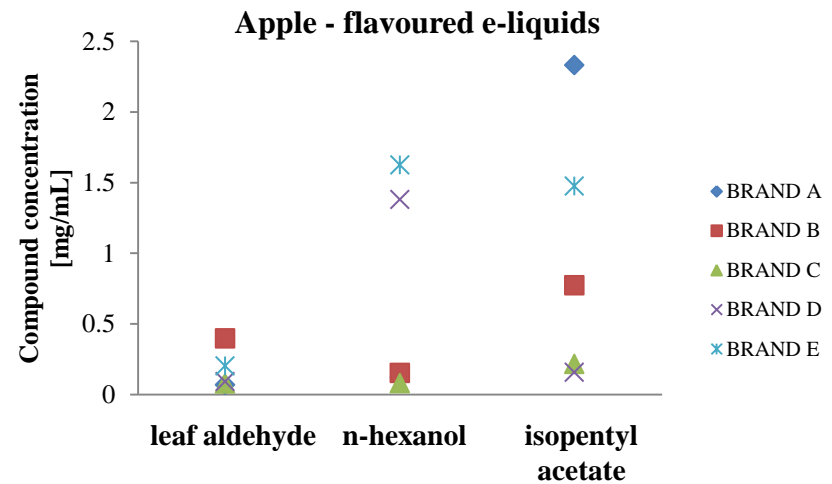
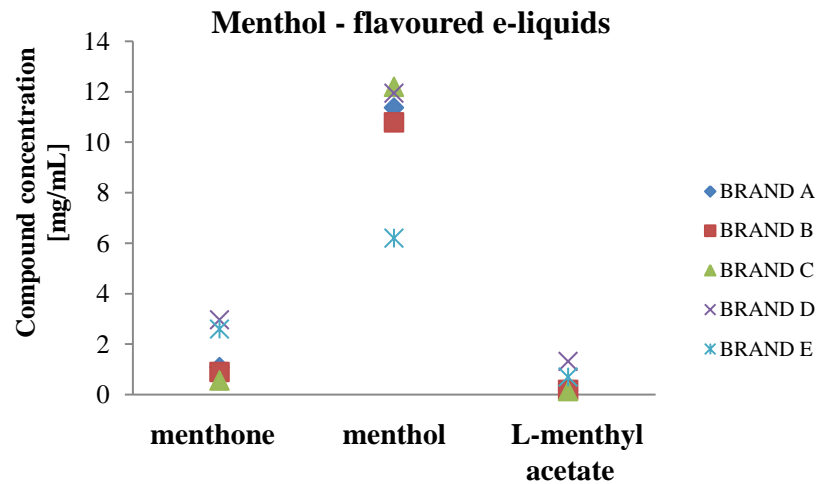


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Legend

| Flavour | Common flavour chemicals (for 100% samples) | Common flavour chemicals (for 80 % samples) |
|------------|---|---|
| TOBACCO | Ethyl maltol | - |
| STRAWBERRY | Ethyl butyrate, γ -decalactone | cis-3-hexenol, Ethyl maltol, Ethyl caproate |
| APPLE | Leaf aldehyde, N-hexanol, Isopentyl acetate | Ethyl maltol, Vanillin |
| CHERRY | Benzaldehyde, Benzyl alcohol | Ethyl maltol, Vanillin |
| MENTHOL | Menthol, Menthone, L-menthylacetate | Ethyl maltol |



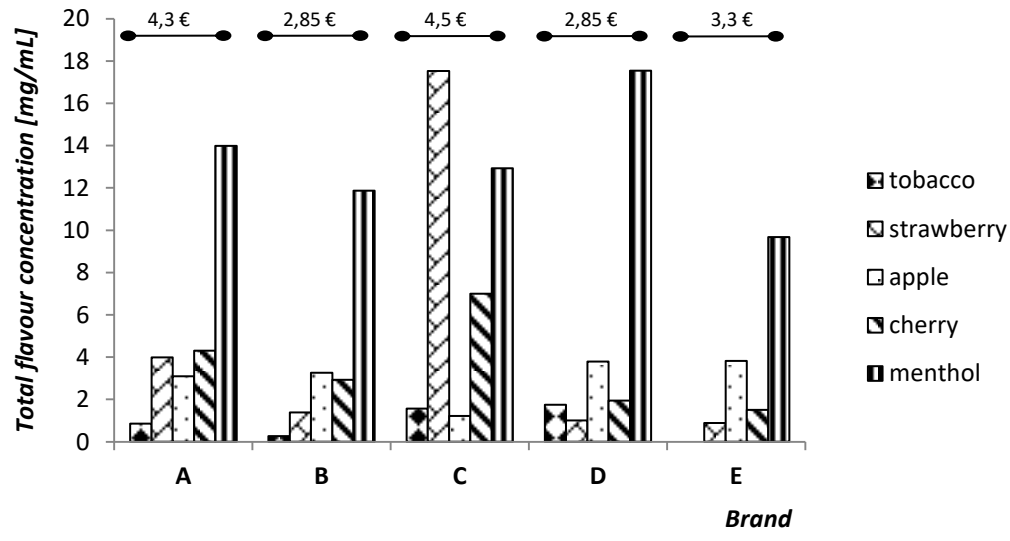


Table S1 Repeatability and precision data of developed method

| Compound name | Repeatability and precision (n=3) | | | | | | | | | Intermediate precision (n=9) | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------|-----------|---|-----------------|-----------|---|-----------------|-----------|---|-----------------|-----------|
| | Spiking level | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 100×10 ⁻⁶ mg/mL | | | 800×10 ⁻⁶ mg/mL | | | 4000×10 ⁻⁶ mg/mL | | | 800×10 ⁻⁶ mg/mL | | |
| | Mean concentration [×10 ⁻⁶ mg/mL] | Accuracy [%] | CV [%] | Mean concentration [×10 ⁻⁶ mg/mL] | Accuracy [%] | CV [%] | Mean concentration [×10 ⁻⁶ mg/mL] | Accuracy [%] | CV [%] | Mean concentration [×10 ⁻⁶ mg/mL] | Accuracy [%] | CV [%] |
| Ethyl 2-methylpropanoate | 100 | 100 | 9 | 709 | 89 | 5 | 4182 | 105 | 5 | 727 | 92 | 10 |
| 1-amylicol | 103 | 103 | 4 | 823 | 103 | 8 | 4302 | 108 | 0.5 | 722 | 106 | 2 |
| Ethyl butyrate | 92 | 92 | 4 | 751 | 93 | 3 | 3732 | 104 | 4 | 775 | 88 | 8 |
| Ethyl lactate | 89 | 89 | 8 | 732 | 92 | 7 | 3925 | 98 | 9 | 860 | 98 | 2 |
| 2-methylpyrazine | 102 | 102 | 0.7 | 866 | 108 | 3 | 3696 | 92 | 6 | 738 | 98 | 4 |
| Furfural | 107 | 107 | 12 | 848 | 106 | 6 | 3752 | 94 | 10 | 729 | 112 | 4 |
| Leaf aldehyde | 104 | 104 | 0.8 | 895 | 112 | 6 | 4034 | 101 | 10 | 845 | 106 | 4 |
| Furfuryl alcohol* | 323 | 108 | 5 | 867 | 108 | 11 | 4399 | 110 | 1 | 842 | 111 | 7 |
| Cis-3-hexenol | 106 | 106 | 5 | 815 | 102 | 2 | 4112 | 103 | 4 | 773 | 111 | 7 |
| Trans-2-hexenol | 89 | 89 | 13 | 783 | 98 | 4 | 4101 | 103 | 8 | 771 | 97 | 9 |
| n-Hexanol | 93 | 93 | 4 | 790 | 99 | 11 | 3610 | 90 | 9 | 768 | 110 | 6 |
| Isopentyl acetate | 92 | 92 | 2 | 855 | 107 | 9 | 4137 | 103 | 12 | 788 | 91 | 10 |
| 2,6-dimethylpyridine | 100 | 100 | 10 | 751 | 94 | 4 | 3787 | 95 | 6 | 841 | 99 | 7 |
| 2,5-dimethylpyrazine | 100 | 100 | 6 | 851 | 106 | 5 | 3794 | 95 | 1 | 775 | 107 | 10 |
| γ-butyrolactone | 104 | 104 | 11 | 804 | 100 | 1 | 4318 | 108 | 3 | 802 | 91 | 7 |
| γ-valeroactone | 100 | 100 | 9 | 789 | 99 | 1 | 4310 | 108 | 3 | 861 | 107 | 7 |
| 3-ethylpyridine | 95 | 95 | 9 | 807 | 101 | 8 | 4075 | 102 | 3 | 868 | 112 | 9 |
| Benzaldehyde | 99 | 99 | 2.1 | 794 | 99 | 2 | 4115 | 103 | 6 | 732 | 91 | 6 |
| 5-methylfurfural | 100 | 100 | 6 | 776 | 97 | 1 | 4099 | 102 | 3 | 844 | 108 | 10 |
| Methyl heptenone | 101 | 101 | 5 | 744 | 93 | 6 | 3939 | 98 | 5 | 818 | 95 | 8 |
| Ethyl caproate | 96 | 96 | 1 | 829 | 104 | 2 | 4307 | 108 | 12 | 782 | 89 | 3 |
| 2,3,5-trimethylpyrazine | 94 | 94 | 10 | 784 | 98 | 11 | 3919 | 98 | 9 | 851 | 108 | 5 |
| Cis-3-hexenylacetate | 111 | 111 | 4 | 834 | 104 | 8 | 3365 | 84 | 9 | 730 | 101 | 5 |
| 4-methyl-2-(1-methylethyl)-thiazole | 98 | 98 | 6 | 761 | 95 | 0.3 | 3503 | 88 | 2 | 861 | 101 | 8 |
| 2-acetylpyrazine | 102 | 102 | 10 | 788 | 98 | 1 | 4135 | 103 | 2 | 857 | 103 | 6 |
| Methyl cyclopentenolone | 94 | 94 | 6 | 782 | 98 | 4 | 4267 | 107 | 3 | 785 | 94 | 4 |
| Limonene | 98 | 98 | 10 | 829 | 104 | 0.3 | 4340 | 108 | 4 | 816 | 104 | 1 |
| 2-acetylpyridine | 97 | 97 | 9 | 777 | 93 | 4 | 4423 | 111 | 3 | 873 | 100 | 3 |
| Benzyl alcohol | 103 | 103 | 2 | 818 | 102 | 9 | 4418 | 110 | 2 | 771 | 92 | 1 |
| Melonal | 102 | 102 | 10 | 805 | 101 | 3 | 3890 | 97 | 8 | 761 | 110 | 9 |
| Furaneol | 94 | 94 | 4 | 742 | 93 | 4 | 3945 | 99 | 4 | 871 | 94 | 4 |
| γ-hexalactone | 110 | 110 | 0.2 | 745 | 93 | 2 | 4492 | 112 | 1 | 793 | 97 | 7 |
| Isoamyl butyrate | 91 | 91 | 0.9 | 828 | 104 | 4 | 4205 | 105 | 1 | 856 | 95 | 7 |
| 2-acetylpyrrole | 108 | 108 | 11 | 812 | 102 | 3 | 4383 | 110 | 3 | 783 | 112 | 5 |
| Diethyl malonate | 102 | 102 | 6 | 777 | 97 | 1 | 4250 | 106 | 4 | 758 | 107 | 3 |
| 2,3,5,6-tetramethylpyrazine | 100 | 100 | 2 | 757 | 95 | 2 | 3936 | 98 | 3 | 853 | 95 | 9 |
| Epoxydihydrolinalool (2 isomers) | 105 | 105 | 7 | 795 | 99 | 2 | 4264 | 107 | 4 | 815 | 103 | 4 |
| Ethyl heptanoate | 107 | 107 | 3 | 778 | 97 | 5 | 4063 | 102 | 8 | 848 | 112 | 8 |
| Tetrahydrolinalool | 103 | 103 | 0.3 | 789 | 99 | 3 | 4245 | 106 | 5 | 788 | 107 | 6 |



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| Geranyl propionate | 106 | 106 | 1 | 795 | 99 | 3 | 4202 | 105 | 7 | 763 | 92 | 5 |
| Linalool | 103 | 103 | 6 | 773 | 97 | 2 | 4077 | 102 | 1 | 822 | 112 | 7 |
| Ethyl-3-methylthiopropionate | 101 | 101 | 6 | 785 | 98 | 1 | 4168 | 104 | 0.5 | 764 | 112 | 6 |
| Isopentyl isovalerate | 102 | 102 | 3 | 810 | 101 | 8 | 4074 | 102 | 10 | 771 | 92 | 1 |
| Maltol | 107 | 107 | 12 | 734 | 92 | 0.5 | 4345 | 109 | 3 | 758 | 107 | 3 |
| Phenylethyl alcohol | 94 | 94 | 4 | 853 | 107 | 0.3 | 4217 | 105 | 3 | 866 | 95 | 4 |
| 2-Isopropyl-5-methylhex-2-enal (2 isomers) | 102 | 102 | 3 | 783 | 98 | 3 | 4179 | 104 | 4 | 865 | 101 | 8 |
| Benzyl acetate | 101 | 101 | 6 | 781 | 98 | 2 | 4368 | 109 | 4 | 817 | 111 | 6 |
| Menthone (2 isomers) | 96 | 96 | 6 | 786 | 98 | 3 | 4272 | 107 | 4 | 786 | 88 | 8 |
| Menthol | 110 | 110 | 6 | 802 | 100 | 3 | 4292 | 107 | 4 | 819 | 93 | 2 |
| Diethyl succinate | 108 | 108 | 8 | 794 | 99 | 3 | 4465 | 112 | 3 | 731 | 100 | 10 |
| 4'-methylacetophenone | 103 | 103 | 6 | 791 | 99 | 2 | 4401 | 110 | 2 | 847 | 91 | 9 |
| Styrallyl acetate | 102 | 102 | 6 | 794 | 99 | 2 | 4384 | 110 | 3 | 762 | 91 | 3 |
| α -terpineol (2 isomers) | 101 | 101 | 6 | 810 | 101 | 8 | 4250 | 106 | 4 | 727 | 92 | 10 |
| Methyl salicylate | 104 | 104 | 6 | 790 | 99 | 1 | 4254 | 106 | 1 | 722 | 106 | 2 |
| Ethyl maltol | 103 | 103 | 4 | 748 | 94 | 8 | 4338 | 109 | 2 | 775 | 88 | 8 |
| Decanal | 103 | 103 | 6 | 818 | 102 | 9 | 4500 | 112 | 9 | 860 | 98 | 2 |
| Citronellol | 106 | 106 | 11 | 822 | 103 | 6 | 4384 | 110 | 9 | 738 | 98 | 4 |
| Nerol | 104 | 104 | 3 | 764 | 96 | 8 | 4500 | 113 | 10 | 729 | 112 | 4 |
| Cis-3-Hexenyl valerate | 106 | 106 | 4 | 823 | 103 | 7 | 4154 | 104 | 3 | 845 | 106 | 4 |
| Ethyl phenylacetate | 105 | 105 | 2 | 893 | 112 | 4 | 4454 | 111 | 2 | 842 | 111 | 7 |
| Carvone | 106 | 106 | 6 | 807 | 101 | 2 | 4563 | 110 | 2 | 773 | 111 | 7 |
| Linalyl acetate | 97 | 97 | 5 | 714 | 89 | 2 | 4045 | 101 | 2 | 771 | 97 | 9 |
| Geraniol | 111 | 111 | 2 | 784 | 98 | 2 | 4464 | 112 | 4 | 768 | 110 | 6 |
| Citral | 104 | 104 | 7 | 786 | 98 | 3 | 4450 | 111 | 3 | 788 | 91 | 10 |
| L-menthyl acetate | 101 | 101 | 5 | 813 | 102 | 1 | 4329 | 108 | 5 | 841 | 99 | 7 |
| Theaspirane (2 isomers) | 99 | 99 | 7 | 782 | 98 | 9 | 4181 | 105 | 7 | 775 | 107 | 10 |
| Capric acid** | 878 | 110 | 9 | 1468 | 98 | 6 | 3798 | 97 | 10 | 802 | 91 | 7 |
| Eugenol | 92 | 92 | 6 | 782 | 98 | 4 | 4416 | 110 | 0.7 | 861 | 107 | 7 |
| γ -nonalactone | 105 | 105 | 12 | 800 | 100 | 4 | 4475 | 112 | 1 | 868 | 112 | 9 |
| Hexyl hexanoate | 96 | 96 | 7 | 770 | 96 | 5 | 4443 | 111 | 6 | 732 | 91 | 6 |
| Methyl cinnamate | 102 | 102 | 10 | 778 | 97 | 4 | 4255 | 106 | 1 | 844 | 108 | 10 |
| 3,4-dihydrocoumarin | 93 | 93 | 3 | 793 | 99 | 4 | 4437 | 111 | 1 | 818 | 95 | 8 |
| Vanillin | 107 | 107 | 4 | 748 | 93 | 2 | 4406 | 110 | 1 | 782 | 89 | 3 |
| Anisyl acetate | 103 | 103 | 11 | 783 | 98 | 4 | 4282 | 107 | 2 | 851 | 108 | 5 |
| β -damascone | 99 | 99 | 8 | 770 | 96 | 6 | 4406 | 110 | 2 | 730 | 101 | 5 |
| α -ionone | 102 | 102 | 8 | 782 | 98 | 5 | 4592 | 115 | 6 | 861 | 101 | 8 |
| Ethylvanillin | 99 | 99 | 10 | 741 | 93 | 4 | 4385 | 110 | 0.9 | 857 | 103 | 6 |
| γ -decalactone | 103 | 103 | 6 | 807 | 101 | 5 | 4289 | 107 | 1 | 785 | 94 | 4 |
| Ethyl cinnamate | 102 | 102 | 10 | 782 | 98 | 4 | 4298 | 107 | 0.5 | 816 | 104 | 1 |
| β -ionone | 101 | 101 | 10 | 782 | 98 | 5 | 4355 | 109 | 1 | 873 | 100 | 3 |
| Phenethyl isovalerate | 100 | 100 | 4 | 802 | 100 | 4 | 4303 | 111 | 1 | 771 | 92 | 1 |
| 5-methyl-2-henyl-2-hexenal (cocal) | 99 | 99 | 11 | 785 | 98 | 5 | 4303 | 108 | 0.4 | 761 | 110 | 9 |
| α,α -dimethylphenethyl butyrate | 100 | 100 | 9 | 784 | 98 | 5 | 3922 | 98 | 3 | 871 | 94 | 4 |
| δ -decalactone | 90 | 90 | 7 | 770 | 96 | 4 | 4322 | 108 | 0.4 | 793 | 97 | 7 |
| Ethyl 3-methyl-3-phenylglycidate | 91 | 91 | 4 | 734 | 92 | 2 | 4041 | 101 | 4 | 856 | 95 | 7 |



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| Raspberry ketone | 97 | 97 | 7 | 729 | 91 | 4 | 4097 | 102 | 1 | 783 | 112 | 5 |
| γ -undecalactone | 99 | 99 | 5 | 795 | 99 | 4 | 4160 | 104 | 1 | 758 | 107 | 3 |
| Hedione (2 isomers) | 93 | 93 | 4 | 778 | 97 | 5 | 4277 | 107 | 0.3 | 853 | 95 | 9 |
| γ -dodecalactone | 93 | 93 | 5 | 775 | 97 | 5 | 4082 | 102 | 0.3 | 815 | 103 | 4 |
| δ -tetradecalactone | 106 | 106 | 9 | 715 | 89 | 4 | 4110 | 103 | 1 | 848 | 112 | 8 |

*For furfuryl alcohol different spiking levels were applied: 300,800 and 4000 ng/mL

** For capric acid different spiking levels were applied: 800,1500 i 4000 ng/mL

Table S2 Concentrations (mg/mL ± SD) of determined flavour chemicals in investigated e – liquid samples. Only detected substances are shown.

| Compound name | Tobacco-flavoured e-liquids | | | | | Apple-flavoured e-liquids | | | | | Cherry-flavoured e-liquids | | | | | Strawberry-flavoured e-liquids | | | | | Menthol-flavoured e-liquids | | | | | |
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| | Concentration [mg/mL] ± SD (n=3) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Brand | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | A | B | C | D | E | A | B | C | D | E | A | B | C | D | E | A | B | C | D | E | A | B | C | D | E | |
| Ethyl 2-methylpropanoate | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.086 +/- 0.004 |
| 1-amylalcohol | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.054 +/- 0.002 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ethyl butyrate | - | - | - | - | - | 0.486 +/- 0.001 0.047 | - | - | - | - | 0.111 +/- 0.006 | 0.224 +/- 0.013 | - | - | (0.013) * | 0.566 +/- 0.008 | 0.23 +/- 0.01 | 7.358 +/- 0.012 | 0.026 +/- 0.001 | 0.73 +/- 0.09 | - | - | - | - | - | 0.0130 +/- 0.0007 |
| Ethyl lactate | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.002 +/- 0.002 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | (0.011)* | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Leaf aldehyde | - | - | - | - | - | 0.06 +/- 0.002 | 0.398 +/- 0.005 | 0.078 +/- 0.003 | 0.093 +/- 0.004 | 0.20+/- 0.02 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.0075 +/- 0.0004 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cis-3-hexenol | - | - | - | - | - | 0.166 +/- 0.003 | 0.162 +/- 0.003 | 0.102 +/- 0.002 | - | - | 0.801 +/- 0.009 | - | - | - | - | 0.49 +/- 0.01 | 0.314 +/- 0.007 | 3.18 +/- 0.05 | 0.219 +/- 0.004 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Trans-2-hexenol | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.005 +/- 0.005 | - | - | - | 0.366 +/- 0.008 | - | - | - | - | 0.050 +/- 0.003 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| n-Hexanol | - | - | - | - | - | 0.122 +/- 0.008 | 0.153 +/- 0.009 | 0.07 +/- 0.02 | 1.379 +/- 0.007 | 1.6 +/- 0.4 | 0.345 +/- 0.009 | - | - | - | - | 0.045 +/- 0.003 | - | - | - | 0.13 +/- 0.04 | - | - | - | - | - | 0.025 +/- 0.003 |
| Isopentyl acetate | - | - | - | - | - | 2.33 +/- 0.03 | 0.77 +/- 0.01 | 0.217 +/- 0.007 | 0.156 +/- 0.002 | 1.5 +/- 0.2 | 0.031 +/- 0.003 | - | 0.56 +/- 0.01 | 0.577 +/- 0.01 | - | - | (0.017) * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Furfuryl alcohol | - | - | - | - | - | 0.027 +/- 0.002 | 0.0053 +/- 0.0003 | 3 +/- 0.000 | 3 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| γ-valeroactone | 0.0129 +/- 0.0005 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.0083 +/- 0.0001 | - | - | - | - | 0.0106 +/- 0.0005 | - | - | - | - | 0.0085 +/- 0.0004 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Benzaldehyde | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.302 +/- 0.009 | 0.228 +/- 0.008 | 0.043 +/- 0.004 | 0.68 +/- 0.01 | 1.30 +/- 0.02 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 5-methylfurfural | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.0008 3 +/- 0.0000 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ethyl caproate | - | - | - | - | - | 0.151 +/- 0.004 | - | - | - | - | 0.054 +/- 0.002 | - | 0.093 +/- 0.004 | - | - | 0.116 +/- 0.008 | 0.179 +/- 0.005 | - | 0.171 +/- 0.006 | 0.0083 +/- 0.0008 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2,3,5-trimethylpyrazine | 0.038 +/- 0.002 | 0.071 +/- 0.003 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |



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| Cis-3-hexenylacetate | - | - | - | - | - | 0.0057 +/- | 0.0093 +/- | 0.139 +/- | 0.0146 +/- | - | - | - | - | - | 0.0348 +/- | 0.041 +/- | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| | | | | | | 0.0003 | 0.0003 | 0.007 | 0.0004 | | | | | | 0.0002 | 0.002 | | | | | | | | |
| 2-acetylpyrazine | - | <u>0.094</u> +/- | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| | | <u>0.003</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Methyl cyclopentenolone | <u>0.201</u> +/- | - | <u>0.57</u> +/- | 1.16 +/- | - | 0.0080 +/- | - | - | - | - | 0.160 +/- | 0.0081 9 +/- | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| | <u>0.006</u> | | <u>0.03</u> | 0.02 +/- | - | 0.0002 | | | | | 0.005 +/- | 0.008 +/- | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 0.0093 +/- | - | | | | | | 0.0051 +/- | 0.34 +/- | 0.225 +/- | 0.0508 +/- | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2-acetylpyridine | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.0001 +/- | 0.004 +/- | 0.0002 +/- | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| | | | | 0.0003 +/- | - | 0.0248 +/- | | | | | 0.0240 +/- | 1.54 +/- | 1.06 +/- | 0.244 +/- | 0.0142 +/- | 0.018 +/- | | | | | | | | |
| Benzyl alcohol | - | - | - | - | - | 0.0008 +/- | - | - | - | - | 0.0007 +/- | 0.05 +/- | 0.02 +/- | 0.001 +/- | 0.0007 +/- | 0.001 +/- | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>0.068</u> +/- | - | - | - | - | 0.62 +/- | - | - | - | - | 0.187 +/- | 0.011 +/- | - | - | - | 1.34 +/- | 0.440 +/- | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| Furaneol | <u>0.002</u> +/- | - | - | - | - | 0.01 +/- | - | - | - | - | 0.005 +/- | 0.003 +/- | - | - | - | 0.03 +/- | 0.008 +/- | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| | | | | | | | | 0.194 +/- | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.071 +/- | | | | |
| γ-hexalactone | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.007 +/- | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| | | | | | | | | 0.225 +/- | | | | | | | | 0.025 +/- | | | | 0.0842 +/- | | | | |
| Isoamyl butyrate | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.001 +/- | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.002 +/- | | | | 0.0004 +/- | | | | |
| | <u>0.0052</u> +/- | - | - | - | - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2,3,5,6-tetramethylpyrazine | <u>0.0002</u> +/- | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
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| Ethyl heptanoate | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.0783 +/- | 0.121 +/- | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 0.0035 +/- | 0.006 +/- | - | - | - | | | | | | | | | |
| Tetrahydrolinalool | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.0083 +/- | 0.0138 +/- | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 0.0008 +/- | 0.0003 +/- | - | - | - | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | 0.059 +/- | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.0333 +/- | | | | |
| Geranyl propionate | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.000 +/- | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.0004 +/- | - | - | | |
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| Linalool | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.031 +/- | 0.007 +/- | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.69 +/- | - | 0.0076 +/- | 0.047 +/- | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 0.002 +/- | 0.001 +/- | - | - | - | | | | | 0.01 +/- | 0.0002 +/- | 0.006 +/- | | |
| Isopentyl isovalerate | - | - | - | - | - | <u>0.26</u> +/- | <u>0.0091</u> +/- | - | 0.49+/- 0.03 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.032 +/- | <u>0.091</u> +/- | 0.0065 +/- | - | - | - | - | | |
| | | | | | | <u>0.01</u> | <u>0.0000</u> | | | | | | | | | 0.002 | <u>0.001</u> | 0.0002 | | | | | | |
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| Maltol | (0.018) * | (0.017) * | (0.0099) * | (0.011) * | (0.009 0)* | (0.019) * | - | 1.245 +/- | - | 0.0411 +/- | (0.0094)* | 0.081 +/- | - | - | - | (0.013) * | (0.012) * | - | - | - | (0.013) * | (0.011) * | 0.0221 +/- | 0.0048 |
| | | | | | | | | <u>0.045</u> | | | | 0.012 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Phenylethyl Alcohol | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.0044 +/- | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | (0.082)* | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 0.0007 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2-Isopropyl-5-methylhex-2-enal (2 isomers) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.09 +/- | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
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| Hexyl hexanoate | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.055 +/- 0.002 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | |
| Methyl cinammate | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.236 +/- 0.003 | 0.21 +/- 0.02 | - | 0.15758 +/- 0.00005 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Vanillin | - | <u>0.011</u> +/- 0.002 | - | 0.008 +/- 0.002 | - | 0.014 +/- 0.002 | 0.030 +/- 0.001 | 0.05 +/- 0.03 | 0.033 +/- 0.004 | - | <u>1.64</u> +/- 0.04 | <u>0.098</u> +/- 0.004 | <u>1.83</u> +/- 0.01 | <u>0.2335</u> +/- 0.0008 | - | <u>0.012</u> +/- 0.001 | - | <u>2.53</u> +/- 0.06 | - | - | - | - | <u>0.014</u> +/- 0.001 | | |
| Anisyl acetate | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.029 +/- 0.002 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| β-damascone | - | <u>0.0351</u> +/- 0.0005 | - | 0.105 +/- 0.007 | - | - | - | - | 0.0144 +/- 0.0007 | - | - | - | <u>0.0186</u> +/- 0.0005 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| α-Ionone | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.0312 +/- 0.0002 | 0.0021 +/- 0.0009 | 0.0001 +/- 0.0001 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| Ethyl Vanillin | - | - | <u>0.208 +/-</u> 0.003 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | <u>0.907</u> +/- 0.008 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| γ-decalactone | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.0076 +/- 0.0009 | - | - | - | - | 0.0051 +/- 0.0002 | - | 0.181 +/- 0.006 | 0.31 +/- 0.02 | <u>2.63 +/-</u> 0.04 | 0.2892 +/- 0.0007 | 0.0072 +/- 0.0004 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ethyl cinammate | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.0142 +/- 0.0003 | - | - | - | 0.00077 +/- 0.00002 | 0.176 +/- 0.006 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| β-ionone | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | <u>0.160</u> +/- 0.002 | 0.069 +/- 0.002 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| Cocal | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.0080 +/- 0.0001 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| Raspberry ketone | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.0091 +/- 0.0009 | - | <u>0.0149</u> +/- 0.0003 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| γ-undecalactone | - | - | - | - | - | 0.12 +/- 0.01 | - | - | - | - | - | <u>0.037</u> +/- 0.001 | <u>0.137</u> +/- 0.002 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| Hedione (2 isomers) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.00042 +/- 0.00008 | - | - | - | 0.0618 +/- 0.0002 | 0.0003 6 +/- 0.0000 8 | - | - | - | - | - | |

Underlined compounds are indicated on the label

* value $C_{min} < x < LOQ$