



# Volatile and odoriferous compounds changes during frozen concentrated orange juice processing



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## ABSTRACT

Sixty-two volatile compounds were identified in orange juice from frozen concentrated orange juice (FCOJ) processing steps using HS-SPME-GC-MS in combination with GC-OSME. Twenty-four compounds were perceived by OSME in the juice from the extraction step, twenty-five from the finishing step, nineteen from the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of evaporator step, nine from the concentration step and fourteen from the blending step. Ethyl butanoate, D-limonene, nonanal, ethyl octanoate and decanal showed major odoriferous importance for the juice from the extraction step. They were also considered to be of major odoriferous importance in the finishing step, apart from nonanal and ethyl octanoate. D-Limonene showed the highest odoriferous intensity in all the steps and it was the only major compound in the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of evaporator, concentration and blending steps.

The majority of compounds showed a decrease in odour intensity during the processing. Principal component analysis showed that syrup, fruity, green, lavender, citrus and green leaf descriptors were reduced during the processing, from the extraction and finishing steps up to the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of evaporator step, while stink bug increased. Gas and green leaf descriptors were more important to the aroma of the juice from the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of evaporator, concentration and blending steps, and eucalyptus and plastic to the juice from the extraction and finishing steps. Ten volatile compounds were quantified by HS-SPME-GC-MS. Ethyl butanoate concentration was higher in the finishing step, being strongly reduced in the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of evaporator step, and β-pinene, myrcene and longifolene were higher in the extraction step. 1-Octanol, linalool, α-terpineol, β-citronellol, perillaldehyde and decanal were higher in the finishing step. All of them showed a decrease in concentration from the extraction and finishing step up to the end of the FCOJ processing, affecting the final product aroma quality.

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## 1. Introduction

Orange juice is an important traded commodity lead by Brazil and USA. Frozen concentrated orange juice (FCOJ) is the main product, which processing has been applied for more than 50 years. FCOJ processing is considered the most profitable and well-established for orange juice production, making the final product readily storable because of its reduced volume and easy-to-ship characteristics. This thermal processing aims to inactivate the heat-stable pectinmethylesterase (PME) and eliminate spoilage microorganisms, extending the juice shelf life. Depending on the processing conditions of temperature and time, orange juice aroma and flavour can be affected, therefore reducing the overall acceptance (Janzantti, Machado, & Monteiro, 2011).

FCOJ is mostly consumed, having a valuable position in the market, what makes important to identify the volatile compounds, their impact on the aroma and flavour of the juice, as well as by-products from process induced reactions (e.g. Strecker degradation, lipid oxidation) (Vervoort et al., 2012). Orange juice volatile compounds have been

extensively investigated. Steffen and Pawliszyn (1996) proposed a method for the extraction and quantification of seventeen volatile compounds of commercial orange juice by HS-SPME and GC-FID, including methanol, ethanol, ethyl acetate, 2-methyl-1-propanol, methyl butanoate, ethyl butanoate, cis-3-hexen-1-ol, hexyl alcohol, α-pinene, β-myrcene, ethyl hexanoate, octanal, limonene, γ-terpinene, linalool, α-terpineol and decanal, which was considered effective for flavour volatiles. Shaw, Buslig, and Moshonas (1993) classified freshly-squeezed, pasteurised and two types of reconstituted from concentrated orange juices by pattern recognition techniques analysing nineteen volatile compounds by GC-FID. A good separation was obtained among the volatile compounds from different types of orange juice and that aseptically packaged reconstituted juice from concentrate, the one with a unique volatile compound profile. Jordán, Goodner, and Laencina (2003) studied the effect of deaeration and pasteurisation on the volatile profile of fresh orange juice by GC-FID and GC-MS, showing that significant losses occurred during the deaeration process, and pasteurisation did not modify the volatile profile of the already deaerated orange juice. However there have been few attempts to identify and quantify the odour-active compounds. Tønder, Petersen, Poll, and Olsen (1998) used aroma value calculation and GC odour profiling to compare the aroma of freshly

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made and stored reconstituted orange juice. Both parameters were useful to discriminate the juices and showed ethyl butanoate, limonene, octanal and linalool as important contributors to orange juice aroma. Rouseff, Bazemore, Goodner, and Naim (2001) used SPME and GC–OSME to analyse unheated orange juice (freshly-squeezed) and heated orange juice (pasteurised in the laboratory), showing that there were eighteen volatile compounds common to both samples, with different intensities. Six aroma peaks were lost due to heating and five new peaks were formed as a result of heating. Arena, Guarrera, Campisi, and Nicolosiamundo (2006) compared the aroma profile of hand-squeezed juices from different orange varieties using GC–O detection frequency method. Twenty-two odour active compounds were detected. Limonene was predominant in all the orange juices. The aroma profiles of the blond juices were very different when compared to the blood varieties, which had higher total odour intensity and were mostly characterised by methyl butanoate. Elston, Sims, Mahattanatawee, and Rouseff (2006) employed a sensory-driven multivariate technique to evaluate thirteen commercial samples and associate the descriptors with flavour quality. The juices could be divided into three groups based on quality scores, and the most discriminating odour active compounds were octanal, ethyl butanoate/hexanal, 4-mercapto-4-methyl-2-pentanone, furaneol, 4-vinylguaiacol, *p*-methen-8-thiol, 2-methyl-3-furanthiol, vanillin, methional, (*E*)-2-nonenal and 4-mercapto-4-methyl-2-pentanol. Obenland et al. (2008) studied commercial packing and storage of navel oranges for changes in aroma-active volatiles using a GC–O time-intensity technique, showing that ethyl butanoate, ethyl hexanoate and four non-identified volatile compounds increased in the packed fruit, while limonene decreased. To the best of our knowledge there are no studies focusing on the steps of the FCOJ processing, especially the volatile compounds identification and quantification, in order to understand what happens with the juice during the processing and establish an aroma fingerprint for each step.

Because the volatile compounds profile from GC–FID or GC–MS may not reveal the actual aroma of the sample, as different compounds have various odour thresholds and area does not always reflect its odour activity, GC–O is the choice to characterise the aroma. Brunschwig et al. (2012) compared CHARM with OSME analysis for the identification of odour-active compounds of Tahitian vanilla flavour. The OSME analysis enabled the detection of a higher number of odourant zones, and it was selected for further assessment of the diversity among the three cultivars analysed. GC–O (OSME), a time-intensity technique, is the most used to assess the intensity of an odour-active compound by using the human nose as detector and a scale to rate the intensities.

The novelty of this study relies on the integrated approach where HS-SPME–GC–MS was used in combination with GC–OSME to study the odour-active compounds of orange juice. The aim of the work was to study the aroma of orange juice in order to uncover changes during the FCOJ processing. Also the relationships between juice and processing steps were investigated to determine which aroma descriptors characterise the juice from each step and how they behave up to the end of FCOJ processing.

## 2. Material and methods

### 2.1. Orange juice

Orange juice from Pêra-Rio variety in the 2012 harvest of the FCOJ processing steps was supplied by a citrus industry, Araraquara, SP, Brazil. Juice from the extraction (11.5°Brix) (3 L), finishing (11.8°Brix) (3 L), 1<sup>st</sup> stage of evaporator (3 L), concentration (1 kg) and blending (1 kg) steps were used. The collection of the juice from each step was performed from the same load of oranges, so that all the juice collected was from the same FCOJ processing batch. After collection the juice was packaged in high density polyethylene bottles (500 mL), transferred to the laboratory and then packaged in amber glass bottles (30 mL), and frozen until analysed. The juice from the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of evaporator,

concentration and blending steps was reconstituted with water up to 11.8°Brix prior the analysis.

The FCOJ processing consists of a series of operations. After arriving the industry fruits are selected, washed and directed to the extraction. Then the juice follows to finisher to remove pulp and vesicles. After finishing, juice is submitted to concentration, in order to evaporate water up to 66°Brix and guarantee enzymatic and microbiological stability. The concentrated orange juice is then cooled down in flash coolers. In the next operation oil phase is added in the juice partially replacing the volatile compounds lost in concentration (Nagy & Chen, 1993). In this work, the extraction was performed in a FMC Citrus Juice Extractor, the most used in the Brazilian citrus plants (extraction step). Then juice followed to the finisher (finishing step). The concentration was performed in a multiple-effect evaporator TASTE (Thermally Accelerated Short Time Evaporator) and juice was collected after the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of evaporator (1<sup>st</sup> stage of evaporator step). From the last evaporator stage the concentrated juice was pumped through the flash cooler (concentration step). After concentration and cooling juice was blended just with oil phase (blending step).

### 2.2. HS-SPME sampling

The headspace solid phase microextraction (HS-SPME) was performed using a manual holder with a 10 mm length 50/30 µm fibre (Supelco, Bellefonte, PA, USA). The influence of exposure time and temperature on the volatile compounds profile and area of peaks was previously evaluated using response surface methodology, in order to choose the HS-SPME conditions for the analysis of orange juice (results not shown). The PDMS/CAR/DVB fibre was chosen because of its large polarity range, which allowed wider profile and aroma representativeness. 10 mL of juice was transferred to a 20 mL vial sealed with PTFE-silicone septa (Supelco, Bellefonte, PA, USA), containing a magnetic stirring bar (8 mm). After a 17 min equilibration time at  $37 \pm 1$  °C the fibre was exposed to the sample headspace for 25 min under stirring ( $31.42 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$ ). The fibre was previously conditioned following the manufacturer's instructions (Mastello, Capobiango, Chin, Monteiro, & Marriott, 2015).

### 2.3. GC–FID analysis

A Shimadzu GC-17A (Kyoto, Japan) with a flame ionization detector (FID) was used. The GC inlet and detector temperatures were 250 °C, and the fibre was exposed in the inlet for 2 min in splitless mode. The hydrogen carrier flow rate was  $1.7 \text{ mL min}^{-1}$ . The column used was HP-5 MS column ( $30 \text{ m} \times 0.25 \text{ mm} \times 0.25 \text{ µm}$ ) (Agilent, Santa Clara, CA, USA), initially programmed at 40 °C for 3 min, ramp of  $3 \text{ °C min}^{-1}$  up to 160 °C; and then  $10 \text{ °C min}^{-1}$  up to 230 °C for 10 min. A series of alkanes ( $\text{C}_8$ – $\text{C}_{20}$ ) was employed to establish the retention indices in the HP-5MS column (van Den Dool & Kratz, 1963), that was also compared with those from the GC–MS.

### 2.4. Gas chromatography–mass spectrometry (GC–MS)

GC–MS analysis was performed using an Agilent 7890A gas chromatograph coupled with a 5975C single-quadrupole mass spectrometer. The capillary column was a HP-5MS ( $30 \text{ m} \times 0.25 \text{ mm} \times 0.25 \text{ µm}$ ) (Agilent, Santa Clara, CA, USA), programmed at 40 °C for 3 min, with ramp of  $3 \text{ °C min}^{-1}$  up to 160 °C; and then  $10 \text{ °C min}^{-1}$  up to 230 °C, and hold for 10 min. The GC inlet was set at 250 °C with splitless sampling time of 2 min. The helium carrier flow rate was  $1.7 \text{ mL min}^{-1}$ . The DB-Wax column ( $30 \text{ m} \times 0.25 \text{ mm} \times 0.25 \text{ µm}$ ) (J&W, Folsom, CA, USA) was programmed at 40 °C for 5 min, with ramp of  $3 \text{ °C min}^{-1}$  up to 200 °C for 10 min, with a helium carrier flow rate of  $1.0 \text{ mL min}^{-1}$ .

Transfer line temperature was maintained at 280 °C. The quadrupole mass spectrometer was operated in the electron impact mode and the

source temperature was 230 °C. All analyses were performed setting ionisation energy at 70 eV and electron multiplier voltage at 1200 V.

The identification of the compounds was based on their mass spectra compared to the NIST library (v. 2.0) and pure standards in the HP-5MS and DB-Wax columns. When the pure standards were not available the compound was considered tentatively identified. A series of alkanes (C<sub>8</sub>–C<sub>20</sub>) was employed to establish the retention indices in the two columns (van Den Dool & Kratz, 1963), that was also compared with those of the literature (Acree & Arn, 2015; Mastello et al., 2015) and of pure standards.

Initially, full scan data with a mass/charge range of 35–350 amu at a rate of 1.71 scan/s were acquired to determine appropriate *m/z* for the later acquisition and quantification. Quantification was performed in selected ion monitoring. The internal standard calibration was used, with the juice from the extraction step as matrix, because of its representativeness of orange juice aroma. Calibration curves for each compound were plotted using isopentyl acetate as the internal standard. 100 µL of an internal standard solution (3 µg/mL) was added to 10 mL of orange juice. The juice from each step of the FCOJ processing was analysed in triplicate using HS-SPME followed by GC–MS.

### 2.5. Gas chromatography–olfactometry (GC–O)

The GC–O analysis was performed in a Shimadzu GC-2010 equipped with a SGE olfactory port (ODO II model, Texas, USA) using the OSME technique. The SCDTI (time-intensity data collection system) data collection program was used (Da Silva, Lundhal, & McDaniel, 1994). The panellists were requested to record the intensity of each odour using a 10-point hybrid scale anchored with the terms “none”, “moderate” and “strong” in the points 0, 5 and 10, respectively, and also were asked to describe the odour perceived. Three panellists, one male and two female, aged between 25 and 35 years old, were trained and selected by odour recognition. Freshly-squeezed and overripe orange juice and essences of anise, guarana syrup, camomile, grass, strawberry, eucalyptus and green papaya fruit were presented to the panellists in 300 mL black mugs covered with aluminium paper with holes and a watch glass. They were asked to describe the odour after sniffing the mugs, and were selected if capable to describe at least 70% of the odours (ASTM – American Society for Testing and Material, 1981). After selection the panellists were trained on the OSME technique to distinguish the odours characteristic of orange juice and get used to the software and scale.

The capillary column was DB-5 (30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.25 µm) (J&W, Folsom, CA, USA). The GC inlet was set at 250 °C with splitless sampling time of 2 min. The hydrogen carrier flow rate was 1.7 mL min<sup>-1</sup>. The temperature was programmed at 40 °C for 3 min, ramp of 3 °C min<sup>-1</sup> up to 160 °C; and then 10 °C min<sup>-1</sup> up to 230 °C for 10 min. A deactivated fused silica transfer line was used to direct the effluent from the column to the olfactory port. The SGE ODO-II system was used to deliver the outlet gas to the olfactory port and to heat the transfer line. The olfactory port (250 °C) was supplied with a constant flow of 300 mL/min of humidified air. The orange juice from each FCOJ processing step was analysed by each panellist in triplicate. Each GC–O analysis lasted 30 min, corresponding to the total analysis time (60 min) divided into two sessions.

Individual aromagrams for each sample and panellist were constructed based on the data collected in SCDTI software (Janzantti, Macoris, Garruti, & Monteiro, 2012). The odoriferous peaks should be detected in at least two of the three repetitions. Then, a consensual aromagram was constructed based on the individual aromagrams, using the same criteria aforementioned, that the peaks should be detected by at least two of the three panellists.

The description of each odour was established by gathering the description of all the panellists. The GC–FID chromatograms and the aromagrams were aligned by calculating the retention indices in both systems. Peak identification was related with the odour description by

calculating the retention indices in the GC–MS. The odour descriptions were compared to that from the literature (Acree & Arn, 2015; Mastello et al., 2015; Rouseff et al., 2001) and used as an additional parameter in the compounds' identification. The odoriferous compounds were represented by the same numbers of the peaks on the chromatogram. Letters were attributed to those compounds that were only perceived by GC–O.

### 2.6. Statistical analysis

The principal component analysis (PCA) was carried out using the aroma descriptors and the odoriferous intensity for the juice of each step of the FCOJ processing, in order to verify which aroma descriptors characterise the juice from each step and how they behave up to the end of the FCOJ processing. Groups were highlighted according to the location of the descriptors and steps of processing. One-way ANOVA and Tukey or Student *t*-tests (*p* ≤ 0.05) were used to compare means of the quantified volatile compounds. All the statistical analysis were performed using STATISTICA® 8.0 Software.

## 3. Results and discussion

### 3.1. Orange juice volatile compounds identification and GC–OSME

Headspace solid phase microextraction (HS-SPME) was used to isolate the volatile compounds of orange juice from the FCOJ processing steps. GC–FID was used to analyse the volatile compounds profile of orange juice from each step and GC–MS to identify them and quantify as many compounds as possible. The OSME technique was used to assess the odoriferous importance of the volatile compounds of orange juice from the FCOJ processing steps. Table 1 shows the volatile compounds, retention indices (HP-5MS and DB-Wax columns), the aroma description and odoriferous intensity of orange juice from the steps of the FCOJ processing. Twenty-four compounds were perceived in the orange juice from the extraction step, twenty-five from the finishing step, nineteen from the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of evaporator step, nine from the concentration step and fourteen from the blending step. Compounds with intensity of 5.0 or more were considered to be of major odoriferous importance, while those with intensity between 3.0 and 4.9 and between 0.1 and 2.9 were considered to be of moderate and weak odoriferous importance, respectively.

The volatile compounds of major odoriferous importance for the juice from the extraction step were ethyl butanoate, described as “syrup”, *D*-limonene, described as “sweet, citrus”, nonanal, described as “green, fruity”, ethyl octanoate, described as “citrus, eucalyptus” and decanal, described as “citrus”. These compounds, apart from nonanal and ethyl octanoate, were also considered to be of major odoriferous importance for the juice from the finishing step. *D*-Limonene is the compound with the highest odoriferous intensity in all the steps and the only major compound in the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of evaporator, concentration and blending steps. The contribution of *D*-limonene for orange juice aroma is not clear, although it is one of the major compounds in orange juice. Perez-Cacho and Rouseff (2008) suggested that it might be possible that limonene is a “lifting agent” for other volatiles in a similar way as ethanol does in wine. Ethyl butanoate is the single most important ester and one of the most intense odourant in orange juice (Arena et al., 2006).

In Fig. 1 is presented the typical GC–FID chromatograms and aromagrams of orange juice from the beginning (extraction) and end (concentration) steps of the FCOJ processing. The blending step, in which oil phase is added to the juice, follows the concentration step. The majority of compounds showed a decrease in odour intensity during the FCOJ processing. *Trans* + *cis*- $\beta$ -ocimene, described as “mint”, terpinolene (mixture), described as “eucalyptus”, linalool, described as “lavender”, perillaldehyde, described as “tea, citrus, eucalyptus”, and the non-identified compounds from peak 3 (RI 890), described as “sweet”, and peak 42 (RI 1333), described as “stink bug”, are considered to be of

moderate odoriferous importance for the juice from the extraction step, decreased to the finishing step and then was not perceived up to the end of the processing, apart from perillaldehyde and the non-identified compound from peak 3 which odoriferous importance was maintained in the finishing step. Linalool is an important alcohol for the orange juice aroma, present in peel oil and with a distinctive floral aroma showed weak odoriferous importance in the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of evaporator, concentration and blending steps. The non-identified compound from peak 42 maintained the odoriferous importance in the two first steps, decreased from the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of evaporator step and was not perceived in the concentration step (Table 1).

Among the compounds with weak odoriferous importance in the juice from the extraction step,  $\beta$ -pinene, described as “green leaf”, octanal, described as “eucalyptus”, longifolene, described as “citrus”, dodecanal + caryophyllene, described as “sweet, citrus”, increased the odoriferous intensity in the finishing step and then were not perceived up to the end of the processing, while  $\alpha$ -terpineol, described as “citrus”, and nerol +  $\beta$ -citronellol, described as “stink bug” maintained the odoriferous importance in the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of evaporator and were not perceived in the concentration step. Cis-4-decenal, described as “eucalyptus”, was not only perceived in the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of evaporator step (Table 1 and Fig. 1). Because aldehydes are highly chemical reactive, their concentrations are easily altered after thermal processing. As confirmed in this study, aldehydes are known for having green notes (Perez-Cacho & Rouseff, 2008).

Hexanal, described as “green leaf”,  $\beta$ -myrcene, described as “plastic”, terpinen-4-ol, described as “grease”, 1-decanol, described as “ripen fruit”, and a non-identified compound from peak 24 (RI 1148), described

as “green leaf” showed an increase in odour intensity in the juice from the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of evaporator step when compared to those from the extraction and finishing steps. Although hexanal naturally occurs in fruits and vegetables, and according to Shaw (1991) it is an important contributor to the aroma of orange juice, it was of weak odoriferous importance in the juice from extraction or finishing steps (Table 1 and Fig. 1).

Heptanal, described as “fatty” and the non-identified compounds A, B and C, described as “rotten”, “gas”, and “plastic”, respectively, were perceived by OSME only in the juice from 1<sup>st</sup> stage of evaporator and concentration steps. The non-identified compounds A and B were considered to be of weak odoriferous importance in all the steps, while heptanal was of weak importance for the juice from the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of evaporator step and moderate importance for the juice from the concentration and blending steps. Regarding the non-identified compound C, it was considered to be of moderate and weak importance for the juice from the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of evaporator and concentration steps, respectively (Table 1 and Fig. 1).

Some compounds were perceived only in a single step of the processing. Perillylalcohol, described as “citrus, eucalyptus” was perceived in the juice from the extraction step, linalyl acetate, described as “citrus” was perceived in the juice from the finishing step,  $\rho$ -mentha-1,3,8-triene and 1-octanol, described as “citrus” and “stink bug”, respectively, were perceived in the juice from the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of evaporator step. 1-octanol formation can be linked to unsaturated fatty acid degradation (Kebede et al., 2013), which might be induced by heating. In all these cases, the compounds were considered to be of weak importance for the juice, apart from 1-octanol and  $\rho$ -mentha-1,3,8-triene, which were considered to be of moderate odoriferous importance (Table 1 and Fig. 1).

**Table 1**  
Volatile and odoriferous compounds of orange juice from the FCOJ processing steps.

Peak <sup>a</sup>	RI <sup>b</sup>	RI <sup>c</sup>	Compound	Aroma description	GC-O <sup>d</sup>				
					Extraction	Finishing	1 <sup>st</sup> stage evaporator	Concentration	Blending
A	<800	—	ni	Rotten	—	—	1.79	2.41	1.69
B	<800	—	ni	Gas	—	—	2.94	1.24	2.91
1	800	1083	Hexanal <sup>e,f,g</sup>	Green leaf	2.90	2.66	3.72	3.64	3.17
2	804	1038	Ethyl butanoate <sup>e,f,g</sup>	Syrup	5.54	5.61	2.25	—	—
3	890	—	ni	Sweet	3.28	3.40	—	—	—
4	903	1184	Heptanal <sup>f,g</sup>	Fatty	—	—	1.69	3.21	3.65
5	931	1022	$\alpha$ -Pinene <sup>e,f,g</sup>	np	—	—	—	—	—
6	972	1118	$\beta$ -Pinene <sup>e,f,g</sup>	green leaf	1.47	2.20	—	—	—
C	985	—	ni	Plastic	—	—	3.73	0.92	—
7	993	1167	$\beta$ -Myrcene <sup>e,f,g</sup>	Plastic	1.48	—	2.97	—	2.49
8	1006	1288	Octanal <sup>e,f,g</sup>	Eucalyptus	2.64	3.64	—	—	—
9	1023	1264	Cymene <sup>f,g</sup>	np	—	—	—	—	—
10	1038	1200	D-Limonene <sup>e,f,g</sup>	Sweet, citrus	6.16	7.92	5.32	5.02	5.74
11	1043	1251	Trans- $\beta$ -ocimene <sup>f,g</sup>	Mint	3.02	2.73	—	—	—
12	1052	1264	Cis- $\beta$ -ocimene <sup>f,g</sup>	np	—	—	—	—	—
13	1059	1241	$\gamma$ -Terpinene <sup>f,g</sup>	np	—	—	—	—	—
14	1067	—	Trans-sabinenehydrate <sup>f,g</sup>	np	—	—	—	—	—
15	1076	1565	1-Octanol <sup>e,f,g</sup>	Stink bug	—	—	4.51	—	—
16	1085	—	terpinolene (mixture) <sup>f,g</sup>	Eucalyptus	—	—	—	—	—
17	1088	1275	Terpinolene (mixture) <sup>f,g</sup>	Eucalyptus	4.55	2.97	—	—	—
18	1098	—	Cis-sabinenehydrate <sup>f,g</sup>	Plastic	—	2.40	—	—	2.60
19	1105	1555	Linalool <sup>e,f,g</sup>	Lavender	3.07	2.62	2.50	1.40	2.06
20	1108	1401	Nonanal <sup>f,g</sup>	Green, fruity	5.51	4.73	2.21	—	—
21	1112	1382	$\rho$ -Mentha-1,3,8-triene <sup>f,g</sup>	Citrus	—	—	3.71	—	—
22	1131	1682	Ethyl 3-hydroxyhexanoate <sup>f,g</sup>	np	—	—	—	—	—
23	1143	1367	Allocimene <sup>f,g</sup>	Sweet, citrus	2.01	2.00	—	—	—
24	1148	—	ni	Green leaf	1.71	2.45	4.20	—	—
25	1177	1598	Terpinen-4-ol <sup>e,f,g</sup>	Grease	1.39	1.79	4.68	1.68	—
26	1190	1698	$\alpha$ -Terpineol <sup>e,f,g</sup>	Citrus	2.76	4.29	3.91	—	3.53
27	1196	1528	Cis-4-decenal <sup>f,g</sup>	Eucalyptus	2.62	4.55	—	1.41	2.13
28	1202	1435	Ethyl octanoate <sup>f,g</sup>	Citrus, eucalyptus	5.14	2.05	—	—	—
29	1209	1499	Decanal <sup>e,f,g</sup>	citrus	5.24	6.61	2.64	—	3.12
30	1217	1476	Octylacetate <sup>f,g</sup>	np	—	—	—	—	—
31	1219	1865	Carveol <sup>f,g</sup>	np	—	—	—	—	—
32,33	1230	1804 + 1772	Nerol <sup>f,g</sup> + $\beta$ -citronellol <sup>e,f,g</sup>	np	2.64	4.73	4.26	—	3.11
34	1243	1722	Carvone (mixture) <sup>f,g</sup>	np	—	—	—	—	—
35	1257	1854	Geraniol <sup>f,g</sup>	np	—	—	—	—	—
36	1259	—	Linalylacetate <sup>f,g</sup>	Citrus	—	2.39	—	—	—

Table 1 (continued)

Peak <sup>a</sup>	RI <sup>b</sup>	RI <sup>c</sup>	Compound	Aroma description	GC-O <sup>d</sup>				
					Extraction	Finishing	1 <sup>st</sup> stage evaporator	Concentration	Blending
37	1272	1768	Perillaldehyde <sup>e,f,g</sup>	Tea, citrus, eucalyptus	3.00	3.00	—	—	—
38	1276	—	1-Decanal <sup>f,g</sup>	Ripen fruit	—	1.55	2.20	—	3.13
39	1290	—	Carvacrol <sup>f,g</sup>	np	—	—	—	—	—
40	1298	—	Perillaalcohol <sup>f,g</sup>	Citrus, eucalyptus	2.24	—	—	—	—
41	1309	—	Undecanal <sup>e,f,g</sup>	np	—	—	—	—	—
42	1333	—	ni	Stink bug	4.35	4.53	2.53	—	1.22
45	1357	1661	Citronellylacetate <sup>f,g</sup>	np	—	—	—	—	—
46	1368	1726	Nerylacetate <sup>f,g</sup>	np	—	—	—	—	—
47	1373	1444	$\alpha$ -Copaene <sup>f,g</sup>	np	—	—	—	—	—
48	1384	1468	$\delta$ -Elemene <sup>f,g</sup>	np	—	—	—	—	—
49	1388	1757	Geranylacetate <sup>f,g</sup>	np	—	—	—	—	—
50	1391	1687	$\gamma$ -Elemene <sup>f,g</sup>	np	—	—	—	—	—
51	1400	1537	Longifolene <sup>e,f,g</sup>	citrus	0.79	1.52	—	—	—
52	1403	1400	Tetradecane <sup>f,g</sup>	np	—	—	—	—	—
53,54	1411	1707 + 1575	Dodecanal <sup>f,g</sup> + caryophyllene <sup>f,g</sup>	Sweety, citrus	1.66	3.13	—	—	—
55	1426	1611	$\beta$ -Copaene <sup>f,g</sup>	np	—	—	—	—	—
56	1437	1851	Perillylacetate <sup>f,g</sup>	np	—	—	—	—	—
57	1448	1647	Humulene <sup>f,g</sup>	np	—	—	—	—	—
58	1471	1676	Gurjunene <sup>f,g</sup>	np	—	—	—	—	—
60	1492	1698	Valencene <sup>e,f,g</sup>	np	—	—	—	—	—
61	1501	1715	Eremophilene <sup>f,g</sup>	np	—	—	—	—	—
62	1514	—	panasinsene <sup>f,g</sup>	np	—	—	—	—	—
63	1523	1740	$\delta$ -Cadinene <sup>f,g</sup>	np	—	—	—	—	—
64	1538	—	Guaia-3,9-diene <sup>f,g</sup>	np	—	—	—	—	—
65	1578	1964	Caryophylleneoxide <sup>e,f,g</sup>	np	—	—	—	—	—
66	1654	—	Selina-3,7 (11)-diene <sup>f,g</sup>	np	—	—	—	—	—
67	1800	—	Nootkatone <sup>f,g</sup>	np	—	—	—	—	—
68	2009	—	Isopropyl palmitate <sup>f,g</sup>	np	—	—	—	—	—

ni = compound non-identified;

np = not perceived by OSME.

<sup>a</sup> The odoriferous compounds were represented by the same numbers of the peaks on the chromatogram. Letters were attributed to those compounds that were only perceived by GC-O.

<sup>b</sup> Retention index in HP-5MS column from GC-FID and GC-MS.

<sup>c</sup> Retention index in DB-Wax column from GC-MS.

<sup>d</sup> GC-O: odoriferous intensity, 0.1 to 10.0.

<sup>e</sup> Compound identified by pure standards' retention time.

<sup>f</sup> Compound identified by mass spectrometry.

<sup>g</sup> Compound identified by the retention index.

It should be noticed that changes in the volatile compounds profile and aroma are related to the heat applied in the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of evaporator step, because a remarkable decrease in odour intensity occurred from the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of evaporator step up to the blending step. A lot of compounds are lost, consequently reducing the natural and characteristic aroma of orange juice (Janzantti et al., 2011). In the blending step oil phase is currently added. *D*-Limonene, linalool, nerol and  $\beta$ -citronellol,  $\alpha$ -terpineol and decanal are typical compounds which increase odour intensity and area in the juice of the blending step. Although oil phase is added in the blending step, the final odour intensity and area of those volatile compounds were lower than the initial ones in the extraction and finishing steps, suggesting that the natural and characteristic aroma of freshly-squeezed orange juice is not replaced.

PCA was used to represent the data in two dimensions to differentiate the juice of each step of the FCOJ processing (Fig. 2). The first two principal components (PC) explained a variation of 80.53% of the aroma descriptors and odoriferous intensity in the juice of each step of the FCOJ processing. The PCA was suitable to differentiate the steps and group of descriptors according to their spatial location. The juice from the extraction and finishing steps, loaded negatively in PC1, showed higher intensities of the aroma descriptors sweet, citrus, eucalyptus, green leaf and mint. The juice from 1<sup>st</sup> stage of evaporator step, loaded positively in PC1 and negatively in PC2, had higher intensities of the aroma descriptors ripen fruit, grease, plastic and stink bug. The juice from the concentration and blending steps, loaded positively in PC1 and PC2, had higher intensities of the aroma descriptors fatty and rotten. The aroma descriptors syrup, fruity, green, lavender, citrus and green leaf, loaded negatively in PC1 and PC2, were reduced during the processing, from the extraction and finishing steps up to the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of evaporator step, while stink bug increased. The aroma descriptors

gas and green leaf, loaded positively in PC1 and negatively in PC2, were more important to the aroma of the juice from the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of evaporator, concentration and blending steps. The aroma descriptors eucalyptus and plastic, loaded negatively in PC1 and positively in PC2, were more important to the aroma of the juice from the extraction and finishing steps.

### 3.2. Quantification of orange juice volatile compounds

Table 2 shows the ten volatile compounds quantified in the orange juice from the steps of the FCOJ processing. Volatile compounds peak numbers in Table 2 correspond to those from Table 1.

Ethyl butanoate was higher in the juice from the finishing step, 2.03  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$  ( $p \leq 0.05$ ), being strongly reduced in the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of evaporator step,  $3.11 \times 10^{-2} \mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$  ( $p \leq 0.05$ ), as verified by OSME.  $\beta$ -pinene was higher in the juice from the extraction step ( $2.33 \times 10^{-1} \mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ ), significantly differing from the finishing step ( $7.13 \times 10^{-2} \mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ ) ( $p \leq 0.05$ ).  $\beta$ -Myrcene showed similar behaviour as  $\beta$ -pinene, with 3.16  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$  in the juice from the extraction step and 1.30  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$  in the finishing step ( $p \leq 0.05$ ). The level of  $\beta$ -pinene and  $\beta$ -myrcene in orange juice is related to the peel oil content of orange juice. Ahmed, Dennison, Dougherty, and Shaw (1978) suggested that  $\beta$ -myrcene makes a negative contribution to orange aroma in processed orange juice, while  $\beta$ -pinene is thought to make a positive contribution to orange aroma.

The two monoterpenes linalool and  $\alpha$ -terpineol, as well as the alcohol 1-octanol were quantified in the juice from all the FCOJ processing steps. Regarding 1-octanol, it was present in higher amounts in the finishing step (3.38  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ ), followed by the extraction step ( $p \leq 0.05$ ), with no difference ( $p > 0.05$ ) among the other steps. Linalool was higher in the juice from the finishing step (0.10  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ ), differing from all the

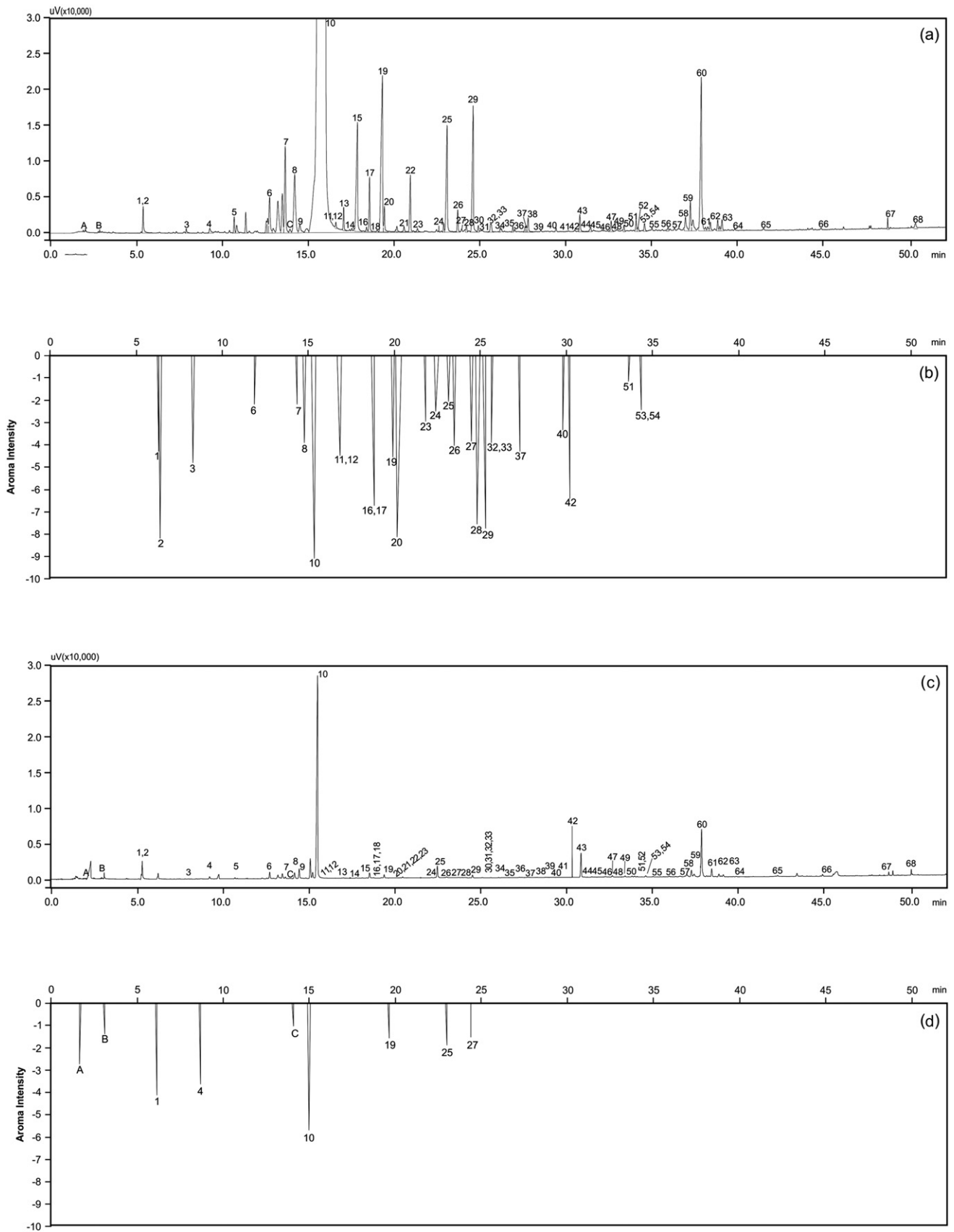
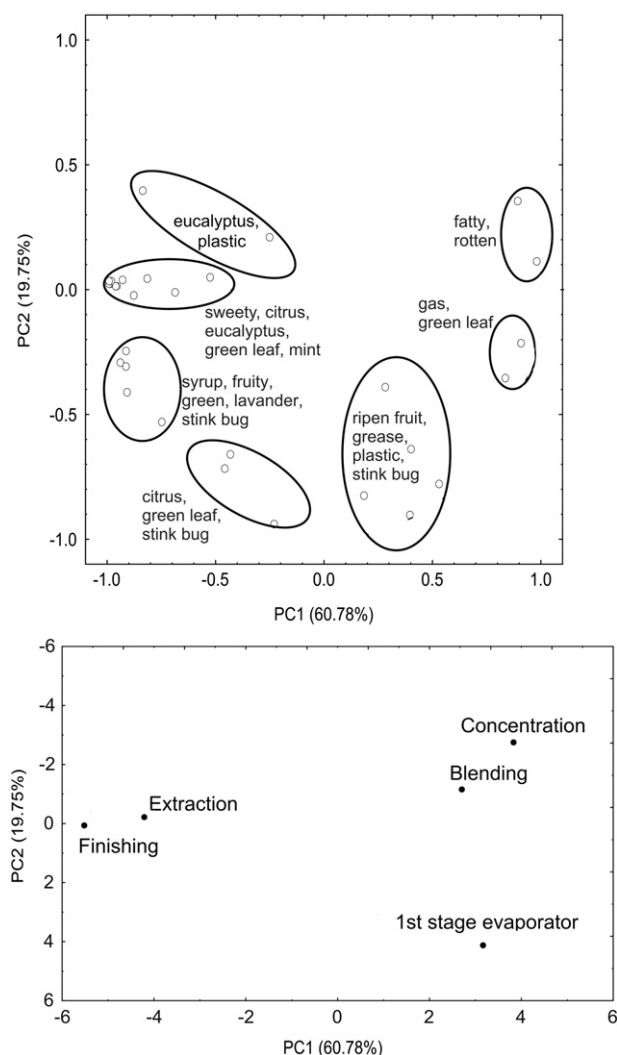


Fig. 1. Chromatogram and aromagram of orange juice from the extraction step (a, b) and from the concentration step (c, d).



**Fig. 2.** PCA of the aroma of the orange juice from the FCOJ processing steps and volatile compounds odoriferous intensity.

other steps ( $p \leq 0.05$ ). No difference was found in linalool between 1<sup>st</sup> stage of evaporator and concentration. The terpene  $\alpha$ -terpineol was higher in the juice from the finishing step ( $0.13 \mu\text{g/mL}$ ) ( $p \leq 0.05$ ). Jordán et al. (2003) reported that  $\alpha$ -terpineol is an indicator of the age of orange juice, that is derived from chemical degradation of limonene, which might be induced by heating. Levels higher than  $2 \mu\text{g/g}$  of  $\alpha$ -terpineol may adversely affect the juice flavour.  $\beta$ -Citronellol ( $2.09 \times 10^{-1} \mu\text{g/mL}$ ), perillaldehyde ( $2.11 \times 10^{-2} \mu\text{g/mL}$ ), and decanal ( $9.45 \mu\text{g/mL}$ ) were higher in the juice from the finishing step ( $p \leq 0.05$ ). Longifolene was higher in the juice from the extraction step ( $4.03 \times 10^{-3} \mu\text{g/mL}$ ), followed by the finishing ( $2.95 \times 10^{-3} \mu\text{g/mL}$ ), 1<sup>st</sup> stage of evaporator ( $2.84 \times 10^{-3} \mu\text{g/mL}$ ) and blending steps ( $2.79 \times 10^{-3} \mu\text{g/mL}$ ) ( $p \leq 0.05$ ). Longifolene was not found in the concentration step, suggesting it was replaced in the blending step (Table 2). All the compounds showed a decrease in concentration from the extraction and finishing step up to the end of the FCOJ processing, with statistically significant differences. Ethyl butanoate,  $\beta$ -pinene,  $\beta$ -myrcene, 1-octanol, linalool,  $\alpha$ -terpineol, decanal,  $\beta$ -citronellol, perillaldehyde and longifolene are odour-active, hence considered to be important contributors to the aroma of orange juice. A decrease in the concentration of these compounds represents an important loss for the orange juice aroma (Arena et al., 2006; Mastello et al., 2015; Rouseff et al., 2001). The concentration of the volatile compounds during processing

corroborates the results obtained by GC–OSME. There is no information in literature over volatile compounds quantification in orange juice from the FCOJ processing steps. Baxter, Easton, Schneebeli, and Whitfield (2005) reported the relative concentration ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ) of volatile compounds using HS–SPME in Navel orange juices that were untreated, temperature treated (pasteurised) and high pressure processed stored over a period of twelve weeks under refrigeration ( $4^\circ\text{C}$ ) and temperature-abuse ( $10^\circ\text{C}$ ), showing that in the unprocessed and temperature treated orange juice the volatile compounds laid within the same ranges found in the present study. The majority of compounds showed a decrease in concentration in the temperature treated when compared to the untreated juice similarly to our results. It is worth mentioning that Baxter et al. (2005) did not report statistical differences between the relative concentrations of volatile compounds of the juices, neither results of GC–O analysis, which would be a better way of comparison.

Selli and Kelebek (2011) also reported the level ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) of volatile compounds of blood orange juices from Moro and Sanguinello varieties, extracted by liquid extraction. They observed some differences in concentration values between varieties, but the volatile profile was quite similar. The concentrations of ethyl butanoate,  $\beta$ -myrcene, 1-octanol, linalool, decanal reported in the juice from extraction step of the present study were higher than in orange juice from Moro and Sanguinello varieties. Hence there are differences between those and the Pêra-Rio orange juices of the present study. Ren et al. (2015) analysed juice from different citrus varieties by HS–SPME, with the same fibre used in the present study. They observed differences in sensory analysis and volatile compounds profile between varieties. Regarding orange juice, Hamlin variety was studied. The concentrations ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) of ethyl butanoate,  $\beta$ -myrcene,  $\alpha$ -terpineol and decanal were higher in Hamlin orange juice when compared to those from extraction and finishing steps of Pêra-Rio orange juice. On the other hand, the concentrations of 1-octanol and linalool were lower in Hamlin orange juice. Although the volatile compounds levels reported by Selli and Kelebek (2011) and Ren et al. (2015) are in the same range of those reported in the present study, comparison of orange juices samples is not always suitable because of differences in variety, local of production, and processing conditions, among other factors.

In the present work the effectiveness of a combination of HS–SPME–GC–MS with GC–OSME and multivariate data analysis was demonstrated. Changes in the aroma and levels of volatile compounds during the FCOJ processing were also showed. The majority of compounds showed a decrease in odour intensity during the processing. PCA showed that syrup, fruity, green, lavender, citrus and green leaf descriptors were reduced during the processing, from the extraction and finishing steps up to the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of evaporator step, while stink bug increased. Gas and green leaf descriptors were more important to the aroma of the juice from the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of evaporator, concentration and blending steps, and eucalyptus and plastic to the juice from the extraction and finishing steps. For the first time it was possible to establish which volatile compounds and aroma descriptors characterise the juice from each step of the FCOJ processing. Our results showed that in the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of evaporator step the majority of compounds are lost, affecting the final product aroma quality. Ethyl butanoate was higher in the juice from the finishing step, being strongly reduced in the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of evaporator step, and  $\beta$ -pinene, myrcene and longifolene were higher in the juice from the extraction step. 1-octanol, linalool,  $\alpha$ -terpineol,  $\beta$ -citronellol, perillaldehyde and decanal were higher in the finishing step. The oil phase addition in the blending step could not recover odour intensity, area and levels of the volatile compounds.

Even though FCOJ processing has been applied for a long time there is no information concerning the identification and quantification of volatile compounds at each processing step and their impact on the aroma and flavour of the juice. The study of the processing steps enriches the current industrial knowledge indicating which steps there are substantial losses of aroma that affect orange juice quality. Our results can support the industry on controlling the processing conditions in order

**Table 2**  
Volatile compounds concentration ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ) of orange juice from the FCOJ processing steps.

Peak	Compound	m/z	Linear range ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ )	$r^1$	Extraction	Finishing	1 <sup>st</sup> stage evaporator	Concentration	Blending
2	Ethyl butanoate	71, 88, 116	$2.34 \times 10^{-3}$ – $2.56 \times 10^0$	0.9982	$3.54 \times 10^{-1}$ b (3.73)	$2.03 \times 10^0$ a (0.30)	$3.11 \times 10^{-2}$ c (24.57)	*	*
6	$\beta$ -Phene	69, 91, 136	$1.38 \times 10^{-4}$ – $2.76 \times 10^{-1}$	0.9887	$2.34 \times 10^{-1}$ a (2.94)	$7.13 \times 10^{-2}$ b (0.52)	*	*	*
7	$\beta$ -Myrcene	39, 69, 93	$2.00 \times 10^{-4}$ – $6.01 \times 10^0$	0.9524	$3.16 \times 10^0$ a (2.27)	$1.30 \times 10^0$ b (1.90)	*	*	*
15	1-Octanol	56, 70, 84	$1.10 \times 10^{-3}$ – $3.20 \times 10^0$	0.9858	$1.59 \times 10^0$ b (1.49)	$3.38 \times 10^0$ a (0.15)	$3.29 \times 10^{-1}$ c (0.29)	$3.34 \times 10^{-1}$ c (0.00)	$3.26 \times 10^{-1}$ c (0.01)
19	Linalool	93, 121, 154	$2.55 \times 10^{-3}$ – $2.04 \times 10^1$	0.9985	$6.50 \times 10^0$ b (1.70)	$0.10 \times 10^0$ a (0.01)	$1.42 \times 10^0$ d (0.06)	$1.43 \times 10^0$ c (0.01)	$1.31 \times 10^0$ e (0.03)
26	$\alpha$ -Terpineol	59, 81, 154	$2.42 \times 10^{-5}$ – $4.84 \times 10^0$	0.9994	$5.20 \times 10^{-1}$ b (1.30)	$0.13 \times 10^0$ a (0.002)	$1.14 \times 10^{-1}$ c (0.85)	$1.34 \times 10^{-1}$ d (0.01)	$1.25 \times 10^{-1}$ e (0.06)
33	Decanal	57, 112, 156	$4.46 \times 10^{-4}$ – $4.40 \times 10^1$	0.9938	$1.03 \times 10^0$ b (27.14)	$9.45 \times 10^0$ a (0.07)	*	*	*
29	$\beta$ -Citronellol	95, 123, 156	$3.93 \times 10^{-4}$ – $3.93 \times 10^{-1}$	0.9995	$8.72 \times 10^{-2}$ b (5.56)	$2.09 \times 10^{-1}$ a (1.11)	$2.95 \times 10^{-3}$ c (0.49)	*	*
37	Perillaldehyde	107, 122, 135	$3.57 \times 10^{-4}$ – $3.57 \times 10^{-1}$	0.9994	$7.11 \times 10^{-3}$ b (13.02)	$2.11 \times 10^{-2}$ a (0.11)	*	*	*
51	Longifolene	133, 161, 189	$7.08 \times 10^{-5}$ – $2.36 \times 10^{-2}$	0.9994	$4.03 \times 10^{-3}$ a (0.19)	$2.95 \times 10^{-3}$ b (0.09)	$2.84 \times 10^{-3}$ c (0.03)	*	$2.79 \times 10^{-3}$ d (0.02)

\*Not quantified.

n = 3, means with different letters in the same row differ in Tukey or Student t-tests ( $p \leq 0.05$ ).

Relative standard deviation (%) in parenthesis.

<sup>1</sup> Linear coefficient.

to avoid and/or minimise the loss of important compounds responsible for the characteristic, natural and fresh orange juice aroma.

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