



## Extraction of Essential Oils from Sweet Orange Leaves (*Citrus aurantium*) Using the Microwave Hydrodistillation (MHD) Method

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**Abstract.** This study aims to utilize sweet lime leaves which are only waste that has no value, where sweet lime leaves are one of the ingredients that contain essential oils. Apart from the skin, it turns out that this sweet lime leaf can also be extracted using the Microwave Hydrodistillation (MHD) method. This study uses three variables namely; the F/S ratio used was 0.375 g/mL; 0.5g/mL; 0.65 g/mL, power 150 watts, 300 watts, and 450 watts, and time 30, 60, and 90 minutes. The extraction method is carried out using fresh ingredients with a solvent volume of 200 ml. The test carried out is the GC-MS test. The results of the test method and the purpose of this study were to determine the limonene content in the extraction of sweet lime leaves using the MHD method with variations in ratio, power, and time. The optimum yield of essential oils is at a power of 300 W, 90 minutes, and a ratio of 0.625 with a yield of 0.373%. The biggest components produced in the MHD method of extracting citrus leaves were Germacrene D 29.51%, Alpha-Copaene 18.47%, CIS-CAROPHYLNE 15.42%, 9-Eicosene (E) 8.58% and Limonene 5.51%.

**Keywords:** *Essential oil, MHD, GC-MS test.*

### 1. Introduction

The most important fruit commodity worldwide is oranges, with annual production exceeding 120 million tonnes. In Indonesia, the total area of land planted with oranges has reached more than 57000 hectares with a production of around 2.5 million tonnes [1]. One of the citrus producers is in Semboro Village, Jember. Citrus fruit is one of the fruits that are in great demand by the public because of its refreshing aroma and is a source of vitamin C, besides that it also contains various other essential nutrients such as carbohydrates (dietary fiber and sugars), potassium, magnesium, copper, calcium, phosphorus, folate, thiamin, niacin, riboflavin, vitamin B6, pantothenic acid, and other phytochemical compounds [2].

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Extracting essential oils from citrus plants has long been popular because they can be extracted from fruit, peel, and leaves. The most popular type of orange to extract its essential oil is sweet orange (*Citrus aurantium*). Lime leaves contain bioactive compounds: alkaloids, phenolics, saponins, tannins, steroids, and flavonoids. These phenolic and flavonoid compounds can act as antioxidants [3]. Similar compounds are also found in citrus leaves of *Citrus Aurantifolia* which contain volatile compounds belonging to the monoterpenes, sesquiterpenes, alcohols, aldehydes, esters, and others. The monoterpene group is the dominant compound found in the leaves of *C. aurantifolia* such as limonene (30.11%),  $\beta$ -pinene (19.27%), and  $\beta$ -oxy (3.488%). Sesquiterpenes contained as much as 3.365%, while the group of alcohol contained in the leaves are citronellol (3.989%) and  $\alpha$ -terpineol (3.061%). The aldehyde group that is abundant in *C. aurantifolia* leaves is citronellal [4].

Orange leaves were used in this research because orange leaves can produce limonene which is obtained from the essential oil extraction process. Orange leaves are traditionally used for the treatment of skin diseases and as an anti-inflammatory agent [5]. Decoction of orange leaves is traditionally used for eye drops, reducing fever, as a mouthwash, sore throat, canker sores, cardiovascular disease, treatment and prevention of cancer. The benefits of orange leaves can reduce anxiety and nervousness, reduce stress-related disorders such as insomnia or digestive disorders of nervous origin, have anti-inflammatory potential (digestive system), antispasmodic properties of the digestive system (distension, diarrhea), and treat cardiovascular. It is also used to fight fever, headaches, and colds [6].

Limonene ( $C_{10}H_{16}$ ) is a compound belonging to the monoterpene group. Limonene freezes at  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$ , boils at  $176.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and is colorless and odorless [7]. In nature, there are two kinds of limonene, namely d-limonene which smells like oranges, and l-limonene which smells like turpentine. Limonene can be obtained by extracting lime leaves, where in general limonene is used as a flavoring and aroma enhancer in food, and fragrances in perfumes [8]. Limonene is very useful if it can be extracted from the leaves as an essential oil. In addition to reducing the number of waste sources, the essential oils produced have a high selling value [9].

Extraction of essential oils from lime leaves usually uses conventional methods such as hydrodistillation, steam distillation, cold pressing, and solvent extraction. However, this conventional method has drawbacks in terms of product quality, including loss of some important volatile compounds, low extraction efficiency, high energy consumption, and too

long processing time. In addition, important compounds in the oil can be degraded due to heating and hydrolysis, and the extracts can also be contaminated with toxic solvent residues [10]. To overcome this shortcoming, a "green technique" has been applied in essential oil extraction to make the process more effective. One of the more effective methods is Microwave Hydrodistillation (MHD), which uses a relatively short process, produces high yields and minimizes the use of solvents [11].

The extraction process using the Microwave Hydrodistillation (MHD) method combines water distillation with microwave heating [12]. This method was chosen because the extraction process does not require the use of solvents that require further purification, and the vacuum pressure and operating conditions do not need to reach a critical condition, making it easier. The use of water as a solvent was chosen because it has a high dielectric constant, making it more effective at absorbing microwaves [13]. Water is a cheap, environmentally friendly, non-flammable, non-toxic solvent, and allows for clean processing and pollution prevention [14]. The MHD method uses microwaves as an environmentally friendly energy source, the extraction process is fast making it more efficient and economical, and produces less liquid waste [10]. In the MHD method, microwaves are used to heat and evaporate water from cells so that cells swell, stretch, burst, and allow metabolic components to come out and be extracted by solvents [15]. Various previous studies regarding the extraction of citrus fruit leaves and peels can be seen in Table 1 below.

**Table 1.** Previous studies on Extraction of Leaves, Stems, and Citrus Fruits

| No. | Raw Material   | Methods Results  | Reference |
|-----|--|--|-----------|
| 1.  | Lime leaves  | The process using the US-MAE method is capable of producing a greater yield of kaffir lime leaf oil than the conventional method (0.33%) with a very short extraction time.  | [16]      |
| 2.  | Stem, Leaves and Peel of Kaffir lime (Citrus Hystrix Dc) | The optimum yield results in the extraction of kaffir lime leaf oil obtained by the SFME method are:<br>- Fresh condition size ( $0.88 \pm 0.25$ cm) ratio of 0.15 g/ml is 7.23%.<br>- Extraction of kaffir lime stem oil in fresh condition size ( $2.24 \pm 0.15$ cm) ratio of 0.3 g/ml is 0.29 %.<br>- Optimum yield in fresh condition size ( $1.34 \pm 0.23$ cm) ratio of 0.2 g/ml is 4.19 %. | [7]       |

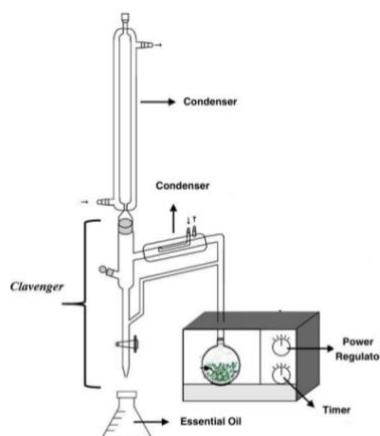
| No. | Raw Material                            | Methods Results  | Reference |
|-----|---|--|-----------|
| 3.  | Orange peel<br>(Citrus<br>Aurantium L.) | The MSDF method produces a yield faster than the MHG method at an optimal power of 264 W. At 20 minutes, the MSDF method produces an essential oil yield of 1.95%, while the MHG method produces a 1.93% yield at 40 minutes.  | [17]      |
| 4.  | Orange peel<br>(Citrus<br>Aurantium L.) | Microwave power of 100 and 300 watts and extraction time of 60 minutes. The % yield obtained from the MHD method is 0.3% for 50 minutes of the extraction process, comparable to the % yield from the MHG method of 0.293% for 35 minutes of the process   | [12]      |
| 5.  | Sweet Orange<br>Leaves                  | In the MAHD method, the optimal conditions obtained were a yield of 0.43% with a material and water ratio of 3.46:1 (mL/g), an extraction time of 100.47 minutes, operating power of 471.58 W. The largest compound was obtained from the test is Sabinene (30.556 %), Cis-Ocimene (10.139 %), and D-Limonene (9.682 %). | [18]      |

Based on the explanation above, a study was carried out to extract sweet lime leaves using the MHD method to obtain the amount of yield and quality of essential oil and then to test the limonene content using the GC-MS test.

## 2. Materials and Methods

### 2.1 Materials and Tools

The materials used in this study were fresh sweet lime leaves (*Citrus aurantium*) aged 2-3 years obtained from Semboro Village, Jember Regency and the solvent used was H<sub>2</sub>O or aquadest. The tools used in this study were: Electrolux EMM-2007X type microwave, 20 L, 220 V, maximum power 800 W, wave frequency 2450 Hz, 1000 mL round bottom flask, modified clevenger, condenser, analytical balance, scissors, bottle vials, Erlenmeyer merk pyrex 100ml, beaker glass merk pyrex 500ml, pumps, states, and clamps. PTFE-coated microwave cavity measures 46.1 x 28 x 37.3 cm. The modified Clevenger tool set can be seen in figure 1.



**Figure 1.** Clevenger Modification

## 2.2 Measurement of water content

Moisture content is the percentage of water content of a material which can be expressed based on wet weight (damp premise) or dry weight (dry premise). Moisture content has a big influence and role on the quality of a product. Measurement of water content was carried out using the thermogravimetric method (oven method). The sample for which the water content will be calculated is weighed first and then dried in an oven with a temperature of 100°C for 2 hours, then allowed to stand at room temperature. Then in the oven again with a temperature of 100°C for 1 hour, after being cooled in the oven to room temperature then weighed to obtain a constant level. Calculation of the water content is obtained by comparing the mass of the sample before drying and the mass lost after drying multiplied by 100% (equation 1) [7].

$$\text{Water content} = \frac{\text{initial sample weight} - \text{final sample weight}}{\text{initial sample weight}} \times 100\% \quad (1)$$

## 2.3 Essential Oil Extraction Process

Sample preparation is the first step that is carried out before the study [19]. Fresh sweet lime leaves were obtained from Semboro Village, Jember Regency. Fresh sweet lime leaves are cut ( $\pm 3$ cm). The F/S ratio used is 0.375; 0.5; 0.625 gr/mL with a solvent volume of 200 mL. The extraction process was operated with 150 Watt, 300 Watt, and 450 Watt power for 30, 60, and

90 minutes. The distillate is then separated using a separatory funnel on the cleverger and put into vials.

#### 2.4 Measurement of Essential Oil Yield

Yield is the ratio of the amount of oil produced from the extraction of aromatic plants (equation 2). The higher the yield value produced, the more essential oil is obtained [20]. If water is still found when calculating the yield, then anhydrous sodium sulfate ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) is added. Anhydrous sodium sulfate dissolves easily in water and is hygroscopic (easily absorbs water). This addition aims to purify the desired result by binding the remaining water that is still mixed with the essential oil. Anhydrous sodium which binds water will still precipitate and leave a layer of essential oil [21].

$$\text{Yield} = \frac{\text{mass of essential oil}}{\text{mass of raw material}} \times 100\% \quad (2)$$

#### 2.5 Essential Oil Composition Analysis

The GC-MS (Gas Chromatography and Mass Spectroscopy) test was used to determine the chemical content of sweet orange essential oil. The compounds present in the mixture are separated in the chromatography column. The advantages of this method are fast identification time, high sensitivity, good separation, and the tool can be used in the long term [22]. In the composition of sweet orange essential oil, which is analyzed more deeply is the limonene component.

#### 2.6 Data Analysis

Data optimization analysis was carried out with the help of Design Expert 13 as the RSM (Respond Surface Methodology) method. The RSM type used is Box-Behnken Design with three process parameters namely, Microwave power, F/S ratio, and extraction time. The results of the research formulation design with design experts.

### 3. Result and Discussion

#### 3.1 Effect of Process Parameters on The Yield of Citrus Leaf Essential Oil

##### 3.1.1 Yield Result Analysis

The extraction of essential oils from lime leaves was carried out using the Microwave Hydrodistillation (MHD) method. The variables observed to determine the Yield obtained were

extraction time of 30-90 minutes, 200mL solvent, 150, 300, and 450W power, and F/S ratios of 0.375, 0.5, and 0.625. The extraction process is carried out based on operating condition data using Design Expert version 13 in Table 2. The yield obtained on the extraction results for each variable is shown in Table 2 below.

**Table 2.** Extraction Yield Results

| Run | Time | Power | Ratio | Yield (%) |
|-----|------|-------|-------|-----------|
| 1   | 30   | 300   | 0.625 | 0.185     |
| 2   | 30   | 150   | 0.5   | 0.125     |
| 3   | 30   | 450   | 0.5   | 0.162     |
| 4   | 60   | 300   | 0.5   | 0.244     |
| 5   | 90   | 300   | 0.375 | 0.265     |
| 6   | 90   | 300   | 0.625 | 0.373     |
| 7   | 60   | 150   | 0.625 | 0.212     |
| 8   | 60   | 300   | 0.5   | 0.238     |
| 9   | 60   | 300   | 0.5   | 0.25      |
| 10  | 60   | 300   | 0.5   | 0.232     |
| 11  | 60   | 450   | 0.375 | 0.19      |
| 12  | 90   | 450   | 0.5   | 0.27      |
| 13  | 30   | 300   | 0.375 | 0.141     |
| 14  | 90   | 150   | 0.5   | 0.215     |
| 15  | 60   | 450   | 0.625 | 0.285     |
| 16  | 60   | 150   | 0.375 | 0.178     |
| 17  | 60   | 300   | 0.5   | 0.256     |

Table 2 shows that the highest yield in this study was 0.373%, namely in sample 6 with a time variable of 90 minutes, a power of 300W, and an F/S ratio of 0.625. The lowest yield is 12.5% in sample 2 with 30 minutes, 150W power, and 0.5 F/S ratio. The results of the study were then tested by ANOVA using Design Expert 13 to determine the effect of the extraction variables. The yield results obtained in this study were lower than previous research conducted by Dao et al in 2019, namely 0.43%. This is influenced by the mass of the material used at 3.46 g/mL with an extraction time of 100.47 minutes using 471.58 watts of power.

### 3.1.2 Effect of Microwave Power and Extraction Time on Yield

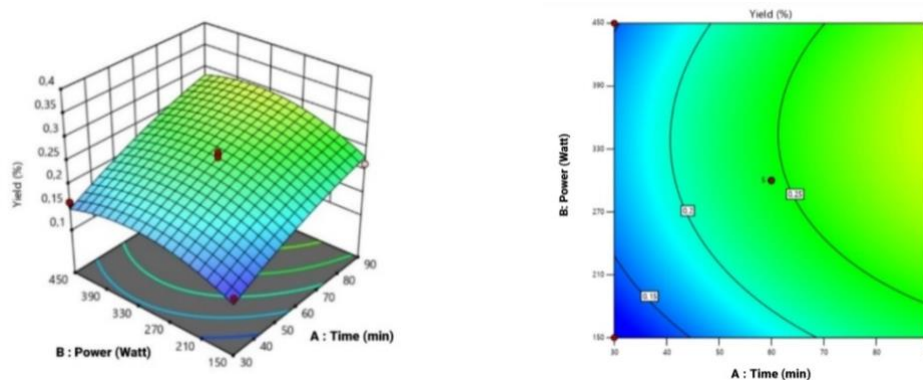
Microwave power functions as a driving force to break down the structure of the plant

cell membrane, so that the oil can diffuse out and dissolve in the solvent. Thus, an increase in power will generally increase the yield and speed up the extraction time. In the extraction process, microwave power is used to control the amount of energy received by the material and converted into heat energy. This heat energy helps the process of releasing essential oils from the ingredients [23]. The greater the power used, the higher the temperature of the system during extraction, and the faster the time needed to reach the boiling point, the power of microwaves greatly affects the speed of the extraction process so that the yield of lime leaf essential oil will be even greater [24]. This is because the greater the power, the operating temperature increases, and the rate of distillation (evaporation) becomes greater. The increase in temperature is a result of the ability of materials and solvents to absorb energy from microwaves. The greater the power, the greater the energy received by the material to be converted into heat so that the yield of lime leaf oil is greater [25]. However, the amount of power should not be too large, because it can remove important volatile compounds contained in the material [10]. This happens because the microwave treatment given will break down the cell walls in the sample. The rupture of the cell wall occurs due to collisions and friction between particles, which generates heat. The higher the power used and the longer the extraction is carried out, the contact between the material and the solvent occurs and the sample temperature increases and causes more solvent in the system to evaporate and mass loss occurs [26].

This study shows that the optimal microwave power to achieve the highest yield is 300W with an extraction time of 90 minutes. The use of high power for a long time can damage the compounds in the essential oil of lime leaves. Thus, the higher the power used, the greater the yield of essential oil produced. However, please note that using 450W of power with an extraction time of 90 minutes results in a lower yield. The decrease in yield occurs because the higher power and the longer time used will damage the material so that the material cannot be extracted. The highest yield, 0.373%, was obtained when using 300W of power for 90 minutes of extraction time. Meanwhile, the lowest yield of 1.25% was obtained when using 150W of power with an extraction time of 30 minutes because the combination of time and power that was too low caused the extraction to be less effective. This research also shows that yield gain can be increased with different power variations and periods, especially in the 30 to 90-minute range. The effect of microwave power and extraction time



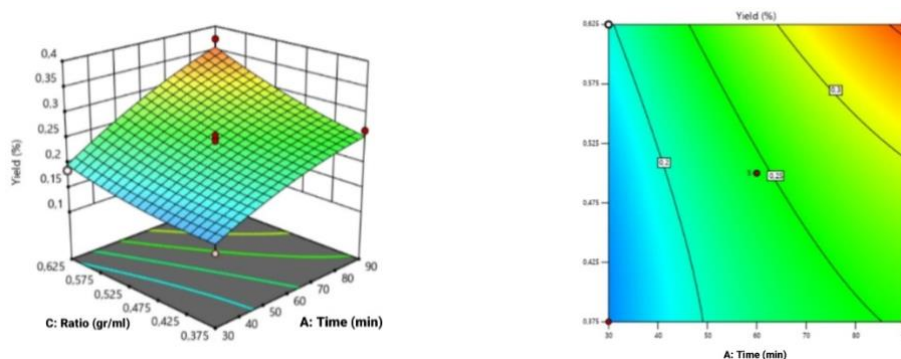
on yield is shown in Figure 2.



**Figure 2.** Effect of Microwave Power and Extraction Time on Yield

### 3.1.3 The Effect of Material F/S Ratio and Time on Yield

Based on this research, the extraction of lime leaf essential oil was carried out using a mass ratio variable of 0.375 g/mL, 0.05 g/mL, and 0.625 g/mL, which is equivalent to the mass of the material 75 grams, 100 grams and 125 grams and placed in a 1000 mL distillation flask. From the graph obtained, it can be concluded that the optimal ratio to achieve the best yield is 0.625 g/mL with an extraction time of 90 minutes. An increase in the amount of raw material used indicates an increase in yield, while the use of less material results in a lower yield. This is because the more ingredients used, the more oil that can be extracted. In this study, low yields were obtained when using a ratio of 0.5 g/mL with an extraction time of 30 minutes. This is caused by the short extraction time so that the extraction of the material is less than optimal. The effect of the F/S ratio and extraction time on yield is shown in Figure 3.



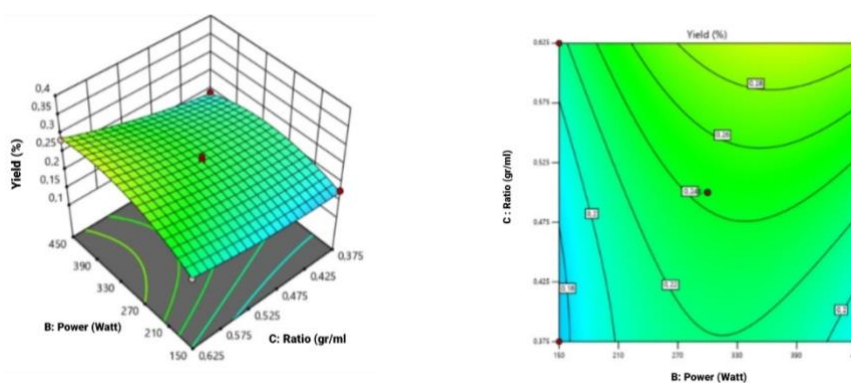
**Figure 3.** The Effect of Material F/S Ratio and Time on Yield

### 3.1.4 Effect of Material F/S Ratio and Power on Yield

Power parameters and F/S ratio (mass of extraction material) influence the yield of essential oil from lime leaves produced. Increasing the power in the extraction process will

increase the yield, because the greater the power used, the more essential oil can be extracted from the lime leaves. However, keep in mind that using too much power can cause degradation of the compounds present in the lime leaves, which in turn can cause the extraction to not work optimally. Therefore, in this study, the power used was adjusted to the literature and it was found that the optimum power was 300W.

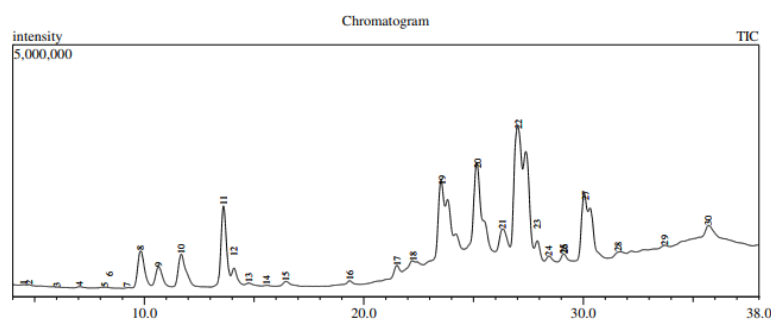
This research also shows that the greater the ratio of ingredients in the extraction bottle, the higher the yield. That is, when more materials are used for extraction, the amount of essential oil extracted from kaffir lime leaves will increase. However, keep in mind that using a very large ratio of ingredients can also slow down the rate of evaporation in the extraction process because too much material can cover the space in the distillation flask. It can also affect the efficiency and effectiveness of the extraction process. The use of the power of 300W and the appropriate F/S ratio can optimize the yield from the extraction of lime leaf essential oil without destroying the important compounds in it. The effect of the f/s ratio and power is shown in Figure 4.



**Figure 4.** Effect of Material F/S Ratio and Power on Yield

### 3.2 Analysis of Orange Leaf Essential Oil

The components contained in lime leaf essential oil can be identified by Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry (GC-MS) analysis. The results of the analysis of essential oils tested using the extraction time of 90 minutes, power of 300W, and a ratio of 0.625 show that essential oils contain 30 chemical components. The GC-MS test was carried out with an oven temperature of 60°C and an injection temperature of 260°C with split injection mode and using the 2010 GC-MS test kit. The results of the analysis can be seen in the following Figure 5.



**Figure 5.** Chromatogram of GC-MS test results

The results from a GC-MS test are recorded as a series of peaks, where each peak represents one compound in the mixture that passes through the detector. If there are many compounds in the sample, the number of peaks in the GC spectrum reflects the amount of those compounds. By referring to the retention time known from the literature, it is possible to identify the compounds in the sample. GC-MS results are influenced by various factors, including the type of sample and the GC conditions used. Therefore, there is no standard rule that states that limonene will always appear as a peak in GC-MS results. In general, GC-MS results reflect the composition of the compounds in the sample, and if limonene is the main compound in the sample, it will usually appear as a significant peak in the GC-MS chromatogram. However, if the concentration of limonene is low in the sample or there are technical problems in the analysis, such as inappropriate GC settings or interference in the mass spectrometry, limonene may not be detected or may not appear at the expected peak positions [27].

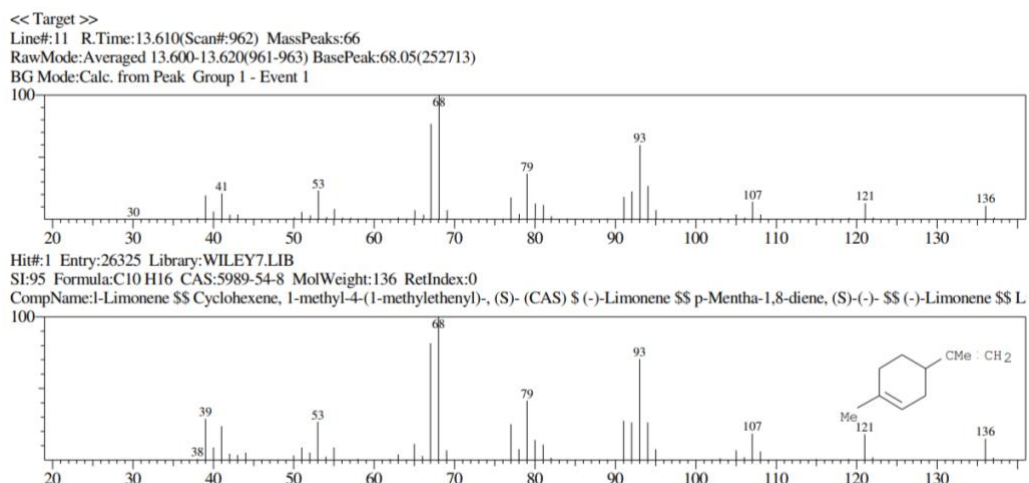
Based on the chromatogram data that has been carried out, a limonene compound is obtained with the molecular formula  $C_{10}H_{16}$  with a molecular weight of 136. The limonene compound is number 11 which indicates the compound is less dominant with an area percentage of 5.51% in a retention time of 13.611 minutes with a comparison of target data from the spectrum. The limonene mass in Figure 6 shows the possibility of a compound that is close to 95% similarity according to the WILEY7.LIB data library.

The amount of limonene obtained in this study was less than in the previous research conducted by Dao *et al* in 2019. Dao's research yielded 9.682% limonene. This might have happened because the compounds contained in the two materials were different, the sweet lime leaves used in this study came from Semboro Village, Jember and in Dao's study came

from Vietnam. In research conducted by Tita Syarifah in 2017, it produced 0.17% limonene in fresh ingredients with a retention time of 8.48 minutes using kaffir lime leaves using the solvent-free microwave extraction method. Meanwhile, sweet orange peel produces more limonene than the leaves. This was proven in a previous study conducted by Yerizem et al in 2022, which stated that the limonene produced was present at a retention time of 6.09 minutes with an area of 98.70% using the soxhletation extraction method [28]. The results of the GC-MS analysis can be seen in Table 3 and the mass spectrum of limonene compounds can be seen in Figure 6.

**Table 3.** GC-MS analysis results

| Peak | Compound   | Retention Time | %Area |
|------|--|----------------|-------|
| 1    | <i>Pentanal</i>  | 4.513          | 0.03  |
| 2    | <i>Carbamic acid, methyl ester</i>                                 | 4.750          | 0.02  |
| 3    | <i>Piperazine</i>  | 6.021          | 0.02  |
| 4    | <i>Hexanal (CAS) n-Hexanal</i>                                     | 7.053          | 0.05  |
| 5    | <i>1-PENTEN, 4,4-DIMETHYL-1,3-DIPHENYL-1-(TRIMETHYLILLXY)</i>      | 8.207          | 0.05  |
| 6    | <i>3,4-dibrom-1,1,1-trifluor-2-(trifluormethyl)-3-buten-2-ol</i>   | 8.420          | 0.01  |
| 7    | <i>2-Hexenal, (E)- (CAS) (E)-2-Hexenal</i>                         | 9.210          | 0.02  |
| 8    | <i>.ALPHA.-PINENE, (-)-</i>  | 9.833          | 3.00  |
| 9    | <i>Camphene</i>  | 10.655         | 1.77  |
| 10   | <i>2.-BETA.-PINENE</i>   | 11.682         | 3.08  |
| 11   | <i>l-Limonene</i>  | 13.611         | 5.51  |
| 12   | <i>1,3,6-Octatriene, 3,7-dimethyl-, (E)- (CAS). BETA.OCIMENE Y</i> | 14.091         | 1.31  |
| 13   | <i>1-Hexanol, 2-ethyl- (CAS) 2-Ethylhexanol</i>                    | 14.768         | 0.39  |
| 14   | <i>delta-2-carene</i>  | 15.573         | 0.10  |
| 15   | <i>Nonanal (CAS) n-Nonanal</i>                                     | 16.451         | 0.50  |
| 16   | <i>Decanal (CAS) n-Decanal</i>                                     | 19.373         | 0.39  |
| 17   | <i>ACETIC ACID 1,7,7-TRIMETHYL-BICYC[2.2.1]HEPT-2-YL ESTER</i>     | 21.527         | 1.79  |
| 18   | <i>Bicycloelemene</i>  | 22.263         | 3.09  |
| 19   | <i>alpha.-Copaene</i>  | 23.569         | 18.47 |
| 20   | <i>CIS-CARYOPHYLLENE</i>   | 25.197         | 15.42 |
| 21   | <i>.alpha.-Humulene</i>  | 26.329         | 1.75  |
| 22   | <i>Germacrene D</i>  | 27.061         | 29.51 |
| 23   | <i>.delta.-Cadinene</i>  | 27.906         | 0.98  |
| 24   | <i>sesquisabinene hydrate</i>                                      | 28.427         | 0.35  |
| 25   | <i>Nerolidol</i>   | 29.103         | 0.53  |
| 26   | <i>Nerolidol</i>   | 29.155         | 0.97  |
| 27   | <i>9-Eicosene, (E)-</i>  | 30.105         | 8.58  |
| 28   | <i>01297107001 TETRANEURIN - A - DIOL</i>                          | 31.595         | 0.75  |
| 29   | <i>9-Octadecenoic acid (Z)- (CAS) Oleic acid</i>                   | 33.718         | 0.37  |
| 30   | <i>Tetradecanoic acid (CAS) Myristic acid</i>                      | 35.706         | 1.19  |



**Figure 6.** Mass spectrum of limonene compounds

Based on GC-MS analysis, the components contained in lime leaf essential oil consist of five groups of compounds, namely monoterpenes (14.77%), sesquiterpenes (69.22%), oxygenated monoterpenes (0.39%), oxygenated sesquiterpenes (2.6%), other oxygenated compounds (4.37%) and other compounds (8.64%). Sesquiterpenes compounds have more influence on the aroma of essential oils than other components. The sesquiterpenes compound is one of the compounds capable of binding aroma [29], therefore in research that has been conducted on sweet lime leaves, it has a strong and fragrant aroma. Among the 30 components contained in essential oils, there are five components that have the highest area, namely Germacrene D 29.51%, alpha-Copaene 18.42%, CIS-CAROPHYLNE 15.42%, 9-Eicosene (E) 8.58 % and Limonene 5.51%. Germacrene D is a monocyclic sesquiterpene and is a product of high value due to its structural variability and insecticidal activity. Germacrene D has repellent activity against ticks, mosquitoes, and aphids [30].

### 3.3 Analysis of Variance (ANOVA)

Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) is a statistical test used to estimate which variable from the data is more dominant based on the relationship between other variables [31]. The purpose of analysis using ANOVA is to test statistical hypotheses and to determine data optimization. A parameter can be said to be significant if the results of the analysis produce a probability value  $\leq 0.05$  or 5% for the p-value and a lack of fit value for the p-value  $\geq 0.05$  [32]. High f-values and small p-values indicate significant values that greatly affect the results of the tests carried out [33]. Other parameters are the R2 value greater than 0.7 and the precision value

quite greater than 4 [34]. The research model produces a p-value of 0.0003 so the research analysis model has a significant effect on the extraction of results. The results of the ANOVA analysis are listed in Table 4 below.

**Table 4.** ANOVA results

| Source          | Sum of Squares | Df | Mean Square | F-value | p-value  |                 |
|-----------------|----------------|----|-------------|---------|----------|-----------------|
| <b>Model</b>    | 0.0556         | 9  | 0.0062      | 21.01   | 0.0003   | Significant     |
| A-Time          | 0.0325         | 1  | 0.0325      | 110.65  | < 0.0001 |                 |
| B-Power         | 0.0039         | 1  | 0.0039      | 13.33   | 0.0082   |                 |
| C-Ratio         | 0.0099         | 1  | 0.0099      | 33.59   | 0.0007   |                 |
| AB              | 0.0001         | 1  | 0.0001      | 0.2757  | 0.6158   |                 |
| AC              | 0.0010         | 1  | 0.0010      | 3.49    | 0.1042   |                 |
| BC              | 0.0009         | 1  | 0.0009      | 3.17    | 0.1184   |                 |
| A <sup>2</sup>  | 0.0007         | 1  | 0.0007      | 2.47    | 0.1601   |                 |
| B <sup>2</sup>  | 0.0060         | 1  | 0.0060      | 20.56   | 0.0027   |                 |
| C <sup>2</sup>  | 0.0004         | 1  | 0.0004      | 1.47    | 0.2648   |                 |
| <b>Residual</b> | 0.0021         | 7  | 0.0003      |         |          |                 |
| Lack of Fit     | 0.0017         | 3  | 0.0006      | 6.28    | 0.0540   | not significant |
| Pure Error      | 0.0004         | 4  | 0.0001      |         |          |                 |

The results of the analysis show that the model formed is significant where the f-value is 21.01 and the p-value is 0.0003 <0.05. The lack of fit formed is 0.0540 > 0.05. An insignificant lack of fit states that the test model used is appropriate so that it can explain the problems being studied. Time, power, and ratio variables have values less than the significant level of 0.05, which means they have a significant effect on the yield.

R-Squared (R<sup>2</sup>) is the coefficient of determination with a value between 0 and 1. If R<sup>2</sup> is close to 1, it means that the relationship between one variable and the other variables is getting stronger. Conversely, if R<sup>2</sup> is getting smaller, the relationship between one variable and another variable is getting weaker [35]. The coefficient of determination (R<sup>2</sup>) is used to describe the percentage of influence between variables. The results of the fit statistics that have been carried out are shown in Table 5.

**Table 5.** Fit Statistic

|                  |        |                                |         |
|------------------|--------|--------------------------------|---------|
| <b>Std. Dev.</b> | 0.0171 | <b>R<sup>2</sup></b>           | 0.9643  |
| <b>Mean</b>      | 0.2248 | <b>Adjusted R<sup>2</sup></b>  | 0.9184  |
| <b>C.V. %</b>    | 7.63   | <b>Predicted R<sup>2</sup></b> | 0.5191  |
|                  |        | <b>Adeq Precision</b>          | 18.5788 |

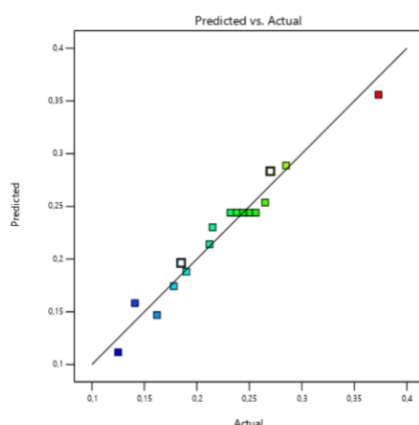
The R<sup>2</sup> value from the analysis results obtained is 0.9643 so it can be declared

appropriate because the value is more than 0.75 [36]. The adjusted  $R^2$  obtained is 0.9184, while the predicted  $R^2$  is 0.5191. The difference between the adjusted  $R^2$  value and the predicted  $R^2$  value is not good because it exceeds 0.2, namely 0.3993 which indicates a problem with the model or data used. The problem with model deviation is that some variables are not significant, so the ability of these variables to explain responses is very limited [37]. The total yield of essential oils as a response to the extraction parameters in the ANOVA model can be modeled using the following quadratic equation:

$$\text{Yield} = 0.157750 + 0.001442A + 0.000691B - 0.867000C + 1.00000E06AB \\ + 0.004267AC + 0.000813BC - 0.000015A^2 - 1.68333E-06B^2 + 0.648000C^2$$

where the value of A is the time to solvent, B is the microwave power, and C is the ratio of ingredients. The regression equation can be used to determine the response value of the total yield concentration obtained when the ratio of ingredients, extraction time, and microwave power is different.

The results of the ANOVA form a fit relationship between the data obtained from the model formed and the experimental data alluded to by linear regression, as shown in the parity plot in Figure 7. The line in the parity plot is straight because the results of the model formed with experimental data have an  $R^2$  value close to 100%. The trend of this line indicates that the resulting model is a good predictor of the extraction rate in the experiment. The distance between the data position and the trendline shows the accuracy of the data, and the closer the data is to the trendline, the more accurate the data [38].



**Figure 7.** Parity Plot (Predicted vs Actual)



### 3.4 Comparison of MHD and Conventional Methods

The choice of the MHD method over conventional methods is because this method can shorten extraction time. This is because the MHD method uses a microwave to heat ingredients and water efficiently compared to conventional methods which only rely on conventional heaters. In addition, the more efficient heating in the MHD method helps to better extract essential oils from orange leaves. The result is an increased yield, meaning more essential oil can be extracted from the same amount of material. Because the extraction time is shorter and the temperature can be controlled well in the MHD method, it can prevent the degradation of heat-sensitive compounds in essential oils, so that the resulting oil can be of better quality. The MHD method is more energy efficient than conventional extraction methods. This is because microwaves only generate heat within the material, while in conventional methods, it is necessary to heat the entire system, including water or extraction solvent [16].

The yield produced by extraction using MHD was 0.373% at 300 W power, 90 minutes, and a ratio of 0.625. Meanwhile, the yield produced by the conventional method using ethanol solvent was 0.4384% in 5.438 hours because the contact time between the material and the solvent was greater. When the extraction time was increased, the yield level would decrease because the solution might have reached the saturation point [39]. According to Moestofa (1981), extraction is faster at high temperatures, but this will cause some components contained in spices to be damaged. In addition, at high temperatures, it will cause some of the ethanol to evaporate so that the amount of solvent is reduced and is not sufficient to extract the material, and the yield is reduced [40].

### 3.5 Comparison of Essential Oils of Leaves and Orange Peel

Research conducted by Ayu Chandra K. F, Fikka Kartika W. to extract orange peels using the MHD method is to use a time variable of 50 minutes with a power of 300W to produce a yield of 0.3%. This result is almost the same as the extraction of lime leaves which produces a yield of 0.373% obtained at 300W power with 90 minutes of extraction time. The relationship between microwave power and temperature is that high power increases the operating temperature above the boiling point of the solvent, increasing the extraction yield. The cause of this increase is the heat that arises from the material and solvent, which is influenced by the value of the dielectric constant and dielectric loss factor of the material and solvent itself. The dielectric constant indicates the ability of the molecules in a material to be polarized (polarized)



by an external electric field. Meanwhile, the dielectric loss factor measures the efficiency of microwave energy that can be absorbed to produce heat. Aquadest is used as a solvent because aquadest is a compound that is polar and easily soluble in water. The choice of this polar solvent occurs because the method of separating essential oils utilizes the principle of distillation, thus enabling its use in the separation of essential oils. Oil extracted with the aquadest solvent is browner in color due to chemical components, namely neral, geranial,  $\beta$ -myrcene, and citronellal extracted by the solvent because these compounds have a characteristic yellow to brownish color [41].

#### 4. Conclusions

Extraction of essential oil from sweet orange leaves using the MHD method produced a yield of 0.373%. Extraction time, microwave power, and ingredient ratio have a significant effect on the yield obtained. To obtain the maximum % yield, the maximum conditions used are 300 W power, 90 minutes, and a ratio of 0.625. The limonene obtained was 5.51% with an SI value of 95. Based on the results of the data normality test, the significant value of the independent variable data for sweet orange leaf essential oil concentration was obtained with an f-value of 21.01 and a p-value of  $0.0003 < 0.05$  which means it has a significant effect on the yield results. The test results with ANOVA form a fit relationship between the data obtained from the model formed and the experimental data.

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