# IDENTIFICATION AND COMPARISON ON CHEMICAL COMPOSITIONS OF CITRUS AURANTIFOLIA OIL OF HYDRO DISTILATION AND HEXANE EXTRACTS.

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#### **ABSTRACT**

# IDENTIFICATION AND COMPARISON ON CHEMICAL COMPOSITIONS OF CITRUS AURANTIFOLIA OIL OF HYDRO DISTILLATION AND HEXANE EXTRACTS.

In this study, essential oils of key lime (*Citrus aurantifolia*) from peel and fruit were obtained by two different methods, hydro distillation essembly clavenger-type apparatus and hexane extracts. The GCMS analysis identified different substances presence in both methods being limonene, β-pinene, α-bisabolol, and α-terpineol which the most significant compounds. These chemical compounds can be represented by three main classes; terpenes, sesquiterpenes, and oxygenated compounds. Extract of essential lime peel oil by hydro distillation produced 10.43% oil yield and consists of 62.61% terpene hydrocarbon groups, 17.94% sesquiterpene, and about 19.45% of oxygenated compound groups. However, hexane extracts produced half amount of hydro distillate yield which is 5.44% and 1.80% for peel and fruit respectively. The main chemical components of hexane extracts being 35.9% of terpene hydrocarbon groups, 29.9% of sesquiterpene compound groups, and 23.51% oxygenated compounds.