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NATURAL SOURCES OF ESSENTIAL OILS **AND THEIR PROPERTIES: A SYSTEMIC REVIEW**

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Abstract : This study aim to list most popular natural sources of essential oils and their properties i.e. applied method for oil extraction of oil, major components, odour uses and their applications. Since, essential oils have received a growing interest due to the high potential of their novel properties i.e. fragrant raw material for numerous products e.g. tooth paste, toilet soap, hand wash, shampoos, hair oils, bath soap, cosmetic products, floor cleaner, mosquito repellents, incense sticks, food products, therapeutic products, herbal medicines etc. Therefore, it is important to know the characteristics before the applying in particular products. It will be very helpful in the creation of new products with good quality. Simultaneously, it will be helpful for researchers, scientist, entrepreneurs, farmers and industries for creation of new perfumery products.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Essential oils (EOs) are volatile odoriferous oils and secondary metabolites obtained from the volatile part of aromatic plants and are used by the plants as a defence mechanism against herbivore attacks [1]. They are complex concentrated mixtures of hydrophobic liquids constituted by terpenoid hydrocarbons, oxygenated terpenes, and sesquiterpenes and are responsible for their characteristic aroma. The components of plant essential oils are differentiated into two distinct chemical classes: terpenes and phenylpropanoids. Terpene compounds can be divided into mainly the mono-, sesqui-, and diterpenes, and their oxygenated derivatives, for instance, alcohols, oxides, aldehydes, ketones, phenols, acids, esters, and lactones [2]. The composition of essential oils shows high variability due to intrinsic factors related to plants (environment, maturity of plant, harvest time) and extrinsic factors related to the extraction method and environment [3].

Essential oils can be obtained from different parts of plants, including flowers (rose), leaves (peppermint), fruits (lemon), seeds (fennel), grasses (lemongrass), roots (vetiver), rhizomes (ginger), wood (cedar), bark (cinnamon), gum (frankincense), tree blossoms (ylang-ylang), bulbs (garlic), and dried flower

buds (clove), etc. [4]. They have been in existence for many years but their inspiration and natural abilities in day-to-day life have increased their study and experimental activities. Though, before essential oils can be used or analysed, they have to be extracted from the plants. Different methods that can be used to extract essential oils from aromatic plants, include steam distillation, hydro-distillation, organic solvent extraction, expression, enfleurage, microwave-assisted distillation, microwave hydro diffusion and gravity, high-pressure solvent extraction, supercritical carbon dioxide extraction, ultrasonic extraction, solvent-free microwave extraction, and the phytonic process [5-6]. Commercially, steam distillation is a preferred method for the extraction of essential oils [7].

Distillation is often performed by using the Clevenger, Dean-Stark, or Likens–Nikerson apparatus by continued heating and stirring in water or a solvent [8]. The time period of distillation depends on the plant material and is about 3-4 hours [9] Dhifi, W., et.al., 2016). To study the properties of essential oils and their composition, it is mainly conducted by gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS), because chemical constituents are the major factors that influence the various properties of essential oils, obtaining accurate and detailed data of chemical constituents allow researchers to study the properties of essential oils more clearly [10]. Around 3000 essential oils have been produced from at least 2000 plant species, out of which 300 are important commercially [11]. These oils are used widely in cosmetics, and perfumes due to their sweet smell and in medicine, because they show antioxidant, antiproliferative, and antimicrobial activity [12]. They can also be used as substitutes for antibiotics [13], and have proven to be effective in a wide range of applications by decreasing the growth of pathogen microorganisms [14], or by displaying activity against antibiotic-resistant bacteria and chemotherapeutic-resistant tumors [15]. They are used to give flavour and fragrance in the food and cosmetics industries, where numerous herbal and spice ingredients are components in the manufacture of skin creams, lip balms, shampoos, soaps and perfumes [16]. This literature review aims to to list most popular natural sources of essential oils and their properties (Table 1).

S.No	Name	Photograph	Source	Extraction	Major	Odour	Uses	Reference
				Method	Components			
1.	Patchouli (Pogostemon Cablin)		Leaves	Hydro Steam Distillation	Germacrene, Sesquiterpene alcohol, Patchouli alcohol	Woody, Sweet, spicy	Relieving depressio n, Controlli ng appetite	[17]
2.	Roman Chamomile (Chamaemelu m nobile)		Flowers	Steam Distillation	Terpenoids, Chamazulene, Bisabolol	Fresh, Sweet, Fruity, Slighty milky	Nausea Vomiting , Upset stomach	[18]
3.	Rosemary (Salvia Rosmarinus)		Leaves & Flowers	Hydro Distillation	p-cymene (44.02%), linalool (20.5%), gamma- terpinene (16.62%),	woody	Improve memory, Boost immunity	[19]

Table 1: List of natural sources of essential oils and their properties

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4.	Peppermint (Mentha Piperita)		Leaves	Hydro Steam Distillation	Menthol (40.7%), Menthone (23.4%)	Minty fresh, cool	Improve bowel syndrom e, Common cold	[20]
5.	Ajwain (Trachyspermu m ammi)		Seeds	Steam Distillation	Thymol (39.1%), oleic acid (10.4%), linoleic acid (9.6%), gamma- terpinene (2.6%)	Warm, Spicy, Pungent	Lowers blood pressure, Infection preventio n	[21]
6.	Geranium (Pelargonium Graveolens)		Leaves	Hydro Steam Distillation	citronellol (37.5%), geraniol (6.0%), caryophyllene oxide (3.7%), menthone (3.1%), linalool (3.0%)	Sharp,her baceous, green scent	Perfumer y, blood disorder	[22]
	Clary Sage (Salvia Sclarea)	×	Leaves	Hydro Steam Distillation	linalyl acetate (34.62%), β- linalool (17.67%), α- muurolene (8.27%)	Sweet, herbacio u fresh tobaco	Anti- microbial ,acne,wri nkle	[23]
8.	Vana Tulsi (Ocimum Tenuiflorum)		Leaves	Hydro Steam Distillation	Oleanolic acid, eugenol, linalool, carvacol	Clove scent,spi cy	Cough,co ld,fever,n ormalise BP	[24]
9.	Wild mint (Mentha Arvensis)		Leaves	Hydro Steam Distillation	Menthol (77.94%), isomenthone (5.24%), neomenthyl acetate (5.18%), menthone (5.00%)	Minty smell	Diarrhea, menstral cramps	[25]
10.	Eucalyptus (Eucalyptus Globulus)		Leaves	Hydro Steam Distillation	Eucalyptol (51.62%), α - pinene (23.62%), p- cymene (10%), β -myrcene (8.74%), Terpinen-4-ol (2.74%) and γ - terpinene (2.59%)	Minty, camphor ous scent	Nasal congestio n,asthma, tick repellent	[26]
11.	Lemongrass (Cymbopogon flexuosus)		Leaves	Hydro Steam Distillation	Citral-a (33.1 %), Citral-b (30.0 %), Geranyl Acetate (12.0 %) and Linalool (2.6 %)	Citrusy scent (powerfu l)	Fighting bacteria, treating stomach ache	[27]

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12.	Vetiver (Chrysopogon zizanioides)		Poppy flower	Hydro Distillatio	valerenol (18.48%), valerenal (10.21%), β- Cadinene (6.23%)	Dry,earth y,woddy, leathery,s moky	Skincell regenerat ion,blemi shes,acne removal	[28]
13.	Citronella (Cymbopogon Nardus)		Leaves & stems	Hydro Steam Distillation	Citronellal (5- 15%), Geraniol(18- 20%), Geranyl Acetate(2%), Citronellol(6- 8%)	Grassy, flowery smell	Insect repellent, anti- fungal agent,par asitic infection	[29]
14.	Tea tree (Melaleuca Alternifolia)	V	Leaves & stems	Hydro Steam Distillation	terpinen-4-ol, γ -terpinene, and α - terpinene	Fresh, camphor ous odour	Treating athletes foot,lice, nail fungus,in sect bites	[30]
15.	Lavender (Lavendula)		Leaves & stems	Hydro Steam Distillation	linalool, linalyl acetate, 1,8-cineole, β- ocimene, terpinen-4-ol, and camphor	Floral,fre sh,sweet, camphor, slightly fruity	Control nausea, v omiting, b oost immune system	[31]
16.	Jama Rosa (Cymbopogon Jwarancusa)		Leaves	Hydro Steam Distillation	Piperitone 33.05%, Geraniol 20.30%, 4– Carene 16.9%, γ –terpinen 6.5%, β – Piniene 3.5%	Rosy,gra ssy,terpe nic	Used for skin care	[32]
17.	Palma Rosa (Cymbopogon martini)		Leaves	Steam Distillation	Geraniol (79.19%), Geranyl Acetate (9.15%), And Linalool (3.64%)	Lemony, fresh, grassy	Aids disgestio n, boosts respirator y system	[33]
18.	Musk Dana (Abelmoschus Moschatus)		Seeds	Hydro Steam Distillation	Palmitic acid(20%), Oleic acid(20- 25%), Linoleic acid(50-57%), Stearic acid(2.5-4%)	Sweet,flo wery	Stomach & intestinal disorder, constipati on,nause a,stomac h cancer	[34]
19.	Nagar Motha (Cyperus Scariosus)	薇	Roots	Steam Distillation	Cyperene, Cyperol, Cyperol, Cyperolone, Myristic-acid, Oleanolic-acid, Oleanolic-acid- 3- oneohesperidos ide, Oleic-acid	Warm,w oody,spic y,narcoti c	Home remedy for managin g stomach disorder	[35]
20.	Kewra (Pandanus Odorifer)		Flowers	Hydro Distillation	terpinen-4-ol, α-terpineol and 2-phenyl ethyl alcohol	Sweet perfumed ,similar to rose	Combat acne,dry skin,peeli ng in psoriasis	[36]

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21.	Sandalwood (Genus Santalum)	All and BIN	Woods	Steam Distillation	α -Santalol and β -santalol and santenone	Floral,sof t sweet balsamic	Headach e,stomac hache,uri nary disorder	[37]
22.	Cinnamon (Cinnamomum Zeylanicum)		Leaves & bark	Hydro Steam Distillation & Steam Distillation	Leaves: Cinnamaldehy de(1-5%) Eugenol(70- 95%) Barks: Cinnamaldehy de(65-80%) Eugenol(5- 10%)	Warm,w oody,spic y	Reduces feeling of depressio n,faintne ss,exhaus tion	[38]
23.	Clove (Syzygium Aromaticum)		Leaves&b uds	Hydro Steam Distillation	eugenol (76.8 %), followed by β - caryophyllene (17.4 %), α - humulene (2.1 %), and eugenyl acetate (1.2 %)	Sweet,spi cy,nutme g,woody	Anti- microbial ,helps in digestion ,sagging of skin	[39]
24.	Dill (Anethum Sowa)		Seeds≤ aves&ste ms	Hydro Steam Distillation	carvone, limonene, α- phellandrene, β-phellandrene and p-cymene	Herbal,gr een,spicy	Menstrua l cramps,a ging skin,mai ntains chlostero l	[40]
25.	Java Citronella (Cymbopogon winterianus)		Leaves	Hydro Steam Distillation	Beta- Citronellal(21. 59%),cis- geraniol(34.27 %), Linalool,elemo	Crisp lemony aroma	Insect repellent, anti- fungal,lif ts up mood	[41]
26.	Cumin Seed (Cuminum Cyminum)		Seeds	Steam Distillation	p-cymene and gamma- terpinene, cuminic aldehyde, isomeric menthadien carboxaldehyd es	Woody,p leasant spicy	High blood pressure, diarrhea, dysentery ,digestive tract condition	[42]
27.	Neroli (Citrus Aurantium)		Flowrs of bitter orange	Hydro Distillation	linalool (34.4%), linalyl acetate (11.3%) and limonene (10.9%)	Floral,cit rus,green	Combats anxiety,tr eats acne,nor malize BP,lower s inflamma tion	[43]
28.	Basil (Ocimum Basilicum)		Leaves	Hydro Steam Distillation	methyl cinnamate (70.1%), linalool (17.5%), β- elemene (2.6%) and camphor (1.52%)	Herbal,gr een,leafy	Stomach Spasms, intestinal gas, colds,war ts	[44]

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29.	Rosewood (Dalbergia Sisoo)		Woods	Steam Distillation	linalool (87.93%), α - terpineol (2.9%), cis- linalool oxide ($1.0-1.68\%$), translinalool oxide (0.90 - 1.60%)	Rose like, sweet	Removes stretch marks, cough,an ti-fungal, anti- bacterial	[45]
30.	Sweet Orange (Citrus Sinesis)		Rind	Steam Distillation	limonene(77.4 9%), myrcene (6.27%), α- farnesene (3.64%), γ- terpinene (3.34%) [21,22], α- pinene (0.5- 2.4%), linalool(1.2- 0.9%)	Summery , warm	Reduces pain, relives stomach upset, natural househol d cleaner	[46]
31.	Ginger (Zingiber Officinale)	Cál	Roots	Steam Distillation	6-gingerol, 8- gingerol, and 10-gingerol, zingerone, β- bisabolene, α- curcumene, zingiberene	Strong warm,spi cy	Boosts digestion , enhance appetite	[47]
32.	Artemisia (Artemisia Absinthium)		Leaves	Hydro Steam Distillation	1,8-cineole, camphor, linal ool, thujone, myrcene, Beta- pinene	Herbal,gr een	Cures Cold, cough,di abeties,h eartburn, asthma	[48]
33.	Marigold (Tagetes)		Flowers	Hydro Distillation	limonene, α- pinene, β- pinene, terpinolene, (E)-β-ocimene, dihydrotageton e, tagetone, tagetenone, β- caryophyllene, eugenol	Wet hay, straw,mu sky	Skin condition s,heal skin wounds, Helps in cancer,re duces body toxins	[49]
34.	Nutmeg (Myristica Fragrans)		Seeds	Steam Distillation	Sabinene(29.4 %), alpha- pinene(10.1%), beta- pinene(10.6%), limonene(3.6%)	Spicy, sweet,wo ody	Relives mental stress, eliminate d bad breath	[50]
35.	Turmeric (Curcuma Longa)		Roots	Steam Distillation	α-zingiberene (27.70–36.75 %), aromatic- turmerone (19.54–32.24 %), β- sesquiphelland rene (13.14– 18.23 %), α- turmerone (3.72–6.50 %), β-turmerone (2.86–5.60 %), β-bisabolene (2.50–3.46 %)	Haldi like, spicy	Skin rejuvenat or, facial masks, relives inflamma tion	[51]

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36.	Tuberose (Polianthes Tuberosa)		Flowers	Hydro Distillation	methyl benzoate (30.17%), benzyl benzoate (23.64%), 7- decen-5-olide (13.33%), methyl salicylate (12.11%)	Floral, refreshin g, intense	Perfumes , relaxatio n, aromathe rapy	[52]
37.	Sugandh Mantri (Homalomena Aromatica)		Roots	Steam Distillation	(12.11%) linalool (62.5%), terpene-4-ol (7.08%), δ - cadinene (5.57%), α- cadinol (3.71%) and spatulenol (1.81%)	Pleasant spicy, refreshin g	Immune support, treating cold, injury	[53]
38.	Thyme (Thymus Vulgaris)		Flowers	Hydro Distillation	p-cymene (8.41%), γ- terpinene (30.90%) and thymol (47.59%)	Camphor like, rustic,fre sh, spicy	Germ killer in mouth- wash, boosts immunity , fights acne, anti- fungal	[54]
39.	Anise (Pimpinella Anisum)		Fruits	Steam Distillation	trans-anethole (82.1%), γ- himachalene (7.0%)	Sweet, clean, fresh	Upset stomach, runny nose	[55]
40.	Bergamot (Citrus Bergamia)		Rind	Steam Distillation	limonene (59.21%), linalool (9.51%), and linalyl acetate (16.83%)	Fruity, citrusy, floral hint	Lower chloestro l, reduces inflamma tion, increase positive mood	[56]
41.	Bay (Laurus Nobilis)		Leaves	Hydro Steam Distillation	1,8-cineole (31.9%), sabinene (12.2%), and linalool (10.2%)	Medicina l, fruity,spi cy, herbaceo us	Anti- fungal, anti- viral, mouth sores, neuralgia s	[57]
42.	Jasmine (Jasmine Sambac)	ANK	Flowers	Hydro Distillation	benzyl acetate, linalool, benzyl alcohol, indole, benzyl benzoate, <i>cis</i> - jasmone, geraniol, methyl anthranilate	Floral scent	Improves mood, reduces stress, flavours in candy,ca ke	[58]
43.	German Chamomile (Matricaria Chamomilla)		Flowers	Hydro Distillation	α-Bisabolol oxide A (17.14%), Chamazulene (15.12%), En- in-dicycloether (6.22%), α-	Warm, herbaceo us, fruity(ap ple)	Wound healing, applied on skin, nervous &digesti ve	[59]

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					Bisabolone oxide A (6.15%), n- Octanal (6.00%), α - Bisabolol oxide B (5.17%), 1,8- Cineole (3.86%)		systems	
44.	Davana (Artemisia Pallens)		Leaves & Flowers	Hydro Distillation	cis-Davanone (45.8%), bicyclogermacr ene (9.6%), linalool (2.5%), caryophyllene oxide (2.2%), phytol (2.1%)	Sweet, exotic, floral, tad woody	High end perfumes , beatify skins	[60]
45.	Cedarwood (Cedrus Deodara)		Wood	Steam Distillation	thujopsene (47.1%), α- cedrol (10.7%), widdrol (8.5%) and cuparene (4.0%)	Woody, underton e of citrus	Acne treatment , pain relief, better sleep	[61]
46.	Iris (Iris Pallida)		Rhizome	Steam Distillation	myristic acid (56%), capric acid (14.50%), lauric acid (15.42%), α- irone (2.85%)	Skin like, smooth, buttery fresh baked	Anti- ageing, flavourou s agent, body lotion	[62]
47.	Ylang Ylang (Cananga Odorata)		Flowers	Hydro Distillation	p- methylanisole, methyl benzoate, benzyl benzoate, benzyl acetate, geranyl acetate, cinnamyl acetate, (E,E)- farnesyl acetate, linalool, geraniol, benzyl salicylate	Slightly sweet, floral, jasmine like	Promotes relaxtion, kills bacteria, kills head- lice, helps in memory & thinking	[63]
48.	Rose (Rosa Damascena)		Flowers	Hydro Distillation	citronellol (15.9-35.3%), geraniol (8.3- 32.2%), nonadecane (4.5-16.0%), and heneicosane (2.6-7.9%)	Sweet, floral, honey- like	Rejuvena tes skin, anti- oxidants, cures dry skin	[64]

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49.	Monarda (Monarda Didyma)	Flowers	Hydro Distillation	thymol (59.3%), <i>p</i> - cymene (10.3%), terpinolene (9.2%), δ -3- carene (4.4%), myrcene (3.7%), and camphene (3.4%)	Sweet, citrus, floral	Anti- viral, Anti- fungal	[65]
50.	Firangipani (Plumeria)	Flowers	Hydro Distillation	α-cadinol (25.1%), germacrene-D- 4-ol (14.9%), γ-cadinene (11.8%) and α- muurolene (9.6%)	Sweetpea , sweet, bubblegu m	Headach e, backpain, relaxes nerves, muscles, anti- oxidants	[66]

CONCLUSION

This review reveals the parts of aromatic plants for extraction of essential oils, particular method for oil extraction, major percentage of components, odour profile and various applications i.e. cosmetics, food preservatives, etc. from the aromatic plants e.g. peppermint, rosemary, thyme, coriander, lemon, basil, fennel, grapefruit, tea tree, etc. The understanding of these aspects is necessary for providing optimal conditions to produce essential oils rich in compounds known for their biological activities as the results are of great interest also for the industries, scientists, researchers and new entrepreneurs of essential oils producers and products manufacturers.

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