

Chemical variation of essential oil of thyme in the Republic of Belarus

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Abstract

As a result of chromato-mass spectrometric analysis of the herb thyme – *Thymus pulegioides* L. it was found that the main components of essential oil are α -terpinene (0-14.93%), γ -terpinene (0-19.99%), *p*-cimene (0-25.91%), thymol methyl ether (0-8.64%), β -caryophyllene (0-19.69%), carvacrol methyl ether (0-22.17%), β -bisabolene (0-13.74%), thymol (0.21%-40.60%) and carvacrol (15.44-77.71%). Using cluster analysis we identified 5 chemotypes of *T. pulegioides* L. Carvacrol was the dominant component in the identified chemotypes.