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Chemical Analysis of The Diethyl-Ether Extract of *Microbiota* Decussata

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The GC, GC-MS, and NMR techniques were utilized to examine the phytochemical composition of *Microbiota decussata*. A comparative analysis was performed with a previously published study conducted by Raldugin et al. in 1981.¹ In contrast to the findings of the Russian group, our sample did not contain hedycaryol, which was identified as the major alcohol component. Instead, thujopsan- 2α -ol dominated most of the sesquiterpenol-containing chromatographic fractions, comprising approximately one-third of the total extract mass. Furthermore, whereas Raldugin and colleagues could not detect any diterpenoids, we isolated totarol, constituting 10% of the extract, along with minor quantities of ferruginol. The most polar compound, microbiotol, accounting for 5% of the extract, was thoroughly examined using NMR and chiral GC to determine its relative and absolute configurations.

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