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**Chemical Structure Components and Antifungal Activity of Mint Essential Oil**

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In this research we evaluated chemical structure components and antifungal activity of *Mentha piperita* essential oil. The quantitative structure–retention relationship (QSRR) was employed to predict the retention time (RT) of *Mentha piperita* essential oil compounds obtained in GC/MS analysis, using twelve molecular descriptors selected by genetic algorithm. The selected descriptors were used as inputs of an artificial neural network, to build an RT predictive QSRR model. The coefficient of determination was 0.983, during training cycle, indicating that this model could be used for prediction of RT values for essential oil compounds in *Mentha piperita* essential oil extracts.

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