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# Essential oil of rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis* L.)

*Huile essentielle de romarin (Rosmarinus officinalis L.)*



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## Foreword

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# Essential oil of rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis* L.)

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies certain characteristics of the essential oil of rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis* L.), in order to facilitate assessment of its quality.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/TR 210, *Essential oils — General rules for packaging, conditioning and storage*

ISO/TR 211, *Essential oils — General rules for labelling and marking of containers*

ISO 212, *Essential oils — Sampling*

ISO 279, *Essential oils — Determination of relative density at 20 °C — Reference method*

ISO 280, *Essential oils — Determination of refractive index*

ISO 592, *Essential oils — Determination of optical rotation*

ISO 875, *Essential oils — Evaluation of miscibility in ethanol*

ISO 1242, *Essential oils — Determination of acid value*

ISO 11024 (all parts), *Essential oils — General guidance on chromatographic profiles*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

**3.1**
**essential oil of rosemary**
essential oil obtained by steam distillation of the twigs and blossoming tips of *Rosmarinus officinalis* L. of the *Lamiaceae* family

NOTE For information on the CAS number, see ISO/TR 21092.[2]

## 4 Requirements

### 4.1 Appearance

Clear mobile liquid.

### 4.2 Colour

Colourless to pale yellow or greenish yellow.

### 4.3 Odour

Aromatic, balsamic, cineole-like, more or less camphoraceous.

### 4.4 Relative density at 20 °C, $d_{20}^{20}$

| Tunisian and Moroccan type | Spanish type |
|---|---|
| Minimum: 0,907 | Minimum: 0,892 |
| Maximum: 0,920 | Maximum: 0,910 |

### 4.5 Refractive index at 20 °C

| Tunisian and Moroccan type | Spanish type |
|---|---|
| Minimum: 1,464 | Minimum: 1,464 |
| Maximum: 1,470 | Maximum: 1,472 |

### 4.6 Optical rotation at 20 °C

| Tunisian and Moroccan type | Spanish type |
|---|---|
| Between −2° and +5° | Between −6° and +8° |

### 4.7 Miscibility in ethanol at 20 °C

#### 4.7.1 Tunisian and Moroccan type

It shall not be necessary to use more than 2 volumes of 80 % volume fraction ethanol to obtain a clear solution with 1 volume of essential oil.

#### 4.7.2 Spanish type

It shall not be necessary to use more than 3 volumes of 90 % volume fraction ethanol to obtain a clear solution with 1 volume of essential oil.

### 4.8 Acid value

| Tunisian and Moroccan type | Spanish type |
|---|---|
| Maximum: 1,0 | Maximum: 2,0 |

### 4.9 Chromatographic profile

Carry out the analysis of the essential oil by gas chromatography. Identify in the chromatogram obtained the representative and characteristic components shown in Table 1. The proportions of these components, indicated by the integrator, shall be as shown in Table 1. This constitutes the chromatographic profile of the essential oil.

**Table 1 — Chromatographic profile**

| Component | Tunisian and Moroccan type | | Spanish type | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | min. % | max. % | min. % | max. % |
| α-Pinene | 9,0 | 14,0 | 18,0 | 26,0 |
| Camphene | 2,5 | 6,0 | 7,0 | 13,0 |
| β-Pinene | 4,0 | 9,0 | 2,0 | 5,0 |
| Myrcene | 1,0 | 2,0 | 2,5 | 4,5 |
| Limonene | 1,5 | 4,0 | 2,5 | 5,5 |
| 1,8-Cineole | 38,0 | 55,0 | 16,0 | 23,0 |
| *p*-Cymene | 0,5 | 2,5 | 1,0 | 2,0 |
| Camphor | 5,0 | 15,0 | 12,5 | 22,0 |
| Linalool | 0,3 | 2,0 | 0,5 | 2,5 |
| Bornyl acetate | 0,1 | 1,6 | 0,5 | 2,5 |
| α-Terpineol | 1,0 | 2,5 | 1,0 | 4,0 |
| Borneol | 1,0 | 5,0 | 1,0 | 4,5 |
| Verbenone | n.d.[a] | 0,4 | 0,7 | 2,5 |
| NOTE The chromatographic profile is normative, contrary to typical chromatograms given for information in Annex A. | | | | |
| [a] Not detectable. | | | | |

### 4.10 Flashpoint

Information on the flashpoint is given in Annex B.

## 5 Sampling

Sampling shall be performed in accordance with ISO 212.

Minimum volume of test sample: 50 ml.

NOTE This volume allows each of the tests specified in this International Standard to be carried out at least once.

## 6 Test methods

### 6.1 Relative density at 20 °C, $d_{20}^{20}$

Determine the relative density in accordance with ISO 279.

### 6.2 Refractive index at 20 °C

Determine the refractive index in accordance with ISO 280.

### 6.3 Optical rotation at 20 °C

Determine the optical rotation in accordance with ISO 592.

### 6.4 Miscibility in ethanol at 20 °C

Determine the miscibility in accordance with ISO 875.

### 6.5 Acid value

Determine the acid value in accordance with ISO 1242.

### 6.6 Chromatographic profile

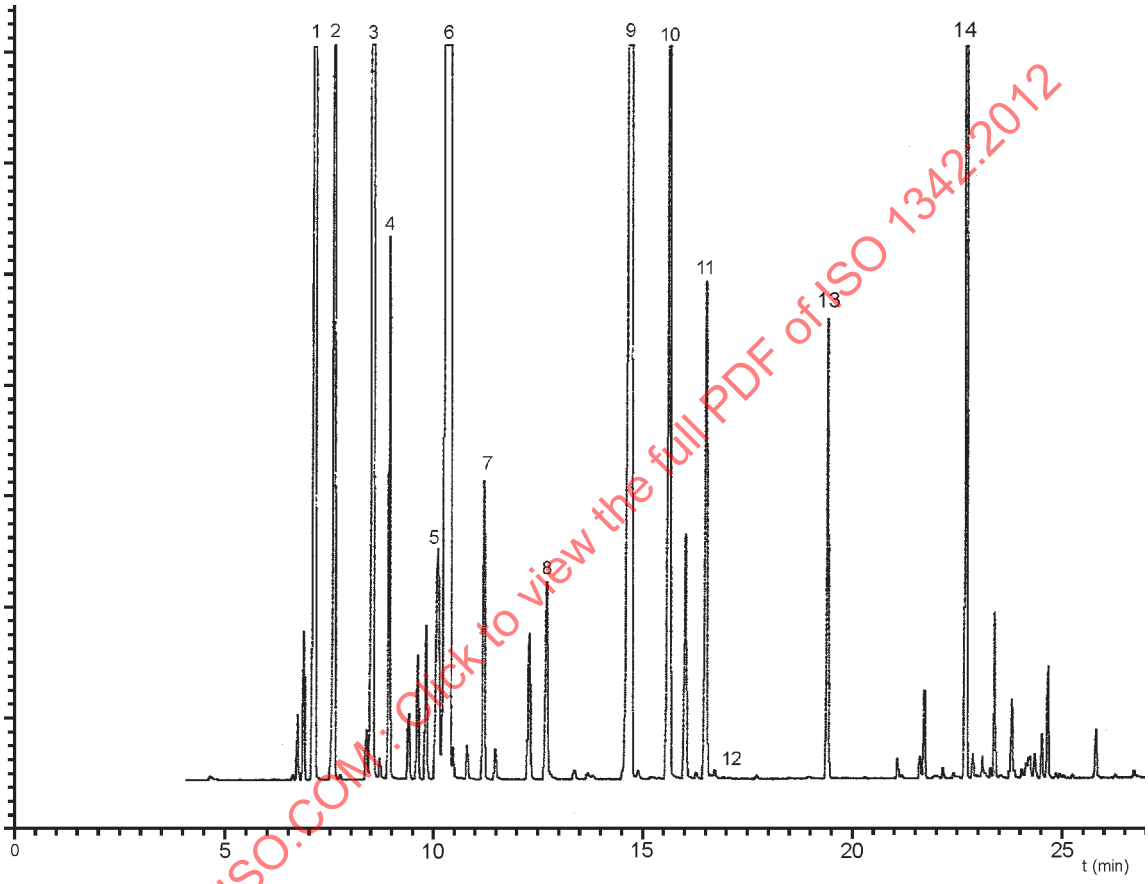
Determine the chromatographic profile in accordance with ISO 11024.

## 7 Packaging, labelling, marking and storage

These items shall be in accordance with ISO/TR 210 and ISO/TR 211.

# Annex A
(informative)

## Typical chromatograms of the analysis by gas chromatography of the essential oil of rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis* L.)




| Peak identification | | Operating conditions |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | α-Pinene | Column: capillary, fused silica; length 20 m; internal diameter 0,1 mm |
| 2 | Camphene | Stationary phase: poly(dimethylsiloxane) (HP-1[a]) |
| 3 | β-Pinene | Film thickness: 0,40 µm |
| 4 | Myrcene | Oven temperature: 50 °C for 1 min, then programmed temperature from 50 °C to 220 °C at a rate of 10 °C/min, then isothermal at 220 °C for 13 min |
| 5 | *p*-Cymene | |
| 6 | Limonene + 1,8-cineole | Injector temperature: 250 °C |
| 7 | γ-Terpinene | Detector temperature: 250 °C |
| 8 | Linalool | Detector: flame ionization type |
| 9 | Camphor | Carrier gas: hydrogen |
| 10 | Borneol | Volume injected: 0,2 µl |
| 11 | α-Terpineol | Carrier gas flow rate: 0,3 ml/min |
| 12 | Verbenone | Split ratio: 1/350 |
| 13 | Bornyl acetate | Pressure programming: starting at 220,7 kPa for 20 min, then 34,5 kPa/min up to 310,3 kPa, then 310,3 kPa for 20 min |
| 14 | β-Caryophyllene | |

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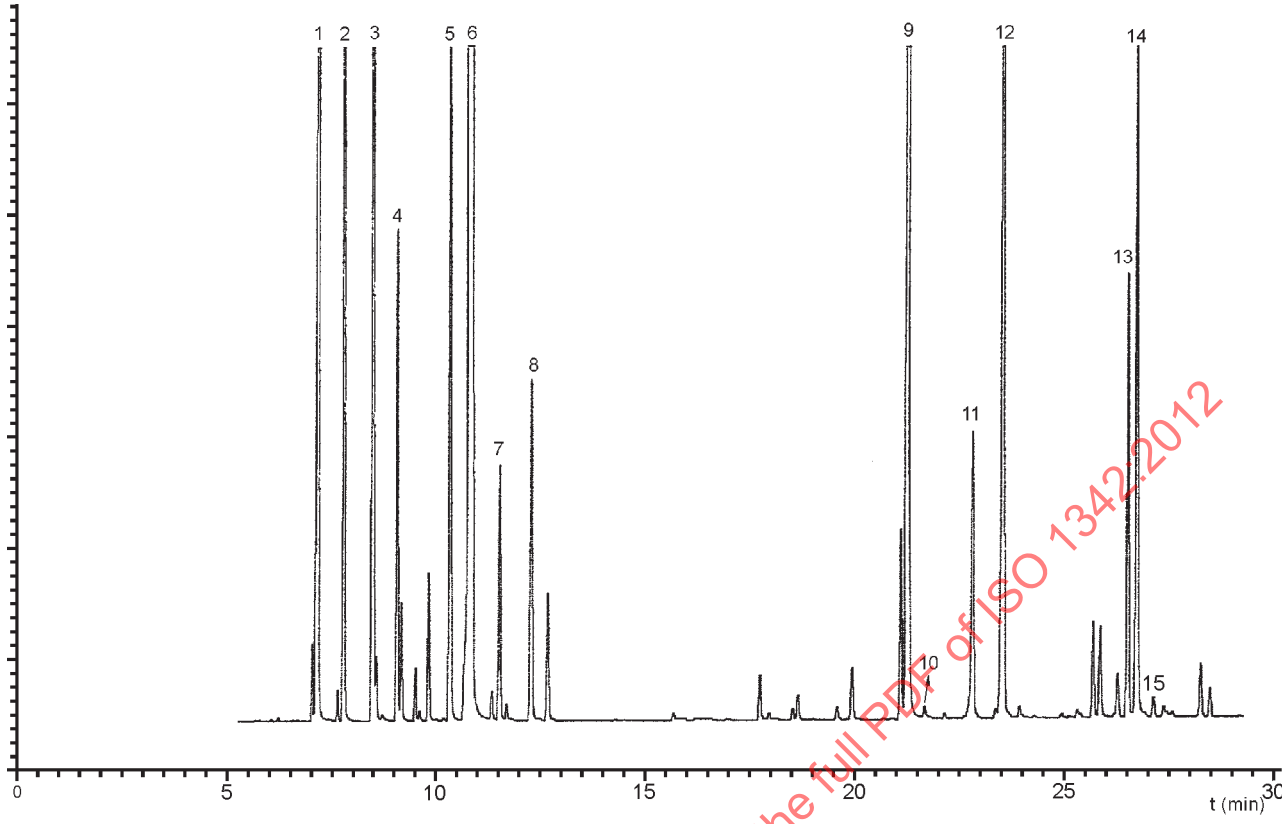
[a] HP-1 is an example of a suitable product available commercially. This information is given for the convenience of users of this document and does not constitute an endorsement by ISO of this product.

**Figure A.1 — Typical chromatogram taken on an apolar column for Tunisian and Moroccan type**




| Peak identification | | Operating conditions |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | α-Pinene | Column: capillary, fused silica; length 20 m, internal diameter 0,1 mm |
| 2 | Camphene | Stationary phase: poly(ethylene glycol) 20 000 |
| 3 | β-Pinene | Film thickness: 0,20 µm |
| 4 | Myrcene | Oven temperature: 50 °C for 1 min, then programmed temperature from 50 °C to 200 °C at a rate of 10 °C/min |
| 5 | Limonene | |
| 6 | 1,8-Cineole | Injector temperature: 250 °C |
| 7 | γ-Terpinene | Detector temperature: 250 °C |
| 8 | *p*-Cymene | Detector: flame ionization type |
| 9 | Camphor | Carrier gas: hydrogen |
| 10 | Linalool | Volume injected: 0,2 µl |
| 11 | Bornyl acetate | Carrier gas flow rate: 0,3 ml/min |
| 12 | β-Caryophyllene | Split ratio: 1/350 |
| 13 | α-Terpineol | |
| 14 | Borneol | Pressure programming: starting at 220,7 kPa for 20 min, then 34,5 kPa/min up to 310,3 kPa, then 310,3 kPa for 20 min |
| 15 | Verbenone | |

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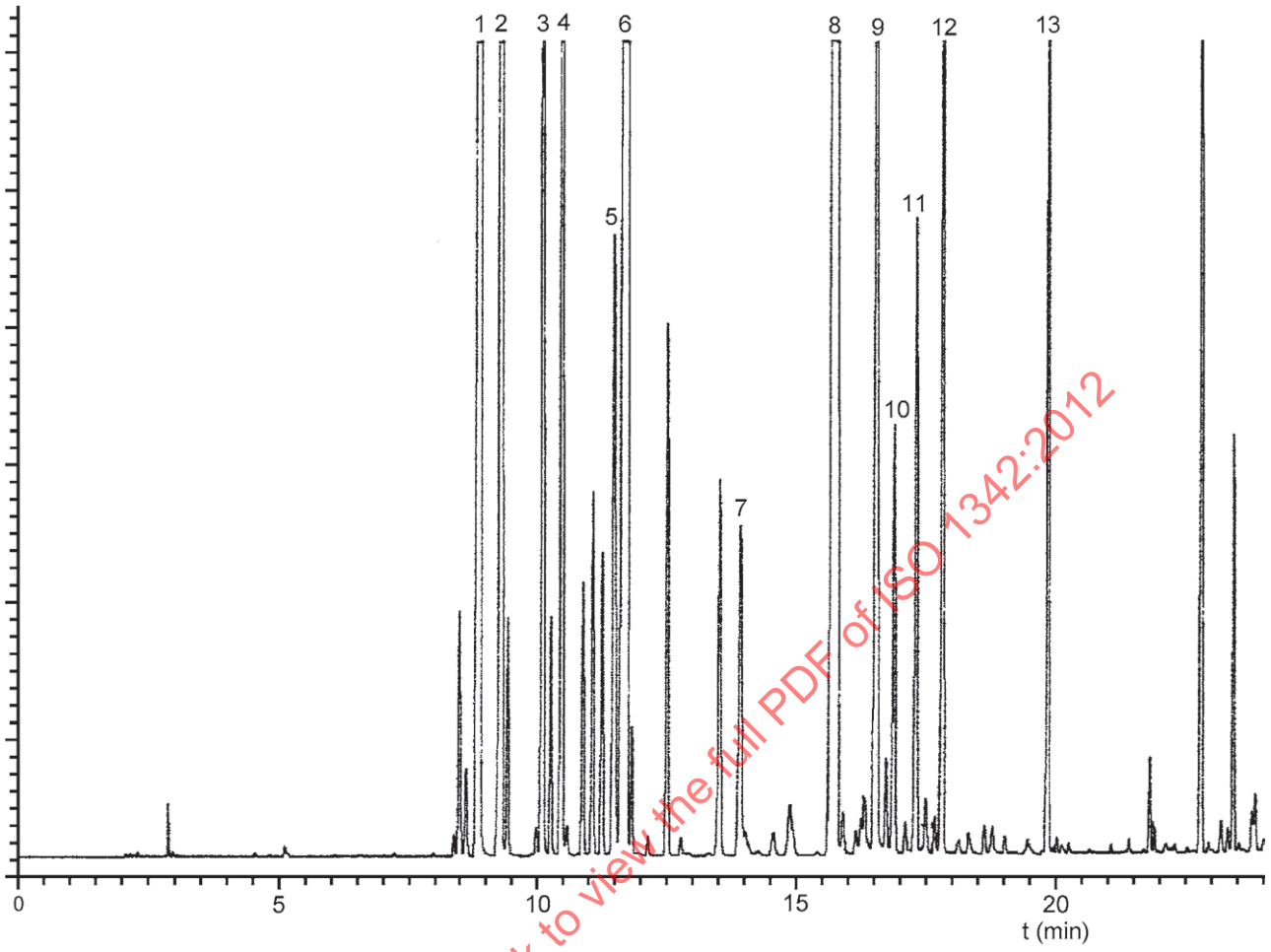
**Figure A.2 — Typical chromatogram taken on a polar column for Tunisian and Moroccan type**




| Peak identification | | Operating conditions |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | α-Pinene | Column: capillary, fused silica; length 30 m; internal diameter 0,25 mm |
| 2 | Camphene | Stationary phase: 5 % diphenyl-95 % dimethylpolysiloxane (DB-5[a]) |
| 3 | β-Pinene | Film thickness: 0,25 µm |
| 4 | Myrcene | Oven temperature: programmed temperature from 55 °C to 100 °C at a rate of |
| 5 | *p*-Cymene | 5,5 °C/min, then programmed temperature from 100 °C to 200 °C at a rate of 8 °C/min |
| 6 | Limonene + 1,8-cineole | Injector temperature: 250 °C |
| 7 | Linalool | Detector temperature: 250 °C |
| 8 | Camphor | Detector: flame ionization type |
| 9 | Borneol | Carrier gas: nitrogen |
| 10 | Terpinen-4-ol | Volume injected: 0,1 µl |
| 11 | α-Terpineol | Carrier gas flow rate: 1 ml/min |
| 12 | Verbenone | Split ratio: 1/100 |
| 13 | Bornyl acetate | |

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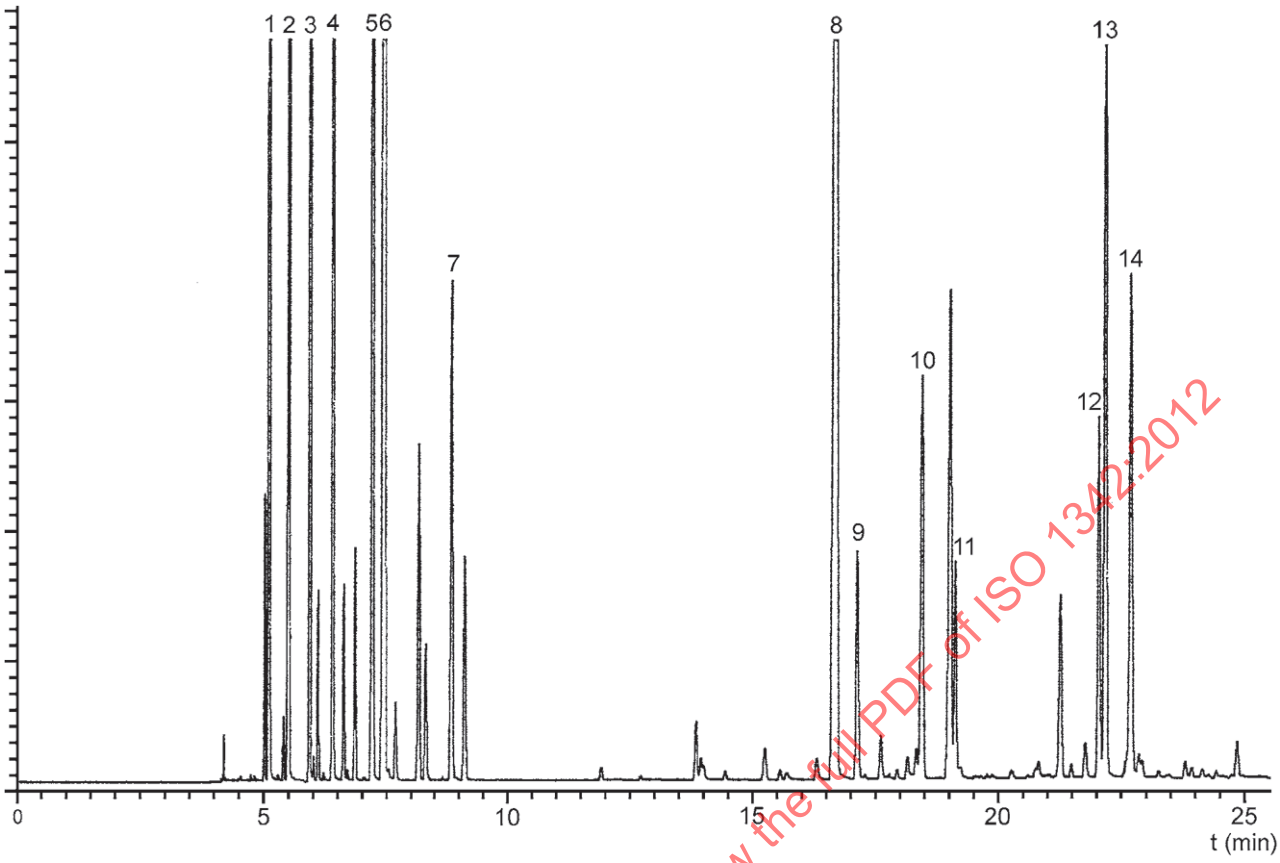
**Figure A.3 — Typical chromatogram taken on an apolar column for Spanish type**




| Peak identification | | Operating conditions |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | α-Pinene | Column: capillary, fused silica; length 60 m; internal diameter 0,25 mm |
| 2 | Camphene | Stationary phase: poly(ethylene glycol) (DB-FFAP[a]) |
| 3 | β-Pinene | Film thickness: 0,25 µm |
| 4 | Myrcene | Oven temperature: programmed temperature from 95 °C to 190 °C at a rate of 4 °C/min |
| 5 | Limonene | Injector temperature: 250 °C |
| 6 | 1,8-cineole | Detector temperature: 250 °C |
| 7 | *p*-Cymene | Detector: flame ionization type |
| 8 | Camphor | Carrier gas: nitrogen |
| 9 | Linalool | Volume injected: 0,1 µl |
| 10 | Bornyl acetate | Carrier gas flow rate: 1 ml/min |
| 11 | Terpinen-4-ol | Split ratio: 1/100 |
| 12 | α-Terpineol | |
| 13 | Borneol | |
| 14 | Verbenone | |

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**Figure A.4 — Typical chromatogram taken on a polar column for Spanish type**