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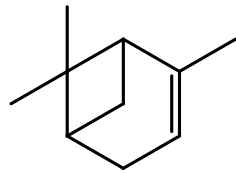
# **Abiotic Transformation of Fragrance Ingredients**

## **Clinical studies, dermatological observations and toxicological considerations**

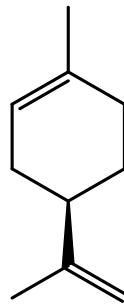
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# Turpentine

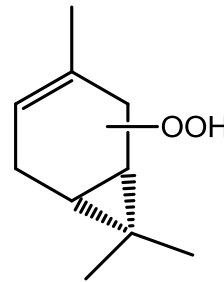
- Investigations of Scandinavian turpentine causing allergic contact dermatitis
- Autoxidation of monoterpenes
- Studies of contact allergenic effects from pure and oxidized turpentine



$\alpha$ -Pinene



S-Limonene

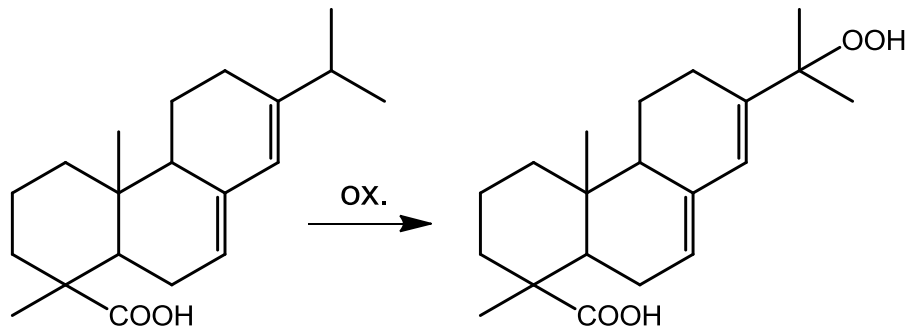


$\Delta^3$ -Carene hydroperoxide

Hellerström, S. *Acta Dermato-Venereol.* 1939: 20: 657  
Hellerström S, et al. *J Invest Dermatol* 1955: 24: 217-224  
Pirilä V, Siltanen E. *Dermatologica* 1958: 117:1-8  
Widmark, G. *Svensk Kem. Tidskr.* 1975: 69: 175-184

# Colophony

- Chemical identification of allergens
- Sensitization experiments
- Clinical studies



**Abietic acid**

**15-Hydroperoxy abietic acid**

Karlberg A-T. Colophony: Rosin in unmodified and modified form. In T. Rustemeyer, P. Elsner, S.M. John, H.I. Maibach (eds) *Kanerva's Occupational Dermatology*, DOI 10 1007/978-3-642-02034-3\_41, Springer Verlag Berlin Heidelberg 2012



# Common Fragrance Terpenes as Prehaptens and/ or Prohaptens

## Investigated

- Linalool
- Limonene
- Linalyl acetate
- Caryophyllene
- Geraniol
- Terpinene
- Cinnamic alcohol

## Theses

- Maria Sköld 2005
- Carina Bäcktorp 2007
- Moa Andresen Bergström 2007
- Johanna Bråred Christensson 2009
- Lina Hagvall 2009
- Staffan Johansson 2009
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- Johanna Rudbäck 2013
- Ida Belogorcev Niklasson 2013



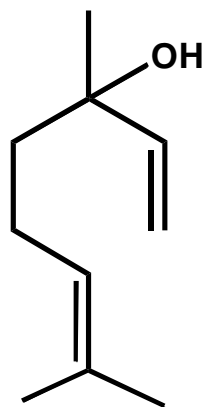
# Common Fragrance Terpenes as Prehaptens and or Prohaptens

## Methods and investigations performed

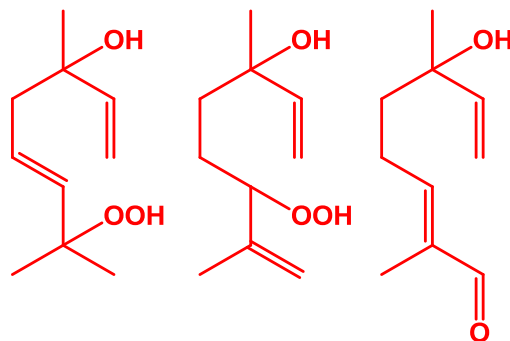
- Air exposure
- Chemical analysis
- Synthesis of reference compounds  
and compounds for allergy testing
- Studies of sensitisation potential in vivo
- Theoretical calculations of mechanisms
- Clinical testing to investigate relevance
- Studies on cross reactivity and metabolic activation

# Oxidation Products of Linalool

Allergenic

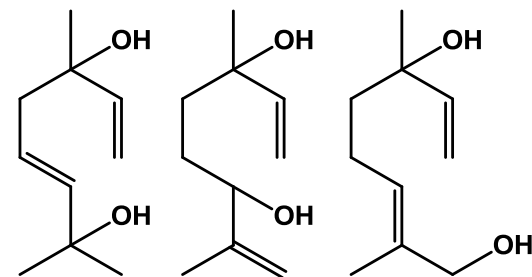


Linalool

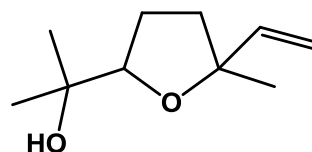


hydroperoxides

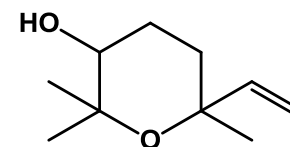
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alcohols



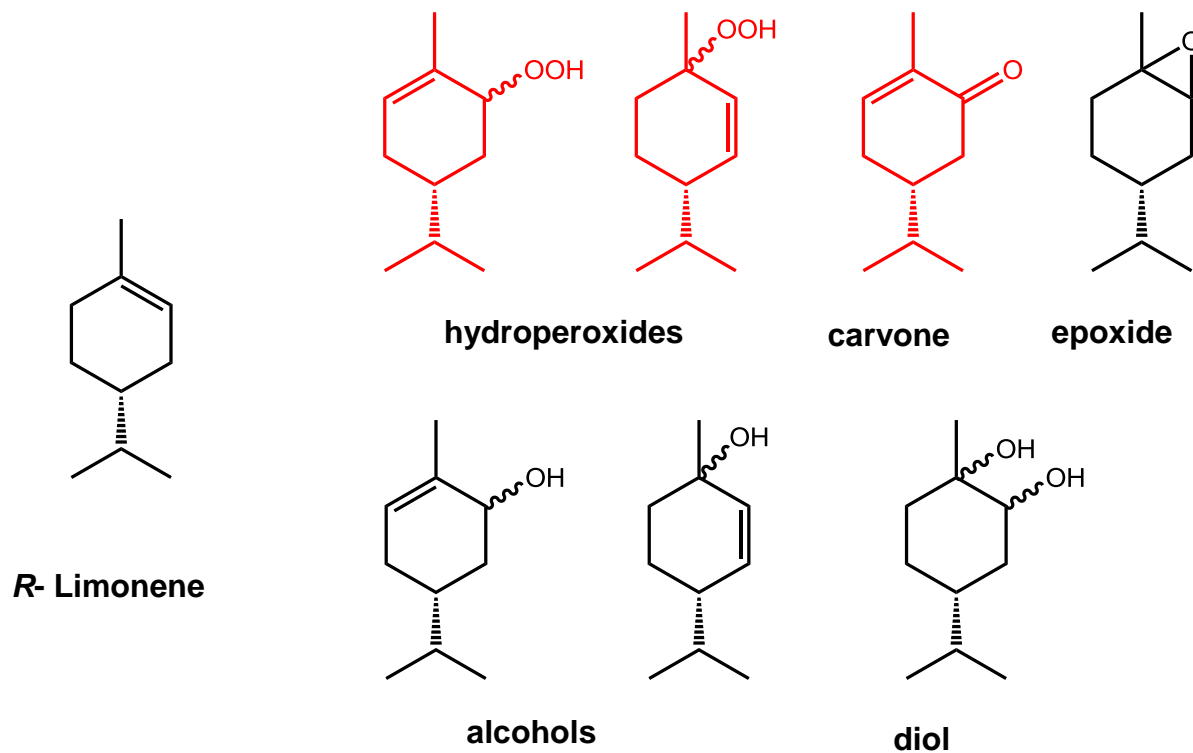
oxides



Sköld et al. Chem Res Toxicol 2004, 17, 1697-1705

# Oxidation Products of *R*-Limonene

## Allergenic



Nilsson et al. *Chromatographia* 1996, 42, 199-205

# LLNA Results from Pure and Oxidized Compounds

## EC3 values\* (% w/v)

Compound	Oxidized	Non oxidized
Cinnamyl alcohol	4.9 ( 2 w)	20.1
Geraniol	4.4 (10 w)	22.4
	5.8 (45 w)	
<i>R</i> - Limonene	3.0 (10 w)	30
Linalool	9.4 (10 w)	46
	4.8 (45 w)	
Linalyl acetate	3.6 (10 w)	25
$\alpha$ -Terpinene	0.94 ( 3 w)	8.9

**\*A lower EC3 value corresponds to a higher sensitizing potency**





# Contact Allergic Reactions in Consecutive Dermatitis Patients

Autoxidation status not reported but it has been intended to be low.

Compound	Test conc. (%)	n Positive/n tested (%)	References
Limonene	2	0/1200	Santucci B, et al. <i>Contact Dermatitis</i> 1987: 16: 93-95
Limonene		3/2396 (0.1%)	Schnuch A, et al. <i>Contact Dermatitis</i> 2007: 57: 1-10
R-S-Limonene		11/1241 (0.88%)	Uter W, et al. <i>Contact Dermatitis</i> 2010: 63: 254-261
Limonene		0/320	van Oosten E J, et al. <i>Contact Dermatitis</i> 2009: 61: 217-23
R-S-Limonene		3/2396 (0.1%)	Schnuch A, et al. <i>Contact Dermatitis</i> 2007: 57: 1-10
Linalool	30	0/179	de Groot A C, et al. <i>Contact Dermatitis</i> 1985: 12: 87-92
	20	3/1825 (0.2%)	Uter W, et al. <i>Contact Dermatitis</i> 2010: 63: 254-261
	10	2/320 (0.6%)	van Oosten E J, et al. <i>Contact Dermatitis</i> 2009: 61: 217-23
	10	4/792 (0.5%)	Fregert S, Hjorth N. <i>Contact Dermatitis Newsletter</i> 1969: 5: 85-86
	5 and 1	0/100	Frosch P J, et al. <i>Contact Dermatitis</i> 1995: 33: 333-342
Linalool, stabilised	10	7/2401 (0.3%)	Schnuch A, et al. <i>Contact Dermatitis</i> 2007: 57: 1-10
	10	2/985 (0.2%)	Uter W, et al. <i>Contact Dermatitis</i> 2010: 63: 254-261
Linalyl acetate	1, 5	0/100	Frosch P J, et al. <i>Contact Dermatitis</i> 1995: 33: 333-342
	10	4/1855 (0.2%)	Frosch P J, et al. <i>Contact Dermatitis</i> 2002: 47: 78-85

**FOUND: < 1% positive reactions**



# Contact Allergic Reactions in Dermatitis Patients

<u>Compound</u> <u>Autoxidised</u> <u>(ox.)</u>	Bi-or multice ntre study	Test conc. (% w/w in pet.)	n Tested	n Positive (%/n tested)
Geraniol (ox.)		2	2179	12(0.55)
		4	655	6 (0.92)
Geraniol (ox.)		6	655	15 (2.3)
		11	653	30 (4.6)
R-Limonene (ox.)	x	3	2273	63 (2.8)
R -Limonene (ox.)	x	3	1812	49 (2.3)
S-Limonene (ox.)	x	3	1812	36 (2.0)
R – and/or S - Limonene (ox.)	x	3	2411	63 (2.6)
R -Limonene (ox.)	x	3 (0.3% lim- OOH)	2900	152 (5.2)
Linalool (ox.)	x	2	1511	20 (1.3)
Caryophyllene (ox.)	x	3.9	1511	2 (0.1)
Myrcene (ox.)	x	3	1511	1 (0.1)
		2	1693	14 (0.83)
Linalool (ox.)	x	4	2075	67 (3.2)
		6	1725	91 (5.3)
		11	1004	72 (7.2)
Linalool (ox.)	x	3	483	11 (2.3)
Linalool (ox.)	x	6 (1% lin-OOH)	2900	200 (6.9)
Linalyl acetate (ox.)		6	1217	13 (1.1)

Karlberg A T, Dooms-Gossens A.

*Contact Dermatitis* 1997: 36: 201-6.

Matura M, et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol* 2002: 47: 709-14.

Matura M, et al. *Contact Dermatitis* 2003: 49: 15-21.

Matura M, et al. *Contact Dermatitis* 2005: 52: 320-28.

Matura M, et al. *Contact Dermatitis* 2006: 55: 274-79.

Christensson J B, et al. *Contact Dermatitis* 2010: 62:32-41

Sköld M, et al. *Food Chem Toxicol* 2006: 44: 538-45.

Buckley D A. *Contact Dermatitis* 2011: 64: 240-41



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# Analysis of Essential Oils

**Fragrance compounds in essential oils autoxidize**

**Turek C, Stintzing FC. Stability of Essential oils: A Review. Comprehensive Reviews. In Food Science and Food Safety 2013: 12 40-53**



***A sensitive method for determination of allergenic fragrance terpene hydroperoxides using liquid chromatography coupled with tandem mass spectrometry***

*J. Sep. Sci.* 2013, 36, 1370–1378

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# Analysis of Essential Oils

**Petitgrain oil content:** mainly linalyl acetate and linalool

**Sweet Orange oil content:** mainly limonene

Sample	Compound	LOQ* (ppm)	LOD** (ppm)
Petitgrain oil	Linalool-OOH	1.0	0.3
Petitgrain oil	Linalylacetate-OOH	0.3	0.09
Sweet Orange oil	Limonene-2-OOH	0.6	0.18

\* LOQ=Limit of Quantification

\*\*LOD= Limit of Detection

J. Rudbäck *et al.* J. Sep. Sci. 2013, 36, 1370-1378



# Associated Positive Patch Test Reactions

	Positive reactions in the standard series		
	Fragrance mix I	Myroxylon pereirae	Colophony
<b>91-95.</b> Pos. to oxidized limonene (49/2800 pat.)	41%	24%	24%
<b>97-99.</b> Pos. to oxidized limonene (63/2273 pat.)	37%	21%	22%
<b>2001.</b> Pos. to oxidized limonene (63/2411 pat.)	33%	22%	29%
<b>2002.</b> Pos. to oxidized linalool (25/1511 pat.)	40%	20%	32%



# Theoretical Explanations

- ✓ Concomitant sensitizers?
- ✓ True cross reactivity?
- ✓ Hydroperoxides form non-specific antigens?



# Conclusion

Hydroperoxides form specific immunogenic complexes

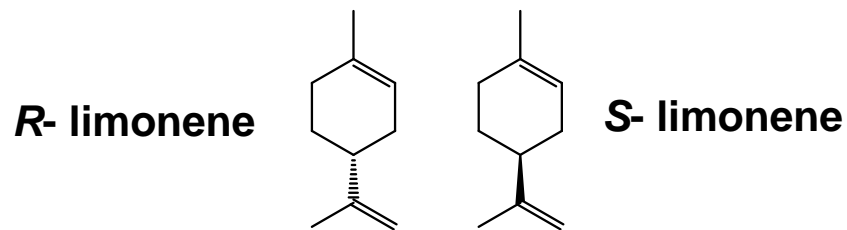
- Concomitant sensitizers? Yes
- True cross reactivity? Yes but not from the specific hydroperoxides  
Many other sensitizers present in the oxidation mixture
- Hydroperoxides form non-specific antigens? Possible in addition to specific antigens



Not only oxidized *R*- but also *S*- limonene is a common cause of contact allergy in dermatitis patients in Europe

*Contact Dermatitis 2006: 55: 274–279*

Mihaly Matura, Maria Sköld, Anna Börje, Klaus E. Andersen,  
Magnus Bruze, Peter Frosch, An Goossens, Jeanne D. Johansen, Cecilia Svedman, Ian R.  
White and Ann-Therese Karlberg



## WHY concomitant reactions?

- ✓ Exposure and sensitization to both enantiomers
- ✓ The same allergenic oxidation products can be formed from both enantiomers



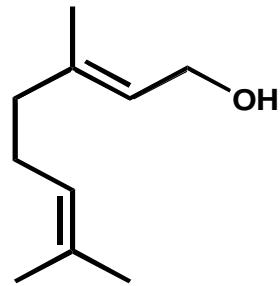
# Is Geraniol Really a Hapten?

- Considered to be a weak allergen
- Included in the standard series used for screening of contact allergens, the fragrance mix (FM) - but few reactions
- No electrophilic properties
- Susceptible to autoxidation, according to structure

# Geraniol

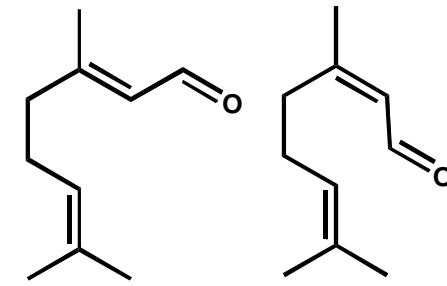
”Interestingly, concomitant reactions between **citral and geraniol** occurred frequently (**83%**). This may be due to **co-exposure**, but probably also to **cross-reactions**, as both compounds are structurally closely related.”

Schnuch A. et al. Contact Dermatitis 2007: 57: 1-10



Geraniol

## The isomers of citral



Geranial

Neral

**Geranial and neral are formed by abiotic and biotic activation of geraniol.**

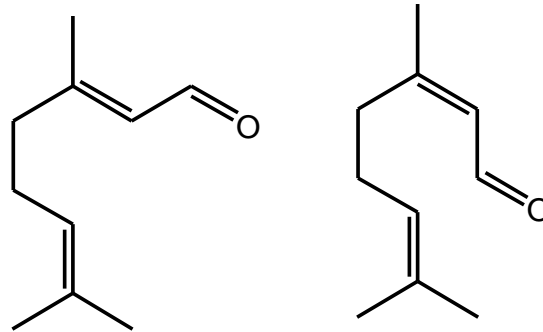
Hagvall L, et al. Chem Res Toxicol 2007: 20: 807-814

Hagvall L. et al. TAAP 2008: 233: 308-13

# Citral

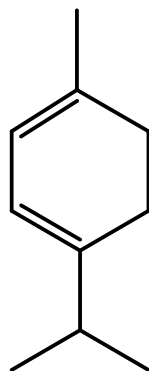
## Hapten, Prehapten and Prohapten

### Citral



Hagvall L, et al. Chem Res Tox 2011; 224: 1507-1515

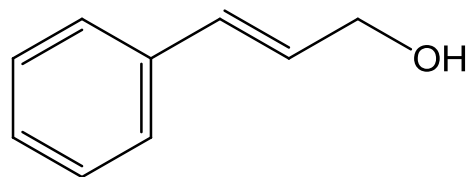
# Other fragrance compounds acting as both pre- and prohaptens



**$\alpha$ -Terpinene**

Andresen Bergström M, et al.  
Chem Res Toxicol 2006;19:760-769

Rudbäck J, et al.  
Chem. Res. Toxicol. 2012; 25: 713–721



**Cinnamic alcohol**

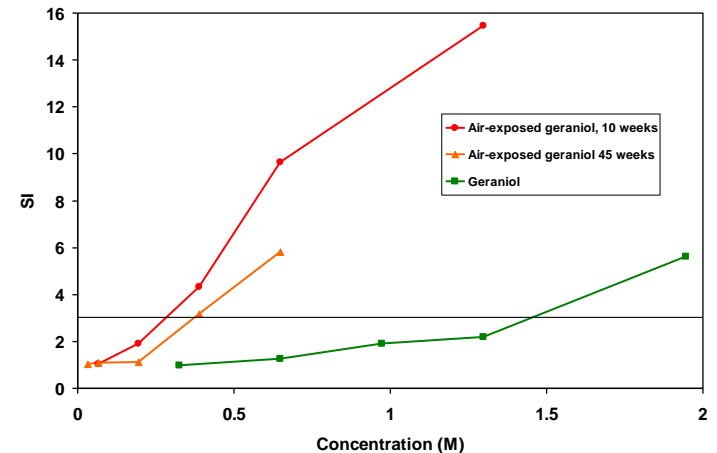
Niklasson B. I. et al.  
Contact Dermatitis 2013; 68 (3) : 129-138

Basketter DA, Acta Dermatologica Venereologica 1992; 72: 264-65.

# Prehaptens and Prohaptens

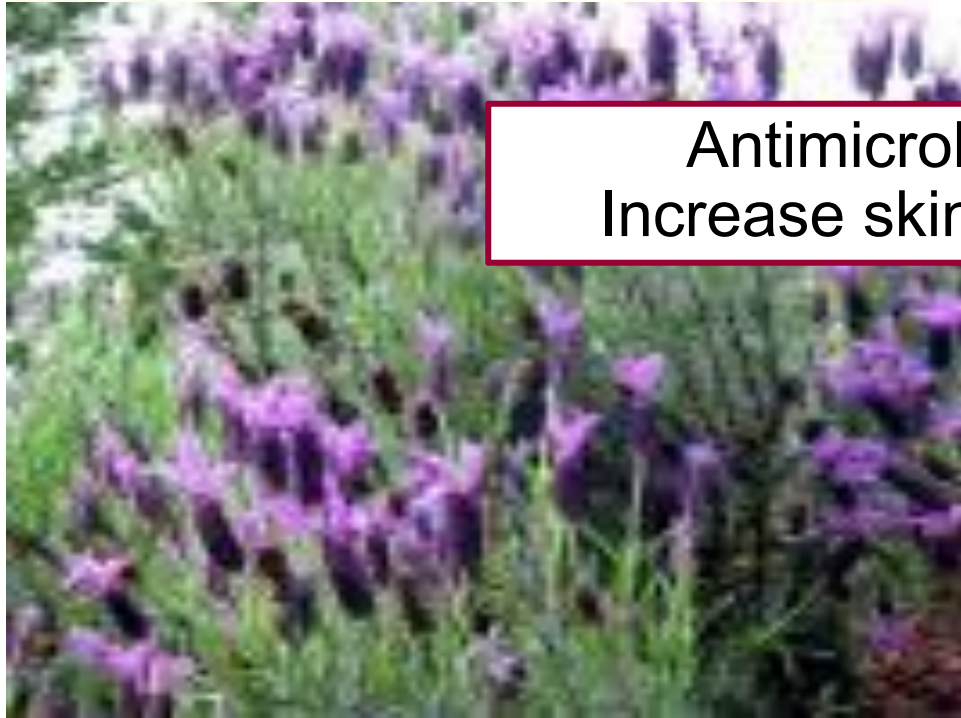
- ✓ **Prehaptens:** Possible to prevent activation outside the body to a certain extent by different measures
- ✓ **Prohaptens:** The activity is inherent in the molecule
- ✓ **Both ways** of activation must be considered for a compound
- ✓ Important from the view of **cross reactivity**

LLNA results from oxidized and pure geraniol





Active components to protect/ defend the plant



Antimicrobial effect  
Increase skin penetration



# What happens when a lot of radicals are formed?

## In the Product

Not only in fine fragrances but in formulated products applied on the skin

## On the Skin

When fragrance compounds and scented products are applied

## In the Skin

Formation of immunogenic complexes

Lepoittevin J-P, Karlberg A-T. *Chem Res Toxicol* 1994; 7: 130-133

Johansson S, et al. *Chem Res Toxicol* 2008; 21: 1536-1547

\*Johansson S, et al. *Chem Res Toxicol* 2009; 22: 1774-1781

Redeby T, et al. *Chem Res Toxicol* 2010; 23: 203-210

Kao D, et al. *J. Org. Chem.* 2011; 76: 6188–6200





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**Lina Hagvall** occupational hygienist (scientific and practical aspects)

**Mihaly Matura** dermatologist (experienced in clinical testing of fragrance allergens)

**Elena Gimenez Arnau** chemist (radical chemistry, contact allergy)

**Independent scientists with profound knowledge and experience of different aspects of fragrance compounds and their activity in the context of contact allergy**