

Analysis of aroma components in oral fluids of cigarette smokers

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1 Introduction

The **sensory quality** of cigarette depends on the effect of chemical components of mainstream smoke on **the consumer's sensory organs**.

Rely on

**Sensory
quality
assessment**

Research mainly on

**Mainstream
cigarette
smoke**

What about

**Saliva/
Oral liquid?**

Part of the cigarette smoke



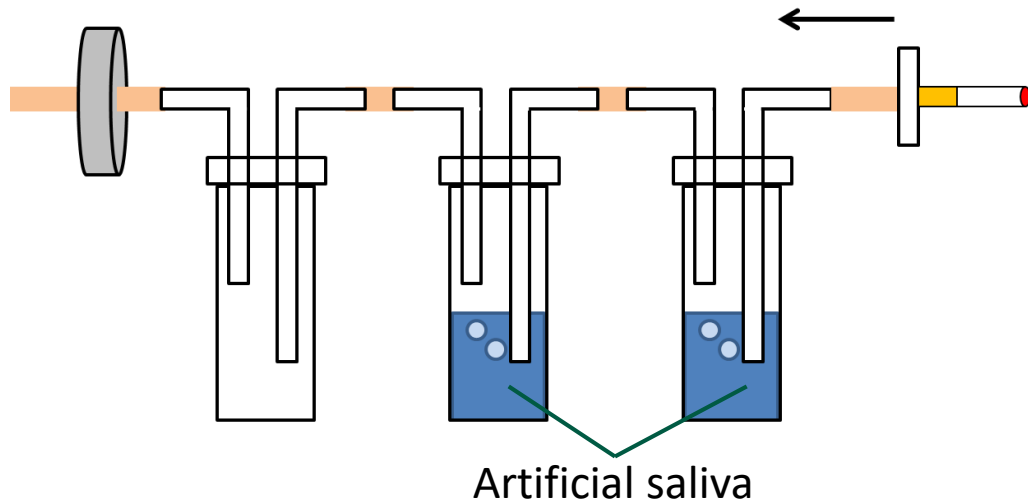
Dissolved in saliva



Oral senses

1 Introduction

Smoking machine + Artificial saliva



CUI Yang et al. *CHINESE J ANAL CHEM*, 2010, 38(2):275-279.

Bionic absorbing device

Simulate the human sensory organs (oral and nasal) to trapping of the cigarette smoke

- Utilizing artificial saliva for oral absorption
- Utilizing water and CHCl_3 for nasal absorption

LI Jun. (2013). Engineering Master's Degree These, HUNAN University.

Could not represent the actual situation

1 Introduction

Saliva collection

Natural sampling method
Physical method by chewing irritating
Chemical method by taste stimulating

Limited quantitative repeatability for
volatile components
Relative complex collection process

Oral fluid collection

A small amount of purified water was
used to rinse their oral cavities and
then was collected.

Good repeatability
Simple, fast and convenient
Avoid loss of volatile components

1 Introduction

To provide a reference for cigarette quality assessment

1. **Analytical Method** for aroma components analysis in oral fluids
2. **Analysis of OF samples**
3. The difference of components in **OFs collected from smokers of different types of cigarettes**
4. **Comparison of OFs and mainstream cigarette smoke**

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SPE procedure

Condition

6 mL dichloromethane
6 mL methanol
6 mL water,
Twice



Sample Loading

6 mL sample each time
Multiple loading



Washing

6 mL water
Vacuum pumping



Elution

4 mL eluent (95%
dichloromethane,
5% methanol)



Chromabond Easy SPE column (6 mL, 500 mg)

2 Analytical Method

Heart-cutting 2DGC-MS analysis



GC column:

1D column: DB-5MS

2D column: DB-WAX

Heart-cutting time:

1#: 5.1~10.0min

2#: 10.0~16.6min

3#: 16.6~23.5min

4#: 23.5~30.5 min

SIM+ SCAN

SIM: more than 100 compounds

MS scanning range: 33 ~ 400 amu

➔ **Semi-quantitative results of aroma components**

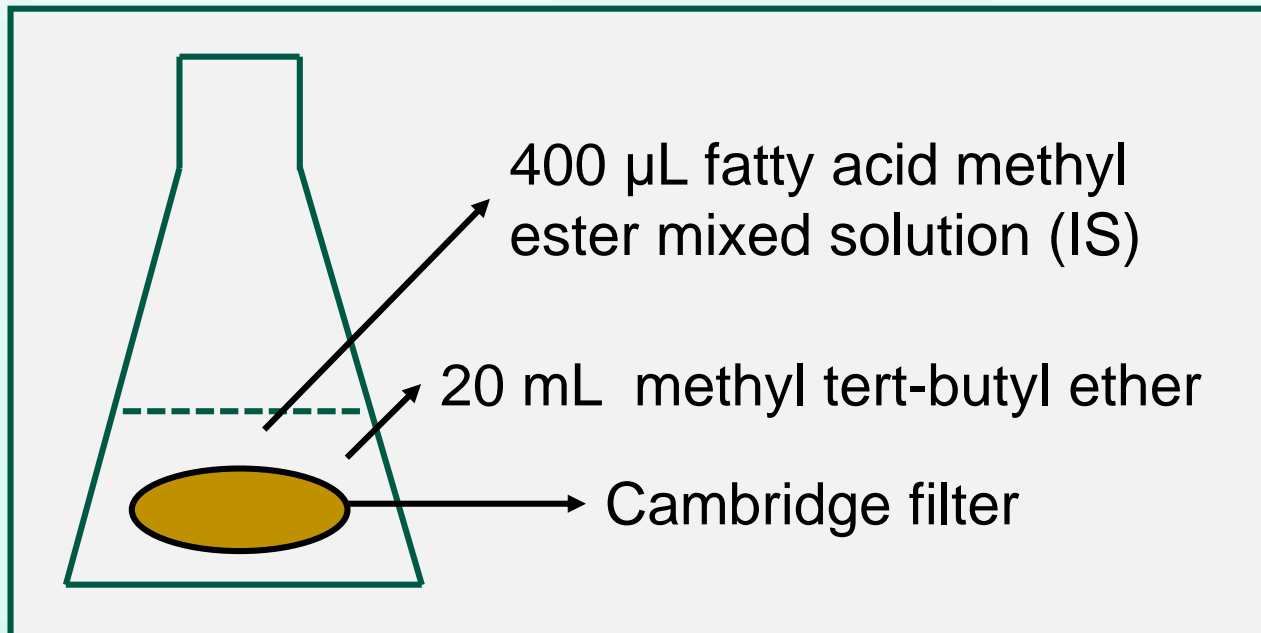
2 Analytical Method

Mainstream cigarette smoke analysis

Cigarette samples equilibrated
(22 ± 2) °C, (60 ± 2)% , 48 h



Cigarette smoking
ISO 3308 standard method, RM20H



Agitated for 45 min



Filtered through a 0.45 µm filter



Heart-cutting 2DGC-MS analysis

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3 Sample Analysis

Cigarette samples



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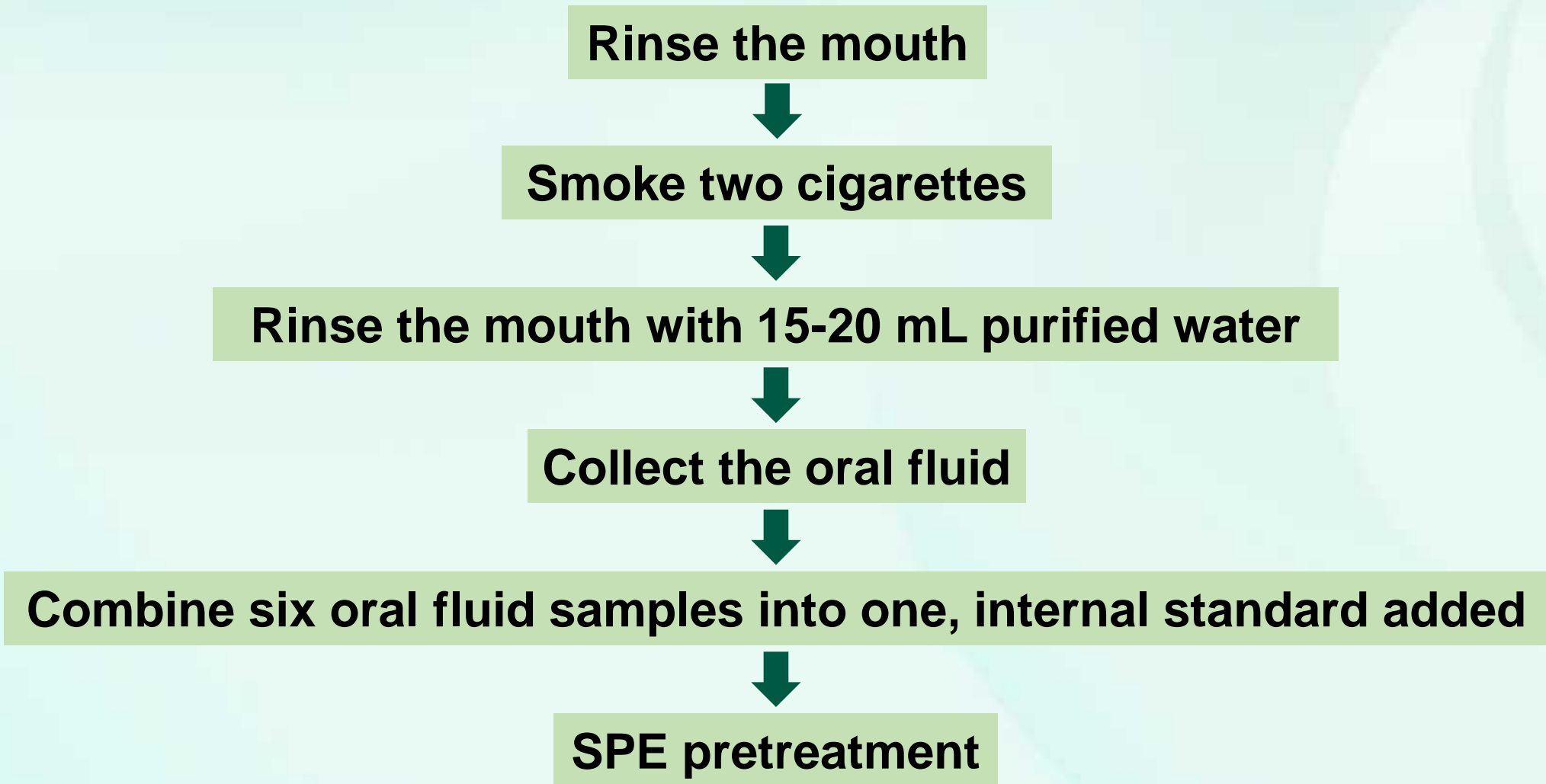
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Chinese Virginian type	British Virginian type	Blended type
Sample C1 (11 mg)	Sample V1 (11 mg)	Sample B1 (10 mg)
Sample C2 (11 mg)	Sample V2 (10 mg)	Sample B2 (10 mg)
Sample C3 (11 mg)	Sample V3 (10 mg)	Sample B3 (10 mg)
Sample C4 (11 mg)	Sample V4 (8 mg)	Sample B4 (8 mg)
Sample C5 (11 mg)		Sample B5 (8 mg)
Sample C6 (10 mg)		Sample B6 (8 mg)

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Oral fluids collection



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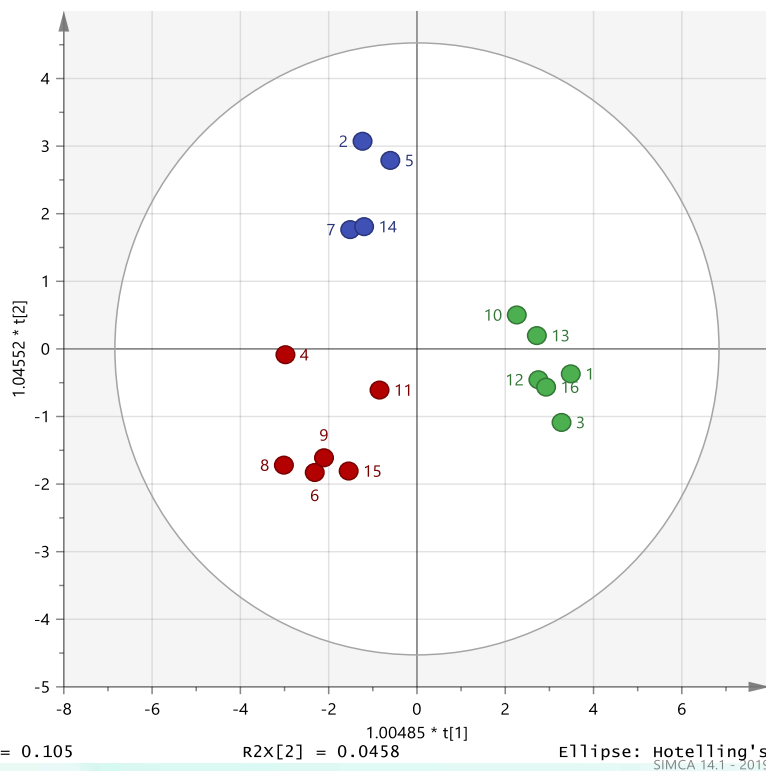
SPE procedure optimized

Good repeatability achieved (RSDs: 1.51%-6.98%)

Compounds	RSD (%)	Compounds	RSD (%)
3-Penten-2-one	2.05	Furfuryl alcohol	5.35
2-Methylfuran	1.51	3-Methyl-1,2-cyclopentanedione	2.72
2-Cyclopentenone	5.66	Acetaldehyde cyanohydrin	5.24
2-Methyl-2-cyclopenten-1-one	5.26	2-Methoxyphenol	3.80
3-(Methylthio)propionaldehyde	2.64	Benzyl alcohol	3.44
2-Furaldehyde	5.01	Phenol	4.78
3-Vinylpyridine	4.44	Triacetin	4.04
3-Methyl-2-cyclopenten-1-one	6.06	p-Cresol	2.10
2,3-Dimethyl-2-cyclopenten-1-one	6.14	4-Ethylphenol	2.34
5-Methyl furfural	5.78	2,3-Dihydrobenzofuran	3.48
4-Cyclopentene-1,3-dione	6.98	5-Hydroxymethylfurfural	3.99

4 Results & Discussion

- Chinese Virginian type
- British Virginian type
- Blended type



Differential components (VIP value >1)

Phenols	2-Methoxyphenol, 4-Vinylguaiaicol, Eugenol, 2,6-Dimethylphenol, o-Cresol, Isoeugenol, 2,6-Dimethoxyphenol
Caramelized products	5-Methyl furfural, 5-HMF, 2-Furaldehyde, Furfuryl alcohol, α-Angelica lactone, Furaneol
Cyclopentenones	2-Cyclopentenone, 3-Ethyl-2-cyclopentenone
Maillard reaction products	3-Ethyl-4-methyl-maleimide, Indole, 2-Methylpyrazine, 3-Methylindole, 2-Ethylpyrazine, 2-Pyrrolidinone
Else	2,3'-Bipyridine, Solanone, Cinene

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OFs Analysis

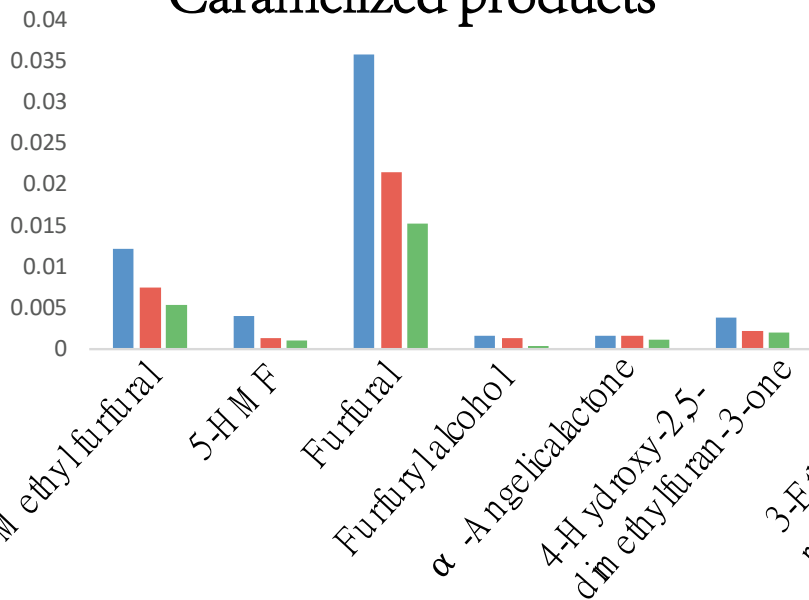


■ Chinese Virginian type

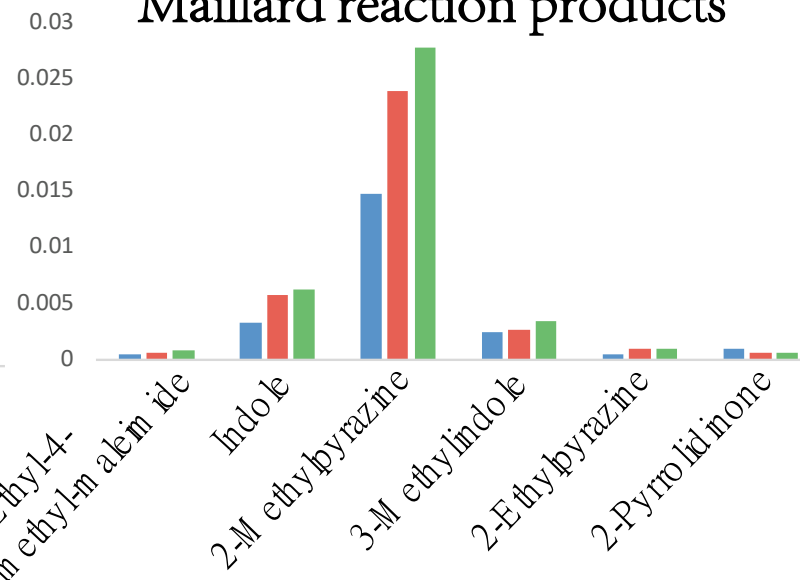
■ British Virginian type

■ Blended type

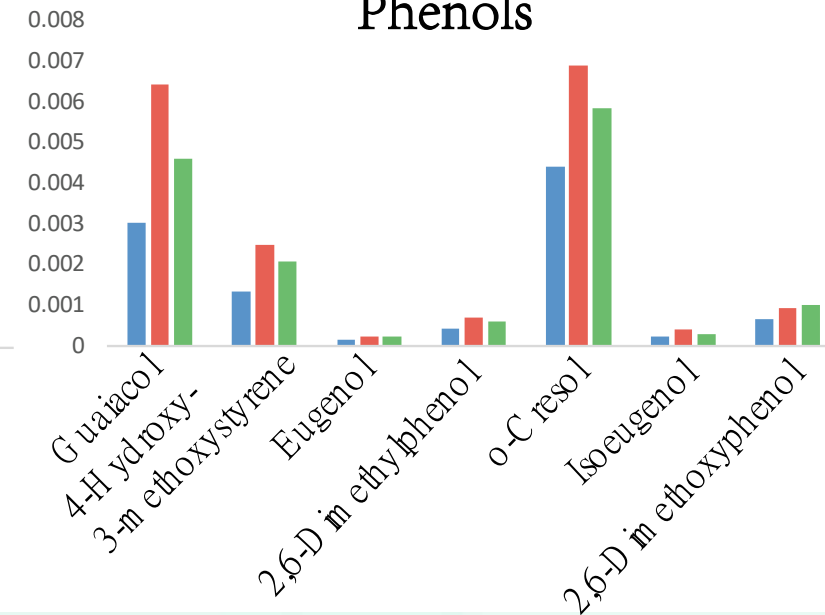
Caramelized products



Maillard reaction products



Phenols



Chinese Virginian type:

The relatively high sugar content of flue-cured tobacco

Blended type:

Maillard reaction products produced by the burley tobacco casing and baking

British Virginian type:

The higher content of lignin (important precursor of simple phenol) in stems and flakes

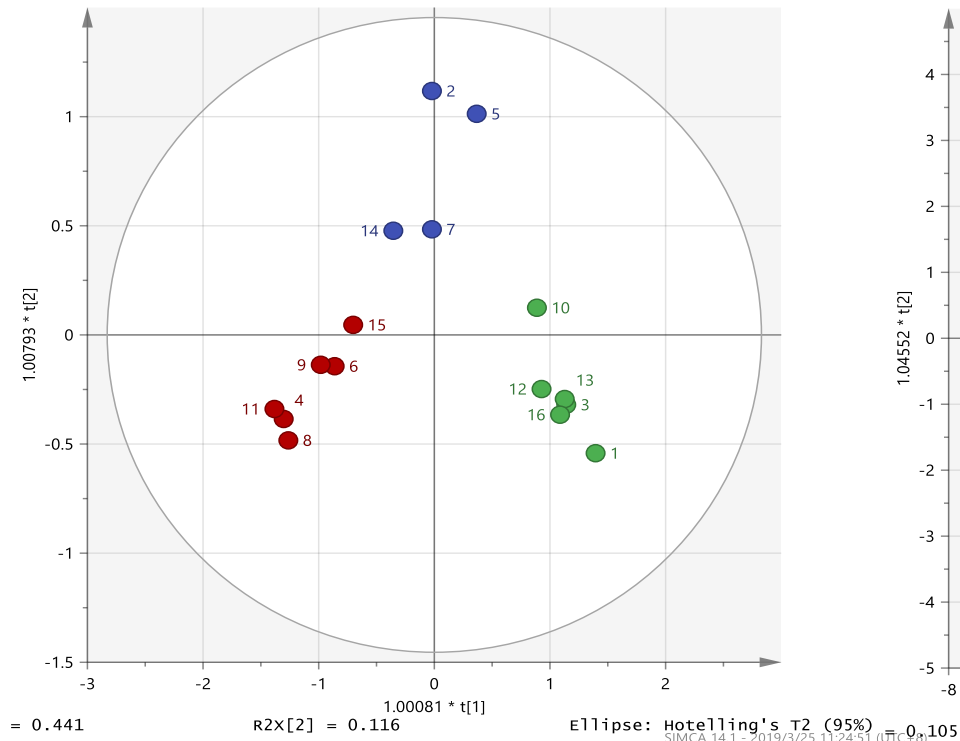
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Mainstream cigarette smoke vs OF

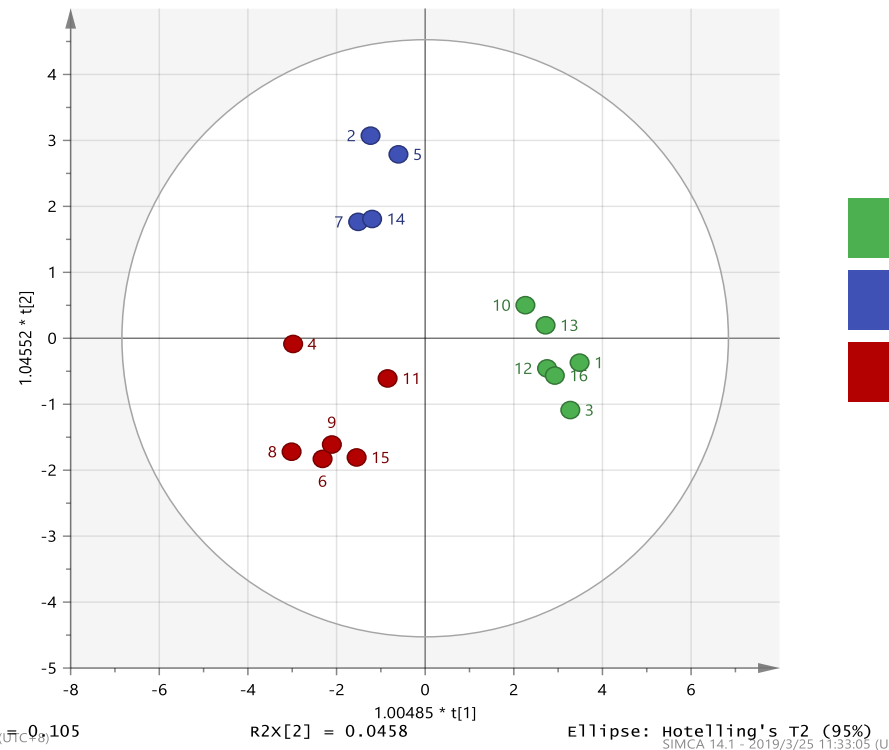


The **kinds and contents** of aroma components differed significantly between mainstream cigarette smoke and oral fluids of cigarette smokers.

Mainstream cigarette smoke



Oral fluid



- Chinese Virginian type
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VIP Ranking	Value	Differential components in mainstream cigarette smoke (Ranking in OF)	Differential components in OF (Ranking in mainstream cigarette smoke)
1		2-Furaldehyde (5)	Guaiacol (23)
2		3-Furaldehyde (N*)	5-Methyl furfural (86)
3		2-Cyclopentenone (16)	5-HMF (8)
4		2-Acetylfuran (N*)	3-Ethyl-4-methyl-maleimide (36)
5		α -Angelica lactone (14)	Furfural (1)
6		2-Methyl-2-cyclopentenone (N*)	4-Hydroxy-3-methoxystyrene (35)
7		Cyclopentanone (N*)	Furfuryl alcohol (19)
8		5-HMF (3)	Indole (13)
9		Myosmine (N*)	Eugenol (67)
10		Methyl 2-furoate (N*)	Solanone (84)

The evaluation of sensory quality using only mainstream cigarette smoke may neglect some components which are more important for the oral senses.

- ❑ The distribution ratio of each compound was different in mainstream cigarette smoke and OFs
- ❑ The nicotine contents in OFs were less than 1/10 of the nicotine content in the mainstream cigarette smoke
- ❑ The content of some compounds such as limonene and neophytadiene is very low in OFs



- **The contributions of different compounds to the oral senses of consumers were different**
- **Compounds like pyridines, pyrrolidines, pyrazines, cyclopentenones, furfurals and phenols were more likely to retain in oral fluids.**

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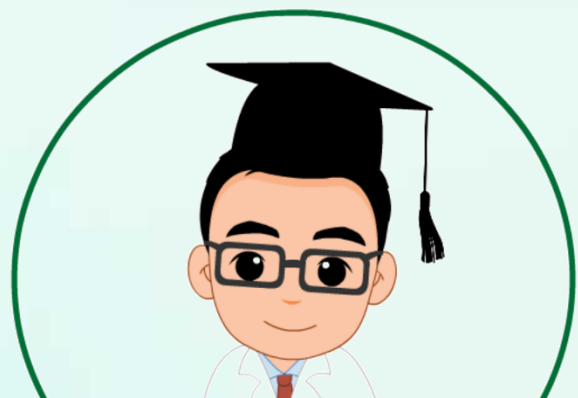
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5 Conclusion

- **SPE-Heart cutting-2DGC/MS method** developed for the analysis of OFs collected from cigarette smokers
- The difference of components in **oral fluids of smokers of different type cigarettes** might related to the differences of cut tobacco structure
- The **kinds and contents of aroma components** differed significantly between mainstream cigarette smoke and oral fluids of cigarette smokers
- The **contributions of different compounds to the oral senses** of consumers were different

The aroma components in oral fluids of smokers could reflect their oral feelings more intuitively.



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