

# A scent of peppermint – a microwave spectroscopy analysis on the composition of peppermint oil

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Table S1: Experimentally determined rotational constants for the parent and the  $^{13}\text{C}$  singly substituted isotopologues of the lowest energy conformer of menthol EQ1ext

	parent	$^{13}\text{C}1$	$^{13}\text{C}2$	$^{13}\text{C}3$
A / MHz	1779.79549(38)	1778.520(21)	1766.036(32)	1767.551(35)
B / MHz	692.62171(24)	687.83895(38)	690.62144(55)	692.60182(65)
C / MHz	573.34542(27)	570.10533(38)	570.57274(57)	572.10424(65)
$\Delta_J$ / kHz	0.0166(31)	[0.0166] <sup>a</sup>	[0.0166]	[0.0166]
$N_{\text{lines}}^a$	53	18	15	18
$\sigma$ / kHz	5.5	4.5	6.2	7.6
	$^{13}\text{C}4$	$^{13}\text{C}5$	$^{13}\text{C}6$	$^{13}\text{C}7$
A / MHz	1778.999(32)	1772.165(20)	1773.397(40)	1779.066(19)
B / MHz	692.09869(58)	692.60432(35)	690.24117(64)	679.85356(31)
C / MHz	573.07264(55)	572.57490(34)	571.08109(62)	564.49456(30)
$\Delta_J$ / kHz	[0.0166]	[0.0166]	[0.0166]	[0.0166]
$N_{\text{lines}}^a$	16	16	14	16
$\sigma$ / kHz	6.0	4.0	6.8	3.4
	$^{13}\text{C}8$	$^{13}\text{C}9$	$^{13}\text{C}10$	
A / MHz	1779.760(15)	1768.555(27)	1767.8522(51)	
B / MHz	688.10319(25)	684.62415(41)	683.66536(33)	
C / MHz	570.25610(26)	569.01801(42)	566.99232(28)	
$\Delta_J$ / kHz	[0.0166]	[0.0166]	[0.0166]	
$N_{\text{lines}}^b$	17	17	21	
$\sigma$ / kHz	3.0	4.9	4.8	

<sup>a</sup> fixed to the value determined for the parent species.

<sup>b</sup> number of rotational transitions in the fit.

Table S2:  $r_s$  structure,  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  coordinates of the isotopically substituted atoms of menthol EQ1ext, and their comparison with  $r_0$ ,  $r_e$  (B3LYP/def2-TZVPP) structures. All coordinates are in Å.

	atom	$x$	$y$	$z$
$r_s$		2.22553(78)	-0.2660(65)	0.3680(47)
$r_0$	C1	2.2291(18)	-0.267(14)	0.3795(85)
$r_e$		2.228	-0.227	0.383
$r_s$		1.4451(14)	-1.4859(14)	-0.147(14)
$r_0$	C2	1.4511(29)	-1.4878(31)	-0.1517(63)
$r_e$		1.446	-1.471	-0.044
$r_s$		-0.130 <i>i</i> (16)	-1.3909(15)	0.196(11)
$r_0$	C3	-0.045(19)	-1.3951(27)	0.1913(87)
$r_e$		-0.043	-1.346	0.276
$r_s$		-0.6505(31)	-0.048 <i>i</i> (41)	-0.3605(55)
$r_0$	C4	-0.6663(45)	-0.097(12)	-0.3627(30)
$r_e$		-0.671	-0.101	-0.367
$r_s$		0.095 <i>i</i> (18)	1.0948(16)	0.166(10)
$r_0$	C5	0.1070(63)	1.0991(27)	0.1973(60)
$r_e$		0.103	1.140	0.079
$r_s$		1.5820(14)	1.0050(22)	-0.153(15)
$r_0$	C6	1.5820(26)	1.0098(47)	-0.203(18)
$r_e$		1.591	1.016	-0.241
$r_s$		3.70705(46)	-0.3474(49)	0.017 <i>i</i> (98)
$r_0$	C7	3.7091(11)	-0.3633(90)	0.0100(85)
$r_e$		3.709	-0.335	0.030
$r_s$		-2.18977(74)	0.073 <i>i</i> (22)	-0.105(15)
$r_0$	C8	-2.1927(17)	0.0281(99)	-0.1396(80)
$r_e$		-2.194	0.029	-0.143
$r_s$		-2.59065(72)	0.088 <i>i</i> (21)	1.3558(14)
$r_0$	C9	-2.5932(17)	0.059(23)	1.3582(27)
$r_e$		-2.598	0.102	1.332
$r_s$		-2.95832(52)	-1.0665(14)	-0.9058(17)
$r_0$	C10	-2.9629(16)	-1.0651(46)	-0.9036(37)
$r_e$		-2.962	-1.087	-0.856

Table S3: Structural parameters obtained from  $r_0$  and  $r_s$  fits in comparison to the computationally determined values  $r_e$  structure, (B3LYP-D3/def2-TZVPP) for menthol conformer EQ1ext.

	$r_s$	$r_0$	$r_e$
$r(\text{C1-C2}) / \text{\AA}$	1.5370(72)	1.544(15)	1.53
$r(\text{C2-C3}) / \text{\AA}$	1.4882(42)	1.525(20)	1.53
$r(\text{C3-C4}) / \text{\AA}$	1.6332(45)	1.548(14)	1.54
$r(\text{C4-C5}) / \text{\AA}$	1.3782(49)	1.526(14)	1.53
$r(\text{C5-C6}) / \text{\AA}$	1.6141(38)	1.5305(86)	1.53
$r(\text{C1-C6}) / \text{\AA}$	1.5178(79)	[1.53]	1.53
$r(\text{C1-C7}) / \text{\AA}$	1.5287(15)	1.5332(44)	1.53
$r(\text{C4-C8}) / \text{\AA}$	1.5603(41)	1.5497(53)	1.55
$r(\text{C8-C9}) / \text{\AA}$	1.515 (15)	1.5487(84)	1.53
$r(\text{C8-C10}) / \text{\AA}$	1.5393(82)	1.5415(60)	1.53
$\angle(\text{C1-C2-C3}) / {}^\circ$	111.42(49)	111.46(40)	111.90
$\angle(\text{C2-C3-C4}) / {}^\circ$	111.26(43)	111.56(48)	112.16
$\angle(\text{C3-C4-C5}) / {}^\circ$	110.99(40)	[109.20]	109.20
$\angle(\text{C4-C5-C6}) / {}^\circ$	110.01(44)	110.39(54)	111.47
$\angle(\text{C5-C6-C1}) / {}^\circ$	113.28(49)	[112.69]	112.69
$\angle(\text{C6-C1-C2}) / {}^\circ$	109.49(41)	[109.49]	109.49
$\angle(\text{C7-C1-C2}) / {}^\circ$	111.67(43)	111(1)	111.95
$\angle(\text{C7-C1-C6}) / {}^\circ$	111.99(43)	[111.53]	111.53
$\angle(\text{C5-C4-C8}) / {}^\circ$	113.77(38)	[112.86]	112.86
$\angle(\text{C3-C4-C8}) / {}^\circ$	109.71(31)	[114.25]	114.25
$\angle(\text{C4-C8-C10}) / {}^\circ$	114.04(62)	[111.45]	111.45
$\angle(\text{C4-C8-C9}) / {}^\circ$	114.77(74)	113.19(38)	113.82
$\angle(\text{C9-C8-C10}) / {}^\circ$	111.69(38)	[110.55 ]	110.55
$\angle(\text{C7-C1-C2-C3}) / {}^\circ$	-179.12(66)	[-178.47]	-178.47
$\angle(\text{C7-C1-C6-C5}) / {}^\circ$	177.65(65)	[179.22 ]	179.22
$\angle(\text{C1-C2-C3-C4}) / {}^\circ$	55(1)	[56.52 ]	56.52
$\angle(\text{C1-C6-C5-C4}) / {}^\circ$	-57(1)	[-56.77 ]	-56.77
$\angle(\text{C2-C3-C4-C8}) / {}^\circ$	174.51(85)	[176.61 ]	176.61
$\angle(\text{C3-C4-C8-C9}) / {}^\circ$	64.76(47)	57.87(82)	59.55
$\angle(\text{C3-C4-C8-C10}) / {}^\circ$	-65.89(97)	-64.71(79)	-66.30
$\angle(\text{C5-C4-C3-C2}) / {}^\circ$	-58.91(93)	[-55.94]	-55.94
$\angle(\text{C6-C5-C4-C3}) / {}^\circ$	55.86(88)	58.26(99)	55.59
$\angle(\text{C5-C4-C8-C9}) / {}^\circ$	-60.23(54)	[-65.99]	-65.99
$\angle(\text{C5-C4-C8-C10}) / {}^\circ$	169.12(65)	[168.15]	168.15

The distances and angles, which involve C3, C4, C5, C7, C8, and C9 atoms. have been calculated by setting the imaginary  $r_s$  coordinates to zero.

Table S4: Experimentally determined rotational constants for the isotopic species of menthone B.

	parent	$^{13}\text{C}2$	$^{13}\text{C}3$	$^{13}\text{C}4$
A / MHz	2021.98637(366)	2013.2668(88)	2021.1247(17)	2005.1551(48)
B / MHz	693.53686(16)	693.54403(89)	693.04103(49)	693.40011(47)
C / MHz	562.13636(16)	561.47905(71)	561.82736(39)	560.92983(35)
$\Delta_J$ / kHz	0.0109(18)	[0.0109] <sup>a</sup>	[0.0109]	[0.0109]
$\Delta_{JK}$ / kHz	0.0473(50)	[0.0473]	[0.0473]	[0.0473]
$N_{\text{lines}}^b$	112	7	12	13
$\sigma$ / kHz	6.0	6.4	7.6	5.5
	$^{13}\text{C}5$	$^{13}\text{C}6$	$^{13}\text{C}7$	$^{13}\text{C}8$
A / MHz	2005.7371(45)	2021.5275(45)	2011.79560(82)	2021.6409(34)
B / MHz	691.27977(43)	688.59370(41)	691.24026(28)	689.05149(40)
C / MHz	559.39771(30)	558.90281(30)	560.04132(20)	559.19980(25)
$\Delta_J$ / kHz	[0.0109]	[0.0109]	[0.0109]	[0.0109]
$\Delta_{JK}$ / kHz	[0.0473]	[0.0473]	[0.0473]	[0.0473]
$N_{\text{lines}}^b$	10	11	12	12
$\sigma$ / kHz	4.1	4.1	3.6	3.7
	$^{13}\text{C}10$	$^{13}\text{C}11$	$^{13}\text{C}12$	
A / MHz	2012.1098(48)	2004.821(19)	2021.178(11)	
B / MHz	685.08386(44)	685.6815(11)	680.5527(14)	
C / MHz	556.38999(35)	555.5508(13)	553.60823(87)	
$\Delta_J$ / kHz	[0.0109]	[0.0109]	[0.0109]	
$\Delta_{JK}$ / kHz	[0.0473]	[0.0473]	[0.0473]	
$N_{\text{lines}}^b$	14	6	11	
$\sigma$ / kHz	5.6	8.1	11.8	

<sup>a</sup> fixed to the value determined for the parent species.

<sup>b</sup> number of rotational transitions in the fit.

Table S5:  $r_s$  structure,  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  coordinates of the isotopically substituted atoms of menthone B, and their comparison with  $r_0$ ,  $r_e$  (B3LYP/def2-TZVPP) structures. All coordinates are in Å.

	atom	$x$	$y$	$z$
$r_s$		0.137 <i>i</i> (11)	1.0366(15)	-0.107(15)
	$r_0$ C2	0.049(10)	1.0432(53)	-0.0732(55)
	$r_e$	0.081	1.093	-0.115
$r_s$		-0.6752(23)	-0.1999(76)	0.2588(59)
	$r_0$ C3	-0.7094(99)	-0.204(24)	0.2532(61)
	$r_e$	-0.705	-0.169	0.231
$r_s$		0.101 <i>i</i> (15)	-1.3958(11)	-0.3953(39)
	$r_0$ C4	0.102(21)	-1.3927(80)	-0.425(19)
	$r_e$	0.076	-1.358	-0.377
$r_s$		1.54116(98)	-1.4282(11)	0.037(41)
	$r_0$ C5	1.5431(70)	-1.4370(76)	0.050(14)
	$r_e$	1.532	-1.395	0.084
$r_s$		2.28111(67)	-0.117(13)	-0.2090(73)
	$r_0$ C6	2.2862(45)	-0.0951(92)	-0.206(12)
	$r_e$	2.285	-0.102	-0.230
$r_s$		1.5034(10)	1.0544(14)	0.4051(37)
	$r_0$ C7	1.5007(72)	1.066(10)	0.441(19)
	$r_e$	1.519	1.099	0.358
$r_s$		-2.17376(70)	-0.0.102(15)	-0.1812(84)
	$r_0$ C8	-2.1802(48)	-0.130(36)	-0.142(16)
	$r_e$	-2.182	-0.082	-0.181
$r_s$		-2.92087(9)	0.8799(17)	0.6900(22)
	$r_0$ C10	-2.9219(40)	0.886(14)	0.708(13)
	$r_e$	-2.920	0.953	0.675
$r_s$		-2.90183(60)	-1.5072(12)	-0.295 <i>i</i> (60)
	$r_0$ C11	-2.8995(40)	-1.5025(79)	-0.054(16)
	$r_e$	-2.902	-1.430	-0.097
$r_s$		3.72379(44)	-0.155(11)	0.2804(58)
	$r_0$ C12	3.72624(29)	-0.1363(99)	0.303(19)
	$r_e$	3.726	-0.136	0.269

Table S6: Structural parameters obtained from  $r_0$  and  $r_s$  fits in comparison to the computationally determined values ( $r_e$  structure, B3LYP-D3/def2-TZVPP) for menthone B.

	$r_0$	$r_s$	$r_e$
$r(\text{C2-C3}) / \text{\AA}$	1.4555(78)	1.496(25)	1.53
$r(\text{C3-C4}) / \text{\AA}$	1.5211(68)	1.591(26)	1.55
$r(\text{C4-C5}) / \text{\AA}$	1.601(11)	1.518(21)	1.53
$r(\text{C5-C6}) / \text{\AA}$	1.5255(13)	1.555(13)	1.53
$r(\text{C6-C7}) / \text{\AA}$	1.534(10)	[ 1.54 ]	1.54
$r(\text{C2-C7}) / \text{\AA}$	1.5882(50)	1.540(12)	1.51
$r(\text{C3-C8}) / \text{\AA}$	1.5649(38)	1.5247(14)	1.54
$r(\text{C8-C10}) / \text{\AA}$	1.510(11)	1.519(21)	1.53
$r(\text{C8-C11}) / \text{\AA}$	1.5933(12)	1.552(34)	1.53
$r(\text{C6-C12}) / \text{\AA}$	1.5239(31)	1.5279(62)	1.53
$\angle(\text{C2-C3-C4}) / {}^\circ$	110.73(41)	105.74(64)	106.64
$\angle(\text{C2-C3-C8}) / {}^\circ$	108.68(69)	113(2)	112.80
$\angle(\text{C2-C7-C6}) / {}^\circ$	110.02(38)	[ 112.80 ]	110.48
$\angle(\text{C3-C2-C7}) / {}^\circ$	111.58(51)	[ 110.48 ]	114.93
$\angle(\text{C3-C4-C5}) / {}^\circ$	109.09(82)	[ 114.93 ]	112.41
$\angle(\text{C3-C8-C10}) / {}^\circ$	110.63(65)	111(1)	110.58
$\angle(\text{C3-C8-C11}) / {}^\circ$	110.50(81)	113(3)	112.82
$\angle(\text{C4-C3-C8}) / {}^\circ$	110.70(61)	[ 115.06 ]	115.06
$\angle(\text{C4-C5-C6}) / {}^\circ$	114(1)	112.13(52)	112.77
$\angle(\text{C5-C6-C7}) / {}^\circ$	110.22(78)	[ 109.63 ]	109.63
$\angle(\text{C5-C6-C12}) / {}^\circ$	113(1)	[ 112.29 ]	112.29
$\angle(\text{C7-C6-C12}) / {}^\circ$	111.73(70)	[ 111.23 ]	111.23
$\angle(\text{C10-C8-C11}) / {}^\circ$	106.36(35)	[ 109.73 ]	109.73
$\angle(\text{C2-C3-C4-C5}) / {}^\circ$	57(1)	56.76(99)	54.73
$\angle(\text{C3-C4-C5-C6}) / {}^\circ$	-53(3)	[ -56.69 ]	-56.69
$\angle(\text{C4-C5-C6-C7}) / {}^\circ$	51(3)	[ 54.25 ]	54.25
$\angle(\text{C4-C5-C6-C12}) / {}^\circ$	177(2)	[ 178.42 ]	178.42
$\angle(\text{C5-C6-C7-C2}) / {}^\circ$	-53(2)	[ -53.52 ]	-53.52
$\angle(\text{C2-C7-C6-C12}) / {}^\circ$	-178.77(67)	[ -178.31 ]	-178.31
$\angle(\text{C2-C3-C8-C10}) / {}^\circ$	-70.86(92)	-67(3)	-68.24
$\angle(\text{C2-C3-C8-C11}) / {}^\circ$	171.62(69)	[ 168.45 ]	168.45
$\angle(\text{C4-C3-C8-C10}) / {}^\circ$	167.32(59)	[ 169.11 ]	169.11
$\angle(\text{C4-C3-C8-C11}) / {}^\circ$	49.79(64)	[ 45.80 ]	45.80
$\angle(\text{C7-C2-C3-C8}) / {}^\circ$	175.81(68)	[ 175.85 ]	175.85
$\angle(\text{C5-C4-C3-C8}) / {}^\circ$	178(1)	[ -179.38 ]	-179.38

The distances and angles which involve C2, C4, and C11 atoms have been calculated by setting the imaginary  $r_s$  coordinates to zero.

Table S7: Measured rotational transitions ( $\nu_{\text{obs}}$ ) of menthol EQ3ext and the residuals ( $\nu_{\text{obs}} - \nu_{\text{calc}}$ ) for the fit reported in the manuscript (Table 2).

$J'$	$K'_a$	$K'_c$	$\leftarrow$	$J''$	$K''_a$	$K''_c$	$\nu_{\text{obs}}$ (MHz)	$\nu_{\text{obs}} - \nu_{\text{calc}}$ (MHz)
2	1	2	$\leftarrow$	1	1	1	2411.2536	0.0016
2	0	2	$\leftarrow$	1	0	1	2499.0660	-0.0002
1	1	0	$\leftarrow$	0	0	0	2634.7531	0.0016
7	2	6	$\leftarrow$	7	1	6	2791.5643	-0.0017
6	2	5	$\leftarrow$	6	1	5	3079.8118	0.0055
5	2	4	$\leftarrow$	5	1	4	3336.3109	-0.0032
4	2	3	$\leftarrow$	4	1	3	3555.8358	0.0057
3	1	3	$\leftarrow$	2	1	2	3613.9429	-0.0013
3	0	3	$\leftarrow$	2	0	2	3736.6601	0.0018
3	2	1	$\leftarrow$	2	2	0	3774.9677	0.0004
3	1	2	$\leftarrow$	2	1	1	3891.6573	-0.0035
2	1	1	$\leftarrow$	1	0	1	3979.3134	-0.0002
4	1	4	$\leftarrow$	3	1	3	4813.3304	0.0000
4	0	4	$\leftarrow$	3	0	3	4960.4090	-0.0003
4	2	3	$\leftarrow$	3	2	2	5004.0012	-0.0023
4	3	2	$\leftarrow$	3	3	1	5016.9198	0.0046
4	3	1	$\leftarrow$	3	3	0	5017.8477	-0.0041
4	2	2	$\leftarrow$	3	2	1	5051.3342	-0.0028
4	1	3	$\leftarrow$	3	1	2	5182.8909	-0.0003
3	1	2	$\leftarrow$	2	0	2	5371.9101	0.0017
7	1	6	$\leftarrow$	6	2	4	5615.4148	0.0053
5	1	5	$\leftarrow$	4	1	4	6008.6579	0.0053
5	0	5	$\leftarrow$	4	0	4	6167.1730	0.0056
5	2	4	$\leftarrow$	4	2	3	6248.9950	0.0026
5	4	1	$\leftarrow$	4	4	0	6270.3961	-0.0030
5	3	3	$\leftarrow$	4	3	2	6274.6271	-0.0023
5	3	2	$\leftarrow$	4	3	1	6277.8926	-0.0028
7	3	5	$\leftarrow$	7	2	5	6281.8869	-0.0134
5	2	3	$\leftarrow$	4	2	2	6341.4689	-0.0012
6	3	4	$\leftarrow$	6	2	4	6448.5530	0.0042
5	1	4	$\leftarrow$	4	1	3	6468.5044	-0.0038
2	2	0	$\leftarrow$	1	1	0	6471.8686	-0.0080
2	2	1	$\leftarrow$	1	1	1	6559.6958	0.0047
5	3	3	$\leftarrow$	5	2	3	6560.2156	0.0065
4	3	2	$\leftarrow$	4	2	2	6627.0433	-0.0063
4	3	1	$\leftarrow$	4	2	3	6699.4451	0.0042
5	3	2	$\leftarrow$	5	2	4	6728.3464	0.0023
6	3	3	$\leftarrow$	6	2	5	6780.8723	-0.0044
4	1	3	$\leftarrow$	3	0	3	6818.1424	0.0009
6	1	6	$\leftarrow$	5	1	5	7199.4210	0.0045
6	0	6	$\leftarrow$	5	0	5	7355.9167	0.0032
6	2	5	$\leftarrow$	5	2	4	7490.0096	0.0066
6	4	3	$\leftarrow$	5	4	2	7527.9067	-0.0072
6	4	2	$\leftarrow$	5	4	1	7528.0545	-0.0107
6	3	4	$\leftarrow$	5	3	3	7533.8818	-0.0031
6	3	3	$\leftarrow$	5	3	2	7542.5314	-0.0042
6	2	4	$\leftarrow$	5	2	3	7645.5469	0.0016
3	2	1	$\leftarrow$	2	1	1	7650.3481	0.0047
6	1	5	$\leftarrow$	5	1	4	7746.5114	0.0005
3	2	2	$\leftarrow$	2	1	2	7904.2593	0.0074
RMS							4.6 kHz	