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## THE COMPARATIVE CHEMICAL STUDY OF THE FATTY ACID COMPOSITION OF HAWTHORN FLOWERS OF *SANGUINEAE* SARG. SECTION

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For the first time the comparative study of the fatty acid composition of flowers of *C. almaatensis* Pojark., *C. kansuensis* Wils., *C. Schneideri* C.K.Schneid and *C. Maximowiczii* C.K.Schneid of *Sanguineae* Sarg. section has been carried out by the chromato-mass-spectrometry method. For research the samples of the dried raw material, collected at the flower bud stage in the Botanical garden of the V.N.Karazin Kharkiv National University were used. The studies were carried out on an Agilent Technologies 6890 chromatograph with the mass-spectrometry detector 5973. As a result, 17 fatty acids have been identified. By the quantitative content such saturated fatty acids as laurinic, myristic, pentadecanic, palmitic, palmitoleic, heptadecanoic, stearic, oleic, linoleic, linolenic, arachinic, 2-oxypalmitic, cheneicosanic, behenic, hexadecanedecarbonic, tetracosanic and hexacosanoic dominate in all species studied. The unsaturated acids are presented by oleic, linoleic and linolenic acids. In flowers of *C. almaatensis* Pojark. 14 fatty acids, in *C. kansuensis* Wils. and *C. Schneideri* C.K.Schneid. 15 acids, in *C. Maximowiczii* C.K.Schneid. 17 acids have been identified. The content of fatty acids (calculated from the total amount) for *C. almaatensis* Pojark. flowers was as follows: saturated – 64.73%, unsaturated – 35.27%; for *C. kansuensis* Wils. flowers: saturated – 65.59%, unsaturated – 34.41%; for *C. Maximowiczii* C.K.Schneid. flowers: saturated – 57.71%, unsaturated – 42.29%; for *C. Schneideri* C.K.Schneid. flowers: saturated – 54.22%, unsaturated – 45.78%. The highest content (calculated with reference to the total amount of fatty acids) of oleic acid has been determined in *C. almaatensis* Pojark. flowers (4.5%), linoleic acid – in *C. kansuensis* Wils. flowers (20.37%), linolenic acid – in *C. Maximowiczii* C.K.Schneid. flowers (18.01%).

Fatty acids are part of lipids and actively involved in metabolism, they are components of cell membranes, perform the function of storing and transport of energy and mechanical protection, reduce the blood cholesterol, have anti-inflammatory properties. The main sources of fatty acids are vegetable oils, milk and meat products, cereals, fish [7].

*Crataegus L.* (Hawthorn) genus includes more than 1500 species and is divided into 25 botanical sections [2, 5, 8, 9]. Hawthorn flowers are used in medical practice as the raw material for obtaining of antihypertensive and sedative drugs [10]. This is due to their chemical composition presented by phenolic compounds (hydroxycinnamic acids, flavonoids, coumarins) and aminoacids [1, 3]. As we reported earlier, a significant content of lipophilic compounds was identified in flowers of some unofficial species of hawthorn [4].

The aim of the work is to conduct the comparative chemical study of the fatty acid composition in flowers of *C. almaatensis* Pojark., *C. kansuensis* Wils., *C. Schneideri* C.K.Schneid. and *C. Maximowiczii* C.K.Schneid. in order to continue the phytochemical research of the representatives of *Crataegus L.* (Hawthorn) genus and expand the information about the chemical composition of the species from *Sanguineae* Sarg. section.

### Materials and Methods

The study objects were flowers of *C. Maximowiczii* C.K.Schneid., *C. kansuensis* Wils., *C. almaatensis* Po-

jark. and *C. Schneideri* C.K.Schneid. collected in May, 2014. The dried raw material was used. The raw material was collected at the flower bud stage.

*Extract obtaining.* Place 50 mg of the raw material in a vial and add the internal standard (50 mcg of tridecane in hexane) and 1.0 ml of a methylated agent (14% BCl<sub>3</sub> in methanol, Supelco 3-3033). Keep the mixture in a hermetically sealed vial for 8 hours at 65°C. Pour the reaction mixture from the sediment of the plant material and dilute with 1 ml of distilled water. To remove the methyl esters of fatty acids add 0.2 ml of dichloromethane, stir for an hour from time to time. Chromatograph the extract of methyl esters obtained.

The study was carried out by the chromato-mass-spectrometry method on an Agilent Technologies 6890 chromatograph with the mass-spectrometry detector 5973 [6, 7]. The chromatography parameters: introduction of the sample (2 µl) in the chromatographic column was performed in the splitless mode. The sample injection rate was 1.2 ml/min for 0.2 min; the chromatographic column was capillary INNOWAX with the external diameter of 0.25 mm and the length of 30 m; carrier gas (helium) was 1.2 ml/min; the heater temperature was 250°C.

To identify the components the library of mass-spectra NIST05 and WILEY 2007 with the total number of spectra more than 470000 in combination with AMDIS and NIST programmes for identification was used. For

Table

## Fatty acids of hawthorn flowers

No.	The acid name	Retention index	Content (mg/kg)			
			C. almaatensis	C. kansuensis	C. Maximowiczii	C. Schneideri
1	Laurinic	19.76-19.85	846.82	1810.65	312.33	66.57
2	Myristic	24.14-24.26	674.61	724.60	725.34	203.88
3	Pentadecanic	26.04			76.24	
4	Palmitic	28.08-28.24	3813.34	4890.61	3170.74	3117.82
5	Palmitoleic	28.32-28.66	124.58	68.82	41.11	37.59
6	Heptadecanoic	29.79-29.82	90.88	71.13	59.59	57.29
7	Stearic	31.56-31.75	622.89	604.15	733.07	402.61
8	Oleic	31.83-31.97	544.30	214.64	389.68	235.26
9	Linoleic	32.75-32.90	2416.17	3285.62	2600.92	2159.97
10	Linolenic	33.76-33.95	1258.31	2047.70	2219.91	1618.42
11	Arachinic	34.85-34.94	321.64	408.62	660.90	369.85
12	2-oxypalmitic	35.48-35.93		243.89	81.13	114.01
13	Heneicosanic	36.42-36.43			69.61	41.42
14	Behenic	37.91-38.01	491.81	645.09	319.14	232.81
15	Hexadecanedicar-bonic	38.50-38.57	458.07	724.29	524.36	
16	Tetracosanic	40.83-40.94	140.92	291.7	274.21	164.01
17	Hexacosanoic	44.37-44.68	158.36	90.33	61.42	64.25
The total amount of saturated fatty acids			7743.92	10573.88	7109.19	4872.11
The total amount of unsaturated fatty acids			4218.78	5547.96	5210.51	4113.65

quantitative calculation of the content of fatty acids the method of the internal standard was used.

### Results and Discussion

In the raw material 17 fatty acids were identified. In flowers of *C. almaatensis* Pojark. – 14 fatty acids, in *C. kansuensis* Wils. and *C. Schneideri* C.K.Schneid. – 15 acids, in *C. Maximowiczii* C.K.Schneid. – 17 acids were identified. By the quantitative content such saturated fatty acids as palmitic and stearic dominate in all

species studied. The unsaturated acids are presented by oleic, linoleic and linolenic acids.

For *C. Maximowiczii* C.K.Schneid. flowers pentadecanoic acid (76.24 mg/kg) is individual, and heneicosanoic acid (69.61 mg/kg) with the content of 41.42 mg/kg is individual for *C. Schneideri* C.K.Schneid. flowers.

The results of the study are shown in Table and Fig. 1-4.

The content of fatty acids (calculated to the total amount) for flowers of *C. almaatensis* Pojark. was:

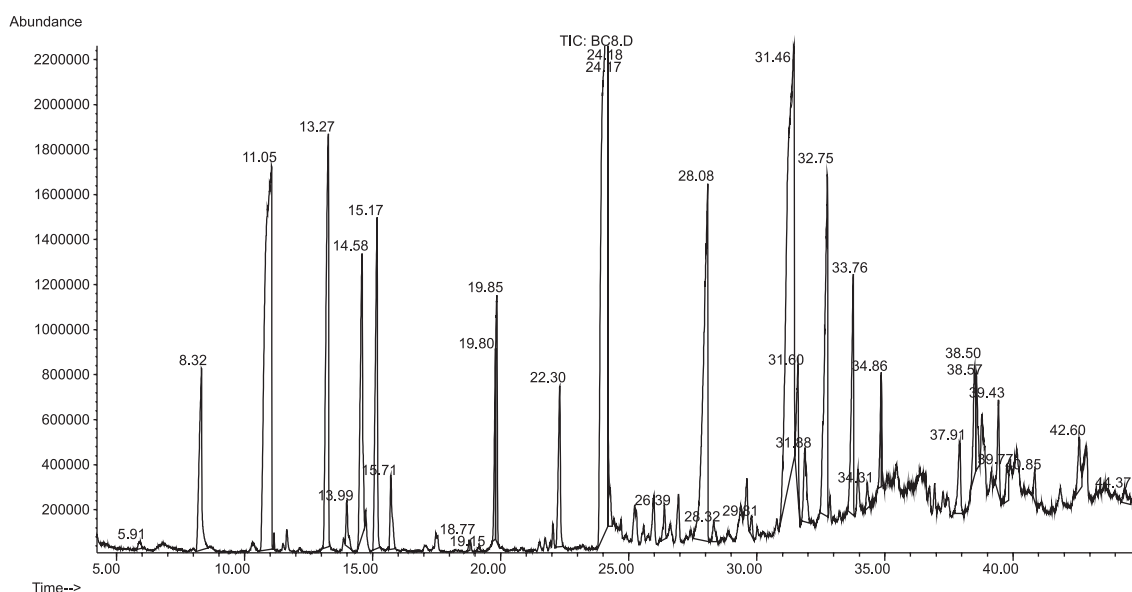


Fig. 1. The chromatogram of fatty acids from *C. almaatensis* Pojark. flowers.

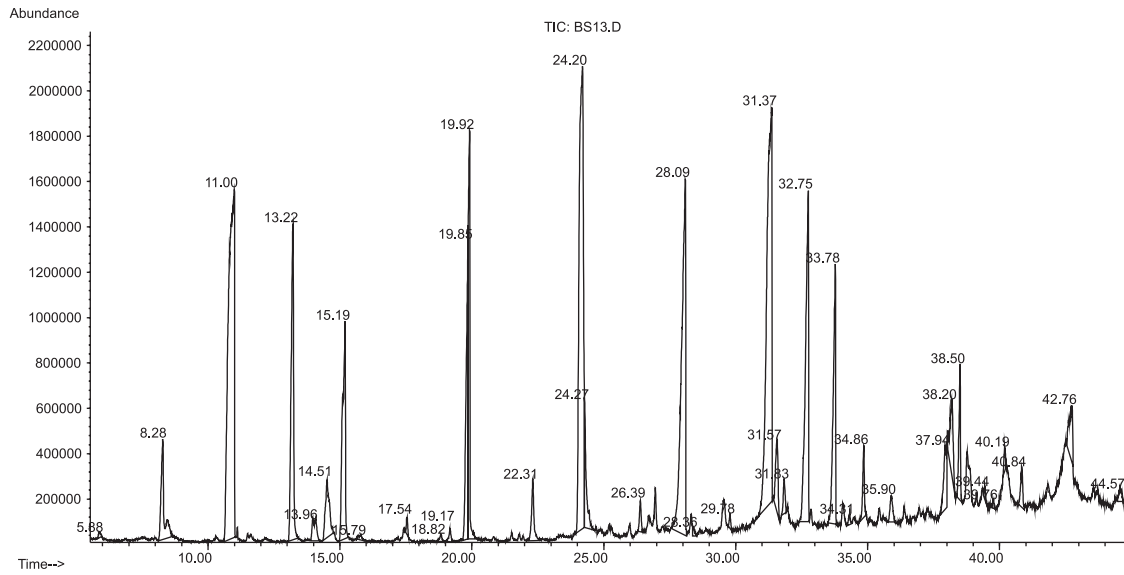


Fig. 2. The chromatogram of fatty acids from *C. kansuensis* Wils. flowers.

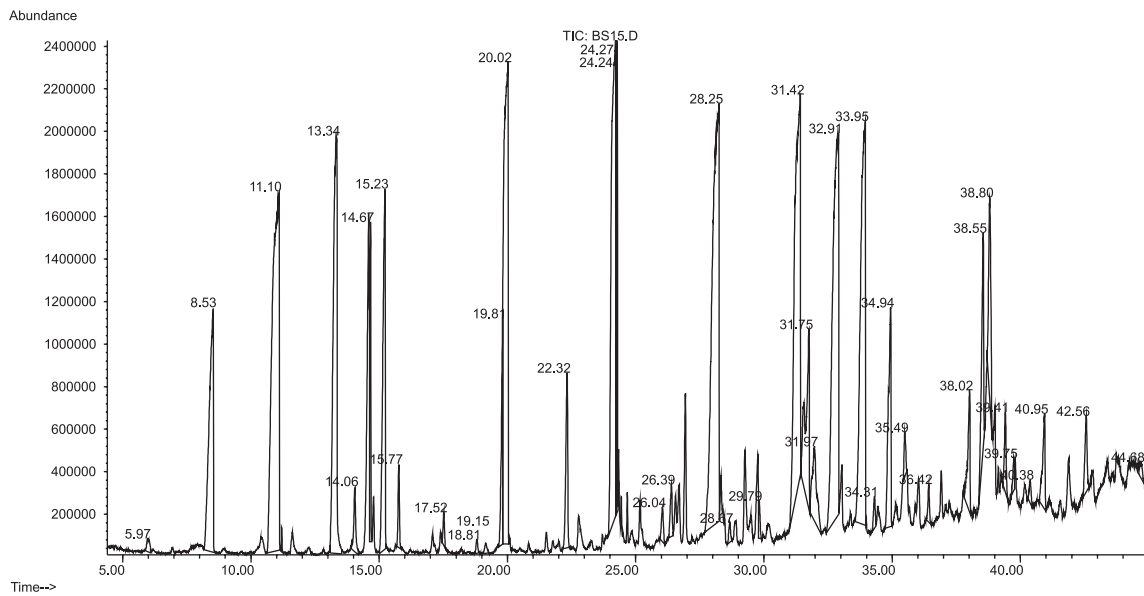


Fig. 3. The chromatogram of fatty acids from *C. Maximowiczii* C.K. Schneid.

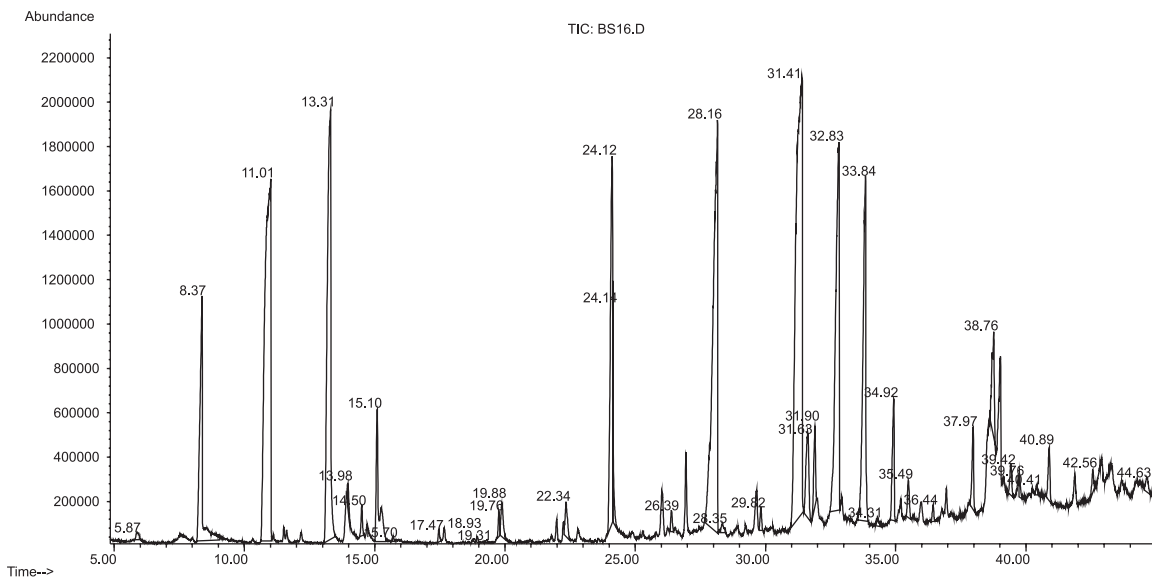


Fig. 4. The chromatogram of fatty acids from *C. Schneideri* C.K. Schneid. flowers.

saturated – 64.73%, unsaturated – 35.27%; for *C. kansuensis* Wils. flowers: saturated – 65.59%, unsaturated – 34.41%; for *C. Maximowiczii* C.K.Schneid. flowers: saturated – 57.71%, unsaturated – 42.29%; for *C. Schneideri* C.K.Schneid. flowers: saturated – 54.22%, unsaturated – 45.78%.

The highest content of oleic acid was determined in flowers of *C. almaatensis* Pojark. (4.5%), linoleic acid – in flowers of *C. kansuensis* Wils. (20.37%), linolenic acid – in flowers of *C. Maximowiczii* C.K.Schneid. (18.01%).

#### CONCLUSIONS

1. The chromatography-mass spectrometry studies of fatty acids from flowers of *C. almaatensis* Pojark.,

*C. kansuensis* Wils., *C. Maximowiczii* C.K.Schneid. and *C. Schneideri* C.K. Schneid. of *Sanguineae* Sarg. section has been conducted.

2. In the raw material 17 fatty acids have been identified. For *C. Maximowiczii* C.K.Schneid. flowers pentadecanic acid is individual, and heneicosanic acid is individual for *C. Schneideri* C.K.Schneid. flowers.

3. The saturated fatty acids dominate in all species studied; the unsaturated acids are presented by oleic, linoleic and linolenic acids. The highest content of oleic acid has been found in flowers of *C. almaatensis* Pojark. (4.5%), linoleic acid – in flowers of *C. kansuensis* Wils. (20.37%), linolenic acid – in flowers of *C. Maximowiczii* C.K.Schneid. (18.01%).

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#### ПОРІВНЯЛЬНЕ ХІМІЧНЕ ДОСЛІДЖЕННЯ ЖИРНОКИСЛОТНОГО СКЛАДУ КВІТОК ГЛОДІВ СЕКЦІЇ SANGUINEAE SARG.

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**Ключові слова:** глід; квітки; жирні кислоти

Хромато-мас-спектрометричним методом вперше проведено порівняльне дослідження жирнокислотного складу квіток *C. almaatensis* Pojark., *C. kansuensis* Wils., *C. Schneideri* C.K.Schneid. та *C. Maximowiczii* C.K.Schneid. секції *Sanguineae* Sarg. Для дослідження використовували зразки сухої сировини, зібраної в фазу бутонізації на базі Ботанічного саду Національного університету ім. В.Н.Каразіна. Дослідження проводили на хроматографі Agilent Technologies 6890 з мас-спектрометричним детектором 5973. В результаті в сировині було ідентифіковано 17 жирних кислот. В усіх досліджуваних видах за кількісним вмістом домінують насичені жирні кислоти: лауринова, міристинова, пентадеканова, пальмітинова, пальмітолеїнова, гептадеканова, стеаринова, арахінова, 2-оксипальмітинова, хенейкозанова, бегенова, гексадекандикарбонова, тетракозанова, гексакозанова. Ненасичені представлені олеїновою, лінолевою та ліноленовою кислотами. В квітках *C. almaatensis* Pojark. ідентифіковано 14 жирних кислот, *C. kansuensis* Wils. та *C. Schneideri* C.K.Schneid. – 15, *C. Maximowiczii* C.K. Schneid – 17. Вміст жирних кислот (у перерахунку від загальної суми) для квіток *C. almaatensis* Pojark. склав: насичених – 64,73%, ненасичених – 35,27%; *C. kansuensis* Wils. насичених – 65,59%, ненасичених – 34,41%; *C. Maximowiczii* C.K. Schneid. насичених – 57,71%, ненасичених – 42,29%; *C. Schneideri* C.K.Schneid. насичених – 54,22%, ненасичених – 45,78%. Найбільший вміст (у перерахунку від загальної суми жирних кислот) олеїнової кислоти визначено у квітках *C. almaatensis* Pojark. (4,5%), лінолевої – у квітках *C. kansuensis* Wils. (20,37%), ліноленової – у квітках *C. Maximowiczii* C.K.Schneid. (18,01%).

**СРАВНИТЕЛЬНОЕ ХИМИЧЕСКОЕ ИССЛЕДОВАНИЕ ЖИРНОКИСЛОТНОГО СОСТАВА ЦВЕТКОВ БОЯРЫШНИКОВ СЕКЦИИ SANGUINEAE SARG.****Н.В.Сидора, А.М.Ковалева, Ю.Н.Авидзба, А.Н.Комиссаренко****Ключевые слова:** боярышник; цветки; жирные кислоты

Хромато-масс-спектрометрическим методом впервые проведено сравнительное изучение жирнокислотного состава цветков *C. almaatensis* Pojark., *C. kansuensis* Wils., *C. Schneideri* C.K.Schneid. и *C. Maximowiczii* C.K.Schneid. секции *Sanguineae* Sarg. Для исследования использовали образцы сухого сырья, собранного в фазу бутонизации на базе Ботанического сада Национального университета им. В.Н.Каразина. Исследование проводили на хроматографе Agilent Technologies 6890 с масс-спектрометрическим детектором 5973. В результате в сырье было идентифицировано 17 жирных кислот. Во всех исследованных видах по количественному содержанию доминируют насыщенные жирные кислоты: лауриновая, миристиновая, пентадекановая, пальмитиновая, пальмитолеиновая, гептадекановая, стеариновая, арахидиновая, 2-оксипальмитиновая, хенейкозановая, бегеновая, гексадекандикарбоновая, тетракозановая, гексакозановая. Ненасыщенные представлены олеиновой, линолевой и линоленовой кислотами. В цветках *C. almaatensis* Pojark. идентифицировано 14 жирных кислот, *C. kansuensis* Wils. и *C. Schneideri* C.K.Schneid. – 15, *C. Maximowiczii* C.K.Schneid. – 17. Содержание жирных кислот (в пересчете от общей суммы) для цветков *C. almaatensis* Pojark. составило: насыщенных – 64,73%, ненасыщенных – 35,27%; *C. kansuensis* Wils. насыщенных – 65,59%, ненасыщенных – 34,41%; *C. Maximowiczii* C.K.Schneid. насыщенных – 57,71%, ненасыщенных – 42,29%; *C. Schneideri* C.K.Schneid. насыщенных – 54,22%, ненасыщенных – 45,78%. Наибольшее содержание (в пересчете от общей суммы жирных кислот) олеиновой кислоты установлено в цветках *C. almaatensis* Pojark. (4,5%), линолевой – в цветках *C. kansuensis* Wils. (20,37%), линоленовой – в цветках *C. Maximowiczii* C. K. Schneid. (18,01%).