

Aroma Compounds of Mango and Papaya from Cameroon

Solid phase microextraction analyses of these important fruits—*Mangifera indica* L. and *Carica papaya* L.

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Mangos (*Mangifera indica* L., Anacardiaceae) and papayas (*Carica papaya* L., Caricaceae) are exotic fruits with increasing importance for the crop trade.^{7,8,10,11,14,38,39} With a worldwide production of 25.1 million metric tons in the year 2001, mangos are in second place in the FAO statistics of exotic fruits (behind bananas, which boast a production volume of about 58 million metric tons in 2001).¹⁴ *M. indica* and *C. papaya* find wide use in the flavoring of foodstuffs, in addition to distribution as fruit, juice and further aromatic-fruity food products, like ice-cream, sweets and tea. In perfumery applications, the characteristic, pleasant exotic-fruity aroma of mangos (apple, pineapple, banana and peach notes) and papayas (faint-tropic, banana- and pumpkin-like notes) is part of many applications in perfumery (e.g. perfumes) and cosmetics (e.g. lotions, shower-gels, deodorants and soaps). Many analyses of the aroma compounds of *M. indica* and *C. papaya* fruits and their different extracts have been performed in the past to identify these volatiles, responsible for the characteristic aroma. About 300 odor compounds for mangos and papayas, respectively, have been identified, with the dominating impact compounds being monoterpenes and short-chain alcohols, acids, esters and lactones.^{2,4,5,12,13,15,16,30-32,37,40,45}

For many researchers in this field, the preferred methods of analysis for the aroma compositions of mango and papaya samples are dynamic headspace and solvent extraction.^{12,13,15,16,30-32,37,40,45}

However, to the best of our knowledge, no comparative studies on headspace-volatiles of ripe and unripe fruits of *M. indica* and *C. papaya* from Cameroon, trapped by solid-phase-microextraction (SPME), separated using achiral- (polar and apolar) and chiral-phase gas chromatography and single compounds detected as well as identified by flame-ionization and mass spectroscopy, are available until now. Therefore, the objective of this work was to identify the fragrance compounds of this exotic Cameroonian fruits by the above mentioned gas chromatographic-spectroscopic and olfactive methods (GC-sniffing-technique and olfactive correlations) to find out the importance of each single constituent with their specific odor attributes, responsible for the characteristic and pleasant fruit aroma of mangos and papayas for the first time.

Results and Discussion

The pulp samples of ripe and unripe *Mangifera indica* L. and *Carica papaya* L. from Cameroon were olfactorily evaluated by perfumers as follows: ripe mango: exotic fruity (mango) with ethyl acetate and spicy side-notes; unripe mango: exotic fruity (mango) with spicy and mango-leaves-like side-notes; ripe papaya: exotic fruity (papaya, apricot, banana and pineapple notes) with floral side-notes; unripe papaya: exotic fruity (papaya, apricot, banana and pineapple) some weaker than ripe pulp sample, floral and green side-notes, in the background pungent-sour aroma. Additionally, a high olfactive quality for all four samples was certified by the perfumers in general.

For the trapping of the volatiles in the headspace of the four mango and papaya pulp samples, solid-phase-microextraction (SPME) was used, which is a very effective state-of-art-method to concentrate odor-active constituents of complex aroma samples before identification by means of hyphenated systems.^{18,19,21-26,35,41}

As a result of GC-FID and GC-MS analyses (using two achiral phase columns of different polarity) more than 120 volatiles were detected, and more than 100 of them identified in all of the mango and papaya SPME-headspace samples. Main compounds (concentration higher than 3.0 percent, calculated as

percentage-peak area of GC-FID analysis using a polar (Carbowax) column were found to be in the SPME-headspace of the pulp of the ripe mango: δ -3-carene (28.90 percent), *cis*-3-hexenyl butanoate (12.92 percent), α -pinene (8.08 percent), *cis*-3-hexenyl acetate (5.60 percent), ethyl acetate (4.51 percent), ethyl hexanoate (3.54 percent), ethyl butanoate (3.48 percent), *trans*- β -ocimene (3.16 percent) and β -myrcene; of the unripe mango: δ -3-carene (67.40 percent), β -myrcene (9.40

percent) and α -pinene (8.82 percent); of the ripe papaya: linalool (68.96 percent), isoamyl butanoate (15.60 percent) and decanal (3.55 percent) as well as of the unripe papaya: linalool (47.57 percent), benzyl isothiocyanate (11.11 percent), isoamyl butanoate (5.01 percent), 2-pentanol (4.81 percent) and *trans*-1-hexen-3-ol (4.50 percent). Further constituents, especially ethyl-, propyl-, butyl-, amyl-, pentyl- and hexyl-esters, short-chain alcohols and acids, and monoterpenes were identified in concentrations from traces (< 0.01 percent) up to 2.75 percent in the investigated samples (see T-1). The compositions of

the *M. indica* and *C. papaya* samples are therefore characterized by a high content of the monoterpenes δ -3-carene (mango) and linalool (papaya) with significant amounts of *cis*-3-hexenyl butanoate (mango) and isoamyl butanoate (papaya), which are compounds, found also in other samples of *M. indica* and *C. papaya*, but in lower concentrations.^{4,5} The high content of benzyl isothiocyanate in the SPME-headspace of unripe papaya is remarkable, but has been identified in some *C. papaya* samples of different geographic origin in concentrations up to 18 percent.^{5,12}

As generally known, the stereoselectivity of volatile enantiomers is of essential importance for the aroma impression of the compound and plays an elemental role for the characteristic total-odor of a complex odor system.^{20,26,29,33,34,44} Therefore, chiral-phase gas chromatography (coupled with flame-ionization and mass spectroscopic detection) was used to get information on the enantiomeric properties of optical active main compounds (concentrations > 1.0 percent) of the pulp samples of mango and papaya. For the *M. indica* headspace constituents a high (-)-optical purity was found for α -pinene, β -pinene and δ -3-carene, and a high (+)-optical purity for 2-methyl butanoic acid, α -terpineol, γ -jasmin lactone and δ -jasmin lactone (see T-2). Linalool and 2-methyl butanoic acid as dominating compounds of the papaya pulp show a significant (+)-optical rotation.

This result is also in accordance with investigations of aroma compounds of *M. indica* and *C. papaya* from other geographic

SPME-headspace aroma compounds of ripe and unripe mangos (rmango and urmango) and papayas (rpapaya and urpapaya) from Cameroon in order of their Kovats indices (KI, using a polar Carbowax column) and concentrations in percent (calculated as percent-peak area of GC-FID analysis)

T-1

| compound | rmango | urmango | rpapaya | urpapaya | KI |
|---|--------|---------|-----------------|----------|------|
| ethyl acetate | 4.51 | 0.38 | 0.14 | 0.60 | 872 |
| ethanol | 0.14 | 0.02 | 0.11 | 0.01 | 900 |
| ethyl butanoate | 3.48 | 0.01 | nd ^a | nd | 912 |
| ethyl hexanoate | 3.54 | 0.02 | nd | nd | 917 |
| pentanal | nd | 0.02 | nd | nd | 941 |
| 2-pentanone | nd | nd | t ^b | 0.16 | 958 |
| 2-butanol | 0.01 | 0.01 | t | t | 998 |
| α -pinene | 8.08 | 8.82 | 0.12 | 0.38 | 1037 |
| ethyl isovalerate | 1.10 | 0.06 | nd | nd | 1058 |
| camphene | 0.22 | 0.13 | tr | 0.35 | 1071 |
| 3-methoxy propanol | nd | nd | nd | 0.52 | 1081 |
| 2-pentanol | nd | nd | 0.04 | 4.81 | 1091 |
| propyl butanoate | 0.15 | t | nd | nd | 1110 |
| isoamyl acetate | 0.06 | t | 0.06 | 0.64 | 1113 |
| β -pinene | 1.56 | 1.34 | t | 0.71 | 1124 |
| <i>cis</i> -2-pentenyl acetate | 0.03 | nd | nd | nd | 1126 |
| 2-methyl-2-pentenal | 0.08 | 0.57 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 1140 |
| isobutyl butanoate | 0.65 | 0.06 | 1.15 | 1.18 | 1152 |
| δ -3-carene | 28.90 | 67.40 | nd | nd | 1154 |
| amyl acetate | t | 0.02 | 0.16 | 1.12 | 1161 |
| 3-methyl butanol | t | nd | t | 0.86 | 1166 |
| β -myrcene | 3.11 | 9.40 | 0.07 | 0.84 | 1168 |
| α -terpinene | 0.06 | 0.09 | 0.06 | t | 1189 |
| limonene | 1.88 | 1.67 | t | 0.59 | 1206 |
| <i>cis</i> - β -ocimene | 0.17 | 0.09 | t | 0.99 | 1230 |
| 3-octanone | nd | nd | t | 0.53 | 1242 |
| γ -terpinene | 0.04 | 0.18 | 0.12 | t | 1246 |
| <i>cis</i> -3-hexenol | 0.57 | 0.06 | t | t | 1248 |
| <i>trans</i> - β -ocimene | 3.16 | 2.75 | t | 0.01 | 1251 |
| isoamyl butanoate | 0.05 | t | 15.60 | 5.01 | 1259 |
| 2-methyl hexanoic acid | t | t | 0.24 | 0.11 | 1262 |
| p-cymene | 0.13 | 0.09 | t | t | 1271 |
| octanal | nd | nd | t | nd | 1278 |
| 2-heptanol | nd | nd | t | 0.42 | 1282 |
| terpinolene | 0.15 | 0.04 | t | t | 1285 |
| <i>cis</i> -3-hexenyl acetate | 5.60 | 0.72 | nd | t | 1300 |
| <i>trans</i> -1-hexen-3-ol | 0.01 | 0.53 | 0.02 | 4.50 | 1302 |
| amyl butanoate | 0.62 | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.09 | 1305 |
| hexyl acetate | 2.71 | 0.09 | nd | t | 1307 |
| <i>trans</i> -2-hexenyl acetate | 0.07 | t | nd | t | 1315 |
| <i>cis</i> -2-pentenyl butanoate | 0.39 | t | nd | nd | 1317 |
| hexanol | 0.12 | 0.09 | t | 2.33 | 1329 |
| isobutyl hexanoate | nd | nd | t | 0.44 | 1350 |
| <i>cis</i> -3-hexenyl propionate | 0.55 | 0.04 | nd | t | 1371 |
| nonanal | 0.03 | 0.04 | nd | t | 1382 |
| 3-octanol | nd | nd | nd | t | 1388 |
| acetic acid | 0.04 | t | 0.04 | 0.19 | 1410 |
| butyl tiglate | 0.22 | t | nd | nd | 1417 |
| heptanol | nd | nd | t | 1.05 | 1419 |
| 1-octen-3-ol | nd | nd | t | 0.58 | 1422 |
| ethyl octanoate | 0.21 | t | t | t | 1424 |
| <i>cis</i> -linalool oxide (furanoid) | nd | nd | 0.92 | 0.73 | 1427 |
| <i>cis</i> -3-hexenyl butanoate | 12.92 | 0.13 | nd | 0.15 | 1449 |
| isoamyl hexanoate | nd | nd | t | 1.34 | 1451 |
| <i>trans</i> -linalool oxide (furanoid) | nd | nd | 0.45 | 0.12 | 1453 |

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T-1

| compound | rmango | urmango | rpapaya | urpapaya | KI |
|--|--------|---------|---------|----------|------|
| <i>trans</i> -2-hexenyl butanoate | 0.14 | 0.13 | nd | t | 1461 |
| <i>cis</i> -3-hexenyl isovalerate | 2.41 | 0.09 | nd | t | 1480 |
| decanal | nd | nd | 3.55 | 0.41 | 1485 |
| amyl hexanoate | nd | nd | nd | 0.15 | 1499 |
| linalool | 0.08 | 0.01 | 68.96 | 47.57 | 1502 |
| benzaldehyde | nd | nd | t | 0.53 | 1504 |
| octanol | nd | nd | t | t | 1519 |
| linalyl acetate | nd | nd | t | 0.46 | 1537 |
| <i>cis</i> -3-hexenyl tiglate | 0.12 | 0.03 | nd | nd | 1577 |
| <i>cis</i> -3-hexenyl valerate | 0.32 | t | nd | nd | 1584 |
| butanoic acid | t | nd | 0.05 | t | 1588 |
| hexyl hexanoate | 0.04 | t | nd | nd | 1599 |
| methyl benzoate | nd | nd | t | 0.38 | 1602 |
| terpinen-4-ol | 0.08 | 0.07 | 0.11 | 0.02 | 1608 |
| benzyl isocyanate | nd | nd | t | 0.23 | 1613 |
| β -caryophyllene | 0.29 | 0.28 | t | 0.09 | 1617 |
| nonanol | 0.29 | 0.33 | 1.64 | 0.68 | 1624 |
| 3-methyl butanoic acid | t | t | t | t | 1630 |
| 2-methyl butanoic acid | 1.11 | 0.44 | 1.19 | 0.32 | 1641 |
| aromadendrene | 0.10 | 0.08 | nd | nd | 1650 |
| α -terpineol | 1.04 | 1.13 | 1.05 | 0.77 | 1657 |
| α -humulene | 0.14 | 0.06 | nd | 0.02 | 1681 |
| decanol | t | t | 1.07 | t | 1723 |
| verbenone | 0.12 | nd | nd | nd | 1730 |
| geranyl acetate | 0.01 | t | t | 0.10 | 1735 |
| methyl salicylate | nd | nd | t | 0.07 | 1754 |
| <i>trans</i> -carveyl acetate | t | 0.01 | nd | nd | 1758 |
| isobutyl benzoate | nd | nd | t | 1.18 | 1771 |
| <i>trans</i> -carveol | t | nd | nd | nd | 1789 |
| <i>cis</i> -carvyl acetate | 0.10 | 0.02 | nd | nd | 1794 |
| hexanoic acid | nd | 0.05 | 0.06 | t | 1799 |
| <i>cis</i> -carveol | t | t | nd | nd | 1819 |
| geraniol | 0.07 | 0.04 | t | 0.08 | 1822 |
| benzyl alcohol | nd | nd | t | 0.47 | 1824 |
| butyl benzoate | nd | nd | t | 0.73 | 1841 |
| cymen-8-ol | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.05 | 1846 |
| benzyl butanoate | nd | nd | t | 0.24 | 1854 |
| benzyl thioisocyanate | nd | nd | 2.31 | 11.11 | 1872 |
| isobutyl salicylate | nd | nd | t | 0.46 | 1891 |
| isoamyl benzoate | nd | nd | t | 0.01 | 1894 |
| 2,5-dimethyl-4-hydroxy-3(2H)-furanone ("furaneol") | 0.47 | 0.12 | t | nd | 1903 |
| β -ionone | 0.21 | 0.11 | t | t | 1908 |
| amyl benzoate | nd | nd | t | 1.89 | 1940 |
| isoamyl salicylate | nd | nd | t | 0.30 | 2021 |
| benzyl hexanoate | 0.30 | nd | nd | nd | 2057 |
| amyl salicylate | nd | nd | nd | 0.02 | 2077 |
| eugenol | 0.14 | t | nd | nd | 2103 |
| γ -jasmin lactone | 1.08 | 0.66 | nd | nd | 2157 |
| δ -jasmin lactone | 1.21 | 1.02 | 0.10 | t | 2171 |

^anot detected

^btrace compound (less than 0.01 percent)

**Optical purity of target compounds
(concentration higher than 1.0 percent)
of mango and papaya SPME headspace
samples by means GC-FID and GC-MS
with chiral phase columns^{10,13,27,30}**

T-2

| mango compounds | (+) | (-) |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| α-pinene | 4.3 | 95.7 |
| β-pinene | 1.8 | 98.2 |
| δ-3-carene | 0.1 | 99.9 |
| limonene | 68.9 | 31.1 |
| 2-methyl butanoic acid | 100.0 | 0.0 |
| α-terpineol | 72.2 | 37.8 |
| γ-jasmin lactone | 94.1 | 5.9 |
| δ-jasmin lactone | 83.6 | 16.4 |
| papaya compounds | | |
| linalool | 93.8 | 6.2 |
| 2-methyl butanoic acid | 100.0 | 0.0 |

origins, published elsewhere.^{29,44} For a comparison of the odor impression of each single identified compound of pulp samples of ripe and unripe mango and papaya from Cameroon to the above-described overall aroma, a GC-sniffing-technique was used. The obtained data of this analysis were correlated with published aroma attributes for each identified constituent, published elsewhere.^{3,6,12,36,42} As result of these combined data interpretation we state the following (see T-3): the characteristic aroma of ripe and unripe *M. indica* can be attributed to δ-3-carene, *cis*-β-ocimene, ethyl-, butyl-, amyl- and hexyl-derivatives (especially esters), partly “furaneol” and β-ionone, for the exotic fruity, to ethyl acetate (ripe mango) for the ethyl acetate and to the monoterpenes α-pinene, β-pinene, β-myrcene as well as *trans*-β-ocimene for the spicy odor impressions, while δ-3-carene in such a high content in the unripe *M. indica* SPME-headspace is known for its mango-leaf aroma. The aroma of ripe and unripe *C. papaya* SPME-headspace samples is the result of a totally high concentration of linalool and short-chain alcohols and esters (exotic fruity; floral odor is additionally known from linalool and its derivatives) and some hexene-derivatives in medium (e.g. *trans*-1-hexen-3-ol) or lower amounts (green-notes of unripe papaya), while a pungent-sour odor impression, found in the sample of unripe *C. papaya* pulp, is known from benzyl isothiocyanate (“mustard-oil-aroma”) in a higher concentration (the aroma of diluted benzyl isothiocyanate is described as fruity and papaya-like).¹²

To summarize this aroma compound analysis of SPME-headspace samples of ripe and unripe mangos and papayas from Cameroon, we can state that the characteristic odor impressions for such exotic fruits were also found. The compositions of the *M. indica*

and *C. papaya* SPME-headspace are significantly different in correlations to mango and papaya samples from other geographic origins. Using achiral and chiral-phase gas chromatography (FID and MS detection) mainly monoterpenes [especially (-)-δ-3-carene in mango and (+)-linalool in papaya] and short-chain alcohols, acids [e.g. (+)-methyl butanoic acid], esters and lactones [e.g. (+)-γ-jasmin lactone and (+)-δ-jasmin lactone] were found to be dominating aroma compounds, responsible also for the characteristic odor impressions of these exotic fruits. The identification of benzyl isothiocyanate in the SPME-headspace sample of unripe *C. papaya* from Cameroon in a concentration of 11.11 percent is remarkable (pungent-sour odor in this concentration, but fruity and papaya-like on dilution).

Experimental

Sample preparation: Ripe and unripe fruits of mango and papaya were collected at a local market in Ngaoundere (Western Cameroon) in August 2002. One ripe (weight of 422 g) and one unripe (weight

SPME-headspace aroma compounds of ripe/unripe mangos and ripe/unripe papayas from Cameroon and their corresponding aroma impressions in accordance to published data and obtained by the use of a GC-sniffing-technique (polar Carbowax column)^{3,6,12,36,42}

| compound | aroma impressions | GCST* |
|---------------------------------|---|--------------|
| ethyl acetate | pineapple-like, ethereal | ethereal |
| ethanol | alcohol-like | ethanol |
| ethyl butanoate | fruity, banana- and pineapple-like | fruity |
| ethyl hexanoate | fruity, wine- and apple-like, brandy-like | fruity |
| pentanal | woody, vanilla, fruity, nutty on dilution | warm |
| 2-pentanone | sweet-fruity, ethereal | ethereal |
| 2-butanol | medicinal, ethereal | ethereal |
| α -pinene | woody, pine-like | piney |
| ethyl isovalerate | fruity, apple-like | fruity |
| camphene | camphoraceous, fresh | fresh |
| 3-methoxy propanol | sweet, ethereal | - |
| 2-pentanol | green, fusel-like | green |
| propyl butanoate | sharp, sweet, pungent, rancid | pungent |
| isoamyl acetate | fruity, banana-like, sweet | fruity |
| β -pinene | woody, pine-like | piney |
| <i>cis</i> -2-pentenyl acetate | green-sweet, fruity | - |
| 2-methyl-2-pentenal | green-grassy, fruity | green |
| isobutyl butanoate | fruity, ethereal | ethereal |
| δ -3-carene | sweet, refined limonene-note, penetrating | sweet |
| amyl acetate | fruity, banana-like, ethereal | fruity |
| isoamyl alcohol | whiskey- and fusel-like | - |
| β -myrcene | sweet-balsamic, spicy | sweet |
| α -terpinene | spicy, citrus-note | spicy |
| α -phellandrene | minty, herbaceous | herbal |
| limonene | fresh, citrus-, lemon- and orange-note | citrus-like |
| <i>cis</i> - β -ocimene | mango-skin-note, estragon- and basil-notes | spicy |
| 3-octanone | herbal-spicy, buttery | - |
| γ -terpinene | herbaceous, citrus-like | citrus-like |
| <i>cis</i> -3-hexenol | green ("leaf alcohol"), fresh-grass-like | green |
| <i>trans</i> - β -ocimene | spicy (estragon- and basil-notes) | spicy |
| isoamyl butanoate | fruity, apricot-, banana and pineapple-like | fruity |
| 2-methyl hexanoic acid | ethereal-fruity, green | - |

| compound | aroma impressions | GCST* |
|---|--|-------------|
| p-cymene | weak citrus-note | citrus-like |
| octanal | fatty, citrus- and honey-notes | fatty |
| 2-heptanol | earthy, oily | fatty |
| terpinolene | sweet-piney, slightly sweet-anisic | terpenic |
| <i>cis</i> -3-hexenyl acetate | green, fruity | green |
| <i>trans</i> -1-hexen-3-ol | intense green with bitter and fatty notes | green |
| amyl butanoate | strong, fruity, banana- and pineapple-like | fruity |
| hexyl acetate | floral, apple-, cherry and pear-like | fruity |
| <i>trans</i> -2-hexenyl acetate | green, fruity | - |
| <i>cis</i> -2-pentenyl butanoate | fatty, green, fruity | - |
| hexanol | alcoholic, ethereal, medicinal | alcoholic |
| isobutyl hexanoate | apple-like | fruity |
| <i>cis</i> -3-hexenyl propionate | fruity, green | - |
| nonanal | floral-fatty, citrus, orange- and rose-notes | fatty |
| 3-octanol | oily, nutty, melon- and citrus-note | oily |
| acetic acid | pungent | pungent |
| butyl tiglate | fruity, ethereal | - |
| heptanol | woody-oily | oily |
| 1-octen-3-ol | mushroom-like | earthy |
| ethyl octanoate | fruity, banana- and pineapple-like, floral | fruity |
| <i>cis</i> -linalool oxide (furanoid) | floral | floral |
| <i>cis</i> -3-hexenyl butanoate | brandy-, cognac- and wine-like, green | alcoholic |
| isoamyl hexanoate | fruity, apple- and pineapple-like | fruity |
| <i>trans</i> -linalool oxide (furanoid) | floral, fresh | floral |
| <i>trans</i> -2-hexenyl butanoate | alcoholic, green | - |
| decanal | sweet-waxy, floral, citrus-notes | waxy |
| amyl hexanoate | pineapple-like | fruity |
| linalool | floral | floral |
| benzaldehyde | clean-floral, citrus-lemon-orange notes | floral |
| octanol | fatty-waxy, citrus-note | fatty |
| linalyl acetate | floral, fresh, lavender-like | floral |
| <i>cis</i> -3-hexenyl tiglate | fruity, green | - |

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T-3

| compound | aroma impressions | GCST* |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| <i>cis</i> -3-hexenyl-valerate | green, fatty | - |
| butanoic acid | sharp, cheesy, sour, rancid | sharp |
| hexyl hexanoate | fruity, vegetable-like | fruity |
| methyl benzoate | fruity | fruity |
| terpinen-4-ol | spicy, woody, nutmeg- and lilac-notes | terpenic |
| benzyl isocyanate | mustard- and broccoli-like | pungent |
| β -caryophyllene | terpene-odor, woody, spicy | terpenic |
| nonanol | fatty-waxy, citrus-note | fatty |
| 3-methyl butanoic acid | rancid, cheesy, sweet | rancid |
| 2-methyl butanoic acid | fruity-sour, cheesy | fruity |
| aromadendrene | herbal, woody | - |
| α -terpineol | lilac odor, floral, fruity | fruity |
| α -humulene | weak woody | woody |
| decanol | floral, fruity, fatty-waxy | fatty |
| verbenone | spicy, minty, camphoraceous | spicy |
| geranyl acetate | rose- and lavender-like, sweet-fruity | sweet |
| methyl salicylate | minty, spicy, wintergreen-note | spicy |
| <i>trans</i> -carveyl acetate | green, spearmint, fresh | fresh |
| isobutyl benzoate | fruity, ethereal | fruity |
| <i>trans</i> -carveol | spearmint, caraway | spearmint |
| <i>cis</i> -carveyl acetate | spearmint, fresh, green | fresh |
| hexanoic acid | pungent, sweet, rancid, sour, fatty | pungent |
| <i>cis</i> -carveol | spearmint, caraway | spearmint |
| geraniol | rose-like, sweet-floral, fruity, mild | rose |
| benzyl alkohol | floral, rose-note | floral |
| butyl benzoate | floral-balsamic, woody-spicy | balsamic |
| cymen-8-ol | spicy, vegetable-note | - |
| benzyl butanoate | fruity, floral, plum-note | fruity |
| benzyl thioisocyanate | sharp, mustard-oil-like | pungent |
| isobutyl salicylate | orchid- and wintergreen-like | floral |
| isoamyl benzoate | sweet-balsamic | balsamic |
| 2,5-dimethyl-4-hydroxy-3(2H)-furanone | fruity, sweet, caramel-like | fruity |

| compound | aroma impressions | GCST* |
|---------------------------|---|------------|
| β -ionone | floral, violet-like | floral |
| amyl benzoate | floral, cherry- and berry-like | - |
| isoamyl salicylate | sweet-floral, herbaceous-green | sweet |
| benzyl hexanoate | green-fruity, herbaceous | - |
| amyl salicylate | sweet-herbaceous, green-fruity | herbaceous |
| eugenol | spicy, cinnamon- and clove-like | spicy |
| γ -jasmine lactone | floral, jasmine-like, fruity, warm, spicy | floral |
| δ -jasmine lactone | floral, jasmin-like, fruity, pleasant | floral |

*Odor impressions given by professional perfumers by means of GC-sniffing-technique analyses of the SPME-headspace samples of ripe/unripe mango and papaya pulp

of 408 g) mango were peeled and the fruit pulp extracted from the stones. Yellow pulp (232 g) from the ripe, and 219 g pale yellow-green pulp from the unripe mango were obtained and cut into small pieces before headspace analysis. One ripe mango (weight of 441 g) and one unripe (weight of 407 g) papaya were peeled and the seeds eliminated. Orange pulp (215 g) of ripe papaya and 202 g of orange-green unripe papaya were cut into small pieces and used for aroma investigations. Each of the four pulp samples were placed in dark-brown (light-tight) 240 ml flasks (Supelco 23235) and closed using septa (Supelco 23245-U) and hole-caps (Supelco 23237), after olfactive evaluations by perfumers.

Olfactive evaluations: The four pulp samples of the *M. indica* and *C. papaya* in the flasks were olfactically evaluated by perfumers at Dragoco, Vienna, Austria, and significant odor-descriptions given.

Solid phase micro-extraction sampling: The *M. indica* and *C. papaya* pulp samples in a closed dark-brown 240 ml flask were extracted with a 2 cm-50/30 μ m DVB/Carboxen/ PDMS/StableFlex coated glass fiber (Supelco, USA, Cat-No. 5-7348) for 30 min at room-temperature each. Immediately afterwards, the trapped volatiles on the fiber were directly analyzed by GC-FID and GC-MS, using a method developed for previous investigations on various aroma systems.^{18,19,21-26,35,41}

GC/FID: GC/FID analyses were carried out using a GC-14A with SPME sleeve adapted to injector, FID and C-R6A-Chromatopac integrator (Shimadzu, Japan), a GC-3700 with FID (Varian, Germany) and C-R1B-Chromatopac integrator (Shimadzu). The carrier gas was hydrogen; injector temperature, 250°C; detector temperature, 320°C. The tempera-

ture programme was: 40°C/5 min to 280°C/5 min, with a heating rate of 6°C/min. The columns were 30 m x 0.32 mm bonded FSOT-RSL-200 fused silica, with a film thickness of 0.25 μ m (Biorad, Germany) and 30 m x 0.32 mm bonded Stabilwax, with a film thickness of 0.50 μ m (Restek, USA) as well as for chiral separations 25 m x 0.25 mm FS-HYDRODEX- β -PM fused silica (film thickness, 0.25 μ m, Restek, USA). Quantification was achieved using peak area calculations, and compound identification was partly carried out using correlations between retention times.^{1,9,17,27,28,43}

GC/MS: For GC/MS measurements a GC-17A with QP5000 (Shimadzu), SPME sleeve adapted to injector and Compaq-ProLinea data system (class5k-software), a GC-HP5890 with HP5970-MSD (Hewlett-Packard, USA) and ChemStation software on a Pentium PC (Böhm, Austria), a GCQ (Finnigan-Spectronex, Germany-USA) and a Gateway-2000-PS75 data system (Siemens-Nixdorf, Germany, GCQ-software) were used. The carrier gas was helium; injector temperature, 250°C; interface-heating at 300°C, ion-source-heating at 200°C, EI-mode was 70 eV, and the scan-range was 41-450 amu. For other parameters, see description of GC/FID, above. Mass spectra correlations were done using Wiley, NBS, NIST and our own library as well as published data.^{1,17,27}

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