



Micromorphological Features, DNA Barcoding and Nutraceutical Compounds of Two Edible Flowers: *Petunia × Hybrida* and *Verbena Bonariensis*

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Table 1. The scientific name, family, origin, blooming period, synthetic description, and flower photos of *P. × hybrida* and *V. bonariensis*.

Scientific Name	Origin	Blooming Period	Synthetic Botanical Description	Photo of Flower
<i>Petunia × hybrida</i> Vilm. (Solanaceae)	South America	April - October	Annual herbs, either ascending or decumbent, reaching heights of 30-60 cm. Leaves are alternate, shortly petiolate or subsessile, ovate in shape measuring 3-8 x 1.5-4.5 cm, with a cuneate base, entire margin, and acute apex. Flowers are solitary, found in the axils of leaves or leaf-like bracts, with a calyx deeply devided into 5 parts (1-1.8 cm by 3.5 mm). The corolla is funnelform with 5 rounded, spreading lobes (5-7 cm) and can be fragrant. The are 5 stamen (1 short, 2 medium and 2 long), with a style slightly exceeding stamens. Capsules are conical, 2-valved, 8-12 mm long, and dehiscent, containing many subglobose seeds approximately 0.5 mm across. The aerial part feature soft glandular hairs are present on. Lifeform: Scapular Ther. (Lim, 2014)	

No	Compounds	Formula	Class	LRI ^{cal}	LRI ^{lit}	<i>P x hybrida</i>	<i>V. bonariensis</i>
						Relative Abundance (%)	
37	Methyl nonadecanoate ^{ali}	C ₂₀ H ₄₀ O ₂	EST	2228	2226£	21.7±1.83	-
38	Undec-10-yneic acid, undecyl ester ^{ali}	C ₂₂ H ₄₀ O ₂	EST	2308	2308£	3.0±0.46	-
39	Eicosanoic acid (=Arachidic acid) ^{ali}	C ₂₀ H ₄₀ O ₂	FA	2362	2365£	0.4±0.33	-
40	Dodecyl decanoate= Lauryl caprate ^{ali}	C ₂₂ H ₄₄ O ₂	EST	2373	2372£	2.8±0.22	-
41	Octanoic acid, tetradecyl ester (Myristyl caprylate) ^{ali}	C ₂₂ H ₄₄ O ₂	EST	2377	2377\$	3.2±0.26	-
-	Number of Identified Compounds	-	-	-	-	30	19
-	Class of Compounds	-	-	-	-	<i>P. hybrida</i>	<i>V. bonairis</i>
-	Monoterpene Hydrocarbons (MH)	-	-	-	-	-	47.8±1.79
-	Oxygenated Monoterpenes (OM)	-	-	-	-	1.7±0.12	-
-	Sesquiterpene Hydrocarbons (SH)	-	-	-	-	0.6±0.07	19.2±1.02
-	Oxygenated Sesquiterpenes (OS)	-	-	-	-	1.4±0.49	0.5±0.01
-	Oxygenated Diterpenes (OD)	-	-	-	-	1.0±0.36	-
-	Phenylpropanoids (PP)	-	-	-	-	2.5±0.33	-
-	Volatile Phenols (VP)	-	-	-	-	1.0±0.16	-
-	Aldehydes (ADH)	-	-	-	-	12.1±0.2	10.3±0.21
-	Alcohol (ALC)	-	-	-	-	-	0.3±0.02
-	Alkanes (ALK)	-	-	-	-	2.2±0.12	-
-	Esters (EST)	-	-	-	-	61.6±0.70	18.0±0.71
-	Ethers (ETR)	-	-	-	-	0.2±0.09	-
-	Fatty Acid (FA)	-	-	-	-	10.2±0.20	-
-	Ketones (KET)	-	-	-	-	0.3±0.07	1.7±0.06
-	Nitrogenous Compounds (NC)	-	-	-	-	3.4±0.43	1.3±0.13
-	Total identified	-	-	-	-	98.2±2.50	99.1±0.35

Note: Compound^{benzo}: Benzoid compounds; Compound^{ali}: Aliphatic compound; LRI^{cal}: Linear retention index calculated; LRI^{lit}: Linear retention index reported in literature; £: pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov; \$: webbook.nist.gov; *: pherobase.com (all web site visited in the date of 14-01-2024).