

## Phytochemical Profile and Insecticidal Potential of Leaf Essential Oil of *Psidium guajava* Growing in North Central Nigeria

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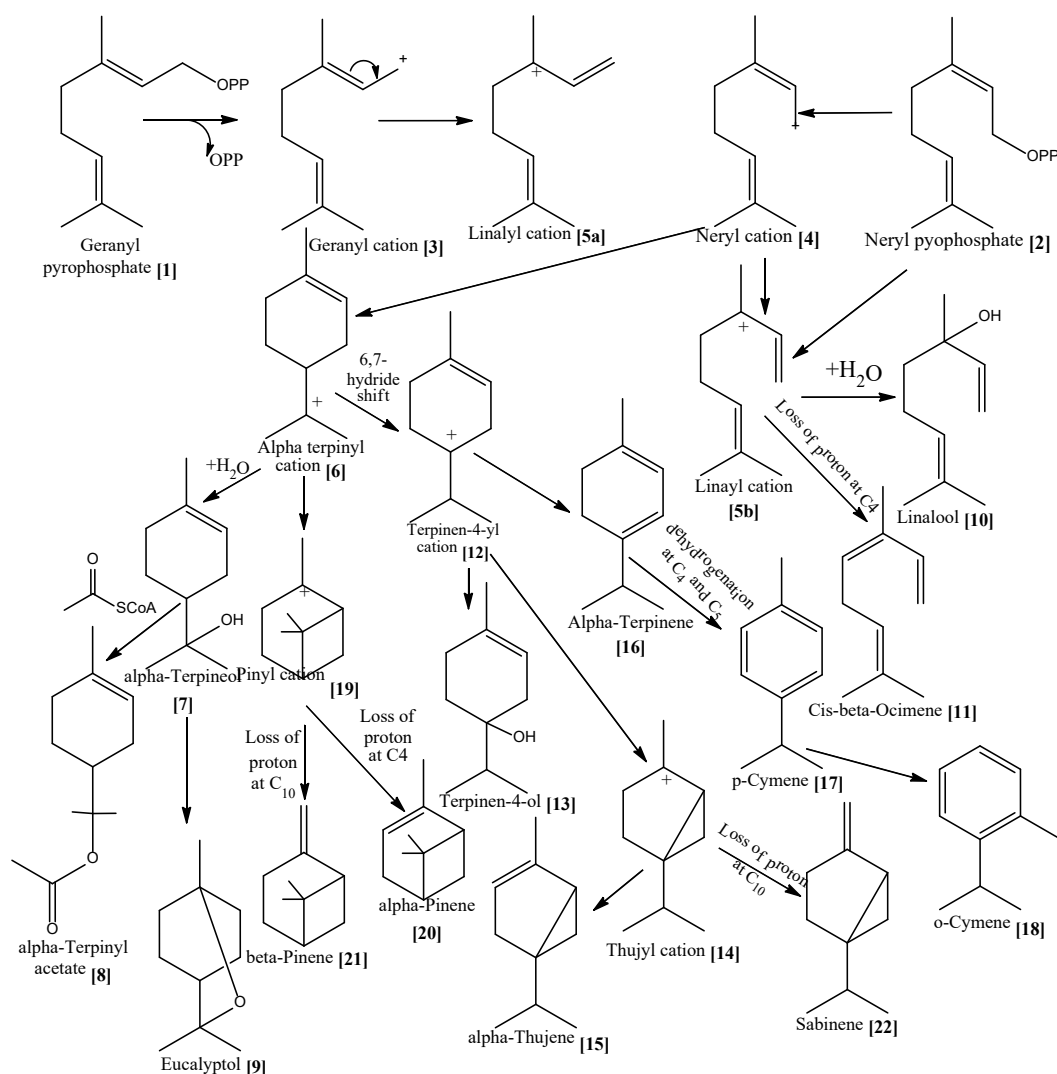
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## Supplementary Information

## Reaction mechanism 1

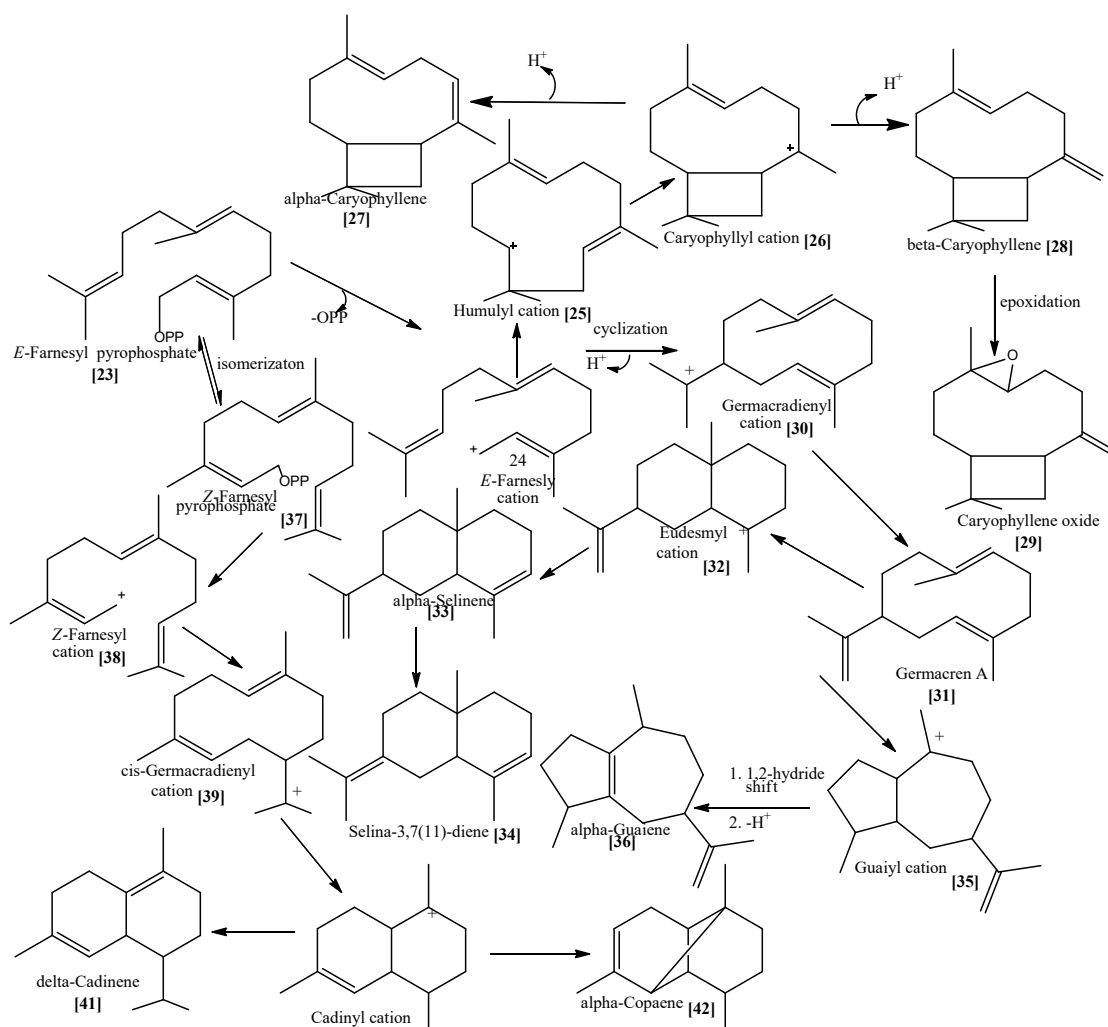
The eucalyptol synthase facilitated the transformations of geranyl (1) and neryl (2) pyrophosphates to geranyl (3) and neryl (4) cations. Isomerization of both cations formed the transoid (5a) and cisoid (5b) linalyl cations, respectively. Hydration of the ion (5b) formed linalool (10). Loss of proton from (5b) at C<sub>4</sub> formed cis- $\beta$ -ocimene (11). Electrophilic attack of the ion (4) on the C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> double bond produced  $\alpha$ -terpinyl cation (6). Hydration of (6) formed  $\alpha$ -terpineol (7) and subsequent acetylation of  $\alpha$ -terpineol formed alpha-terpinyl acetate (8). 6,7-Hydride shift of the ion (6) formed terpinen-4-yl cation (12). Subsequent hydration of the latter formed terpinen-4-ol (13) in the oil from the leaves of morning harvest. Deprotonation of the ion (12) at C<sub>1</sub> formed  $\alpha$ -terpinene (16). Dehydrogenation of (16) at C<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>5</sub> and subsequent isomerization formed o-cymene (18) via p-cymene (17). Electrophilic attack of the ion (12) on C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> double bond formed thujyl cation (14). Deprotonation of the ion (14) at C<sub>10</sub> formed sabinene. Deprotonation of the ion (14) at C<sub>4</sub> formed  $\alpha$ -thujene in the leaf oil of the morning harvest.

Folding of the  $\alpha$ -terpinyl cation (6) towards the C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> double bond followed by its electrophilic attack via C<sub>2</sub> produced pinyl cation (19). Deprotonation of the latter at C<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>10</sub> formed  $\alpha$ -pinene (20) and  $\beta$ -pinene (21), respectively [Scheme S1].



**Scheme S1.** Biogenesis of Eucalyptol Synthase Mediated Monoterpenoids in the Oils [31,32,34].

$\beta$ -Caryophyllene synthase mediated the ionization of *E*-farnesyl pyrophosphate (**23**) to form *E*-farnesyl cation (**24**). Electrophilic attack of the ion (**24**) on its C<sub>10</sub>-C<sub>11</sub> double bond via C<sub>11</sub> formed humulyl cation (**25**). Subsequent electrophilic attack of the ion (**25**) on C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> double bond via C<sub>2</sub> formed caryophyllyl cation (**26**). Deprotonation of the ion (**26**) at C<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>15</sub> formed  $\alpha$ -caryophyllene (**27**) and  $\beta$ -caryophyllene (**28**), respectively. Epoxidation of (**28**) at C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> double bond formed caryophyllene oxide (**29**). Electrophilic attack of farnesyl cation (**24**) on the C<sub>10</sub>-C<sub>11</sub> double bond via C<sub>10</sub> formed germacradienyl cation (**30**). Deprotonation of the ion (**30**) at C<sub>13</sub> formed germacrene A (**31**). Protonation of (**31**) at C<sub>6</sub> followed by electrophilic attack of the cation on the C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> double bond via C<sub>2</sub> formed eudesmyl cation (**32**). Deprotonation of the ion (**32**) at C<sub>4</sub> formed  $\alpha$ -selinene (**33**). Protonation of the compound (**33**) at C<sub>13</sub> and subsequent deprotonation of the cation at C<sub>10</sub> formed Selina-3,7(11)-diene (**34**). Addition of proton to germacrene A at C<sub>3</sub> and ensuing electrophilic attack of the cation on the C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> double bond via C<sub>6</sub> formed guaiyl cation (**35**). 1,2-Hydride shift of the ion (**35**) from C<sub>6</sub> to C<sub>7</sub> and subsequent deprotonation at C<sub>2</sub> formed  $\alpha$ -guaiene (**36**). Isomerization of *E*-farnesyl pyrophosphate (**23**) formed *Z*-farnesyl pyrophosphate (**37**). Ionization of the latter formed *Z*-farnesyl cation (**38**). Electrophilic attack of the ion (**38**) on the C<sub>10</sub>-C<sub>11</sub> bond via C<sub>10</sub> formed the *Z*-germacradienyl cation (**39**). 1,3-Hydride shift from C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>10</sub> and subsequent electrophilic attack of the cation on the C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> double bond via C<sub>6</sub> formed cadinyl cation (**40**). Deprotonation of the ion (**40**) at C<sub>6</sub> formed  $\delta$ -cadinene (**41**). Electrophilic attack of the cation (**40**) on the C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> double bond followed by deprotonation at C<sub>4</sub> formed  $\alpha$ -copaene (**42**).



**Scheme S2.** Biogenesis of  $\beta$ -Caryophyllene Synthase Mediated Sesquiterpenoids in the Oils [31,32]