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### Abstract

Simultaneous Distillation-Solvent Extraction (SDE) and Headspace Solid Phase Microextraction (HS-SPME), coupled to Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry (GC-MS), for recovery of volatiles from lulo pulp (*Solanum quitoense*) were compared. A completely randomized SDE/GC-MS design was applied to establish differences between the areas obtained with different solvents, whereas a two-way HS-SPME/GC-MS indicated the most appropriate extraction conditions of volatiles, having the type of fiber and the adsorption temperature as factors. SDE/GC-MS mainly promoted the extraction of hydrocarbons, aldehydes, and esters; whereas esters and aldehydes had higher areas using HS-SPME/GC-MS. Furthermore, the variance analysis showed a significant interaction among the type of fiber, the adsorption temperature, and the functional groups.

**Keywords:** Chemical analysis, *Solanum quitoense*, metabolite profile, HS-SPME, SDE, volatile organic compounds.

### Resumen

Se compararon los métodos de extracción y destilación simultánea (SDE) y microextracción en fase sólida con espacio de cabeza (HS-SPME), acoplados a cromatografía de gases con detector de espectrometría de masas (GC-MS), para la recuperación de volátiles a partir de pulpa de lulo (*Solanum quitoense*). Se realizó un diseño completamente al azar aplicado al tipo de solvente para SDE/GC-MS, mientras que para HS-SPME/GC-MS se ejecutó un diseño a dos vías, teniendo como factores el tipo de fibra y la temperatura de adsorción. En el primer caso se obtuvieron principalmente hidrocarburos, aldehídos y ésteres; en el segundo, se recuperaron ésteres y aldehídos. El análisis de varianza mostró una interacción significativa entre el tipo de fibra, la temperatura de adsorción y los grupos funcionales.

**Palabras clave:** análisis químico, *Solanum quitoense*, perfil de metabolitos, HS-SPME, SDE, compuestos orgánicos volátiles.

### Resumo

Foram comparados os métodos de extração e destilação simultânea (SDE) e microextração em fase sólida com espaço de cabeça (HS-SPME), acopladas à cromatografia gasosa-espectrometria de massa (GC-MS), para a recuperação de voláteis a partir da polpa de lulo (*Solanum quitoense*). Foi realizado um delineamento completamente casualizado aplicado ao tipo de solvente para à SDE/GC-MS, enquanto à HS-SPME/GC-MS foi executado um desenho de duas vias, tendo como fatores o tipo de fibra e a temperatura de adsorção. No primeiro caso foram obtidos sobretudo hidrocarbonetos, aldeídos e ésteres; no segundo foram obtidos ésteres e aldeídos. A análise de variância mostrou uma interação significativa entre o tipo de fibra, a temperatura de adsorção e os grupos funcionais.

**Palavras-Chave:** análise química, *Solanum quitoense*, perfil de metabolitos, HS-SPME, SDE, compostos orgánicos voláteis.

## Introduction

Volatile organic compounds (VOC) are responsible for the distinctive flavor in each fruit, even though some of these components are not able to interact with the human olfactory receptors for triggering the subsequent sensory impact (1). Obtaining a complete volatile profile from a ripe fruit constitutes a relevant evidence regarding its sensorial quality features (2). A predominance of esters, alcohols, and aldehydes has been denoted in several types of fruit, mostly climacteric (3-7). On the contrary, in other climacteric fruits the hydrocarbons were the outstanding group (8-10).

The diverse chemical nature of volatile compounds arises due to the different metabolic pathways that exist in fruits (11, 12). The metabolites obtained depend on the extraction method employed. The Simultaneous Distillation-Solvent Extraction (SDE) method, based on the recovery of compounds by polar affinity to a simultaneously distilled organic solvent, promotes the extraction of diverse chemical classes (13). Nevertheless, SDE is a sensitive method for obtaining compounds at trace concentrations (14). It requires great amount of sample, has a prolonged extraction time (2), and promotes the loss of highly volatile metabolites (15). On the other hand, Solid Phase Micro-extraction (SPME), supported on the partition equilibrium of the metabolites between both fiber and matrix analyzed (16) is fast, easy, sensitive, solventless, and avoids loss of volatiles with low boiling point (17, 18).

Previous studies have demonstrated the complementarity between SDE and HS-SPME to obtain more complete volatile profiles in several fruits (15, 17, 19, 20). The increase in the compounds using SDE and HS-SPME methods occurs due to the affinity of each method for compounds with a specific polarity and molecular weight. The extracts from SDE contain high molecular weight compounds and are poor in highly volatile metabolites (21), but using HS-SPME the obtaining of heavy volatile compounds is lower (2). In addition, each fruit has a volatile profile with different characteristics, which justifies in some cases the extraction with nonpolar solvents such as diethyl ether (1, 22, 23), or solvents of intermediate polarity such as dichloromethane (17, 18, 22, 24, 25). In addition to SDE, the extraction with HS-SPME has been carried out in several fruits using fibers with a specific polarity (2, 15, 18, 20), after the selection of this as the higher performance fiber in the extraction of volatile metabolites.

Lulo (*Solanum quitoense* Lam.) is a *Solanaceae* species native to South America, whose pulp has potential for both processing and marketing at industrial scale (26). A comparative referent between the volatile profiles of frozen lulo pulp cultivated in Colombia and Costa Rica, obtained by extraction with pentane and ether (2:1), showed differences attributed to the different environmental conditions in each country (27). Moreover, supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> enabled to recover the volatile profiling from the lulo pulp and to identify 52 compounds, mainly alcohols and esters (among which, decane, methyl benzoate, acetic acid, hexadecane, and methyl hexanoate had the highest concentrations (28)).

In addition, 65 compounds from *S. vestissimum*, another lulo species, were identified with SDE/GC-MS, using diethyl ether and pentane (1:1). Among the volatiles obtained, those of highest concentration were methyl propionate, methyl butanoate, butyl acetate, 3-methylbutyl acetate, methyl hexanoate, methyl (E)-2-methyl-2-butenolate, (Z)-3-hexenylacetate, methyl benzoate, (Z)-3-hexenol, linalool,  $\alpha$ -terpineol, and geraniol (29).

This study aimed to obtain volatile profiles from lulo pulp, using two extraction methods: SDE with solvents of different polarity and HS-SPME by using several fibers. The extracts were analyzed by GC-MS. In both experiments, the comparison of total volatile areas and those of the functional groups allowed to establish which treatment was the most efficient for the extraction of volatiles from lulo pulp.

## Materials and methods

### Fruit selection

Lulo fruit, harvested in stage five (30), came from seedlings which were generated through *in vitro* propagation by the company Agro in-vitro S.A.S. (Manizales, Colombia) and harvested at the Villa Malicia farm, placed at 1 km from Manizales. In addition, the fruit grew from a developed crop in controlled conditions with Green Seal fungicides and had the following features as a selection criteria: diameter of 5-6 cm, orange skin, and brix degrees of  $10.3 \pm 0.2$  (30). Moreover, fruit with spoilage signs, triggered by insects or molds, was discarded.

### Reagents and materials

Sodium chloride was acquired from Carlo Erba Reagents® (Barcelona, Spain). The solvents hexane, dichloromethane, and ethyl acetate were provided by Sigma-Aldrich® (Saint Louis, USA). The SPME holder and the fibers used in the adsorption of volatile metabolites were obtained from Supelco® (Bellenfonte, PA, USA). Four fibers for were employed: polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS, 100  $\mu$ m), carboxen/polydimethylsiloxane (CAR/PDMS, 75  $\mu$ m), polydimethylsiloxane/divinylbenzene (PDMS/DVB, 65  $\mu$ m), divinylbenzene/carboxen/polydimethylsiloxane (DVB/CAR/PDMS, 50/30  $\mu$ m), which were conditioned prior to their use as indicated by the manufacturer. The alkane standard solution C7-C40 was provided by Sigma-Aldrich Chemical S.A.

### SDE procedure

The fruit was washed with distilled water for 20 s and cut for separating the peel and obtaining the pulp. 200 g of pulp were weighed in a sample flask with 500 mL capacity. The extraction was conducted in a modified Likens-Nickerson apparatus. In the first one side, the flask containing the sample was adapted, and in the second one, another flask with 50 mL of the respective solvent was installed. The flasks underwent the boiling temperature of each solvent and SDE extraction was carried out for 1 h. Thereafter, an extracted volume of approximately 20 mL was collected and completed to a fixed volume of 50 mL with each solvent. Subsequently, 1 mL of this sample was added on a vial with capacity of 2 mL. Finally, 1  $\mu$ L of extract was inserted to desorb in the injection port of the gas chromatograph.

## HS-SPME procedure

Each fruit was washed with distilled water for 20 s and 10 g of the pulp were added into a vial with 20 mL of capacity. Subsequently, the vial was closed with a rubber cap and placed on a water bath. Thereafter, the respective SPME fiber was manually inserted into the headspace (HS) of the pulp and exposed at temperature of 40 or 60 °C for 30 min, according to the experimental design proposed. After removing, the fiber was inserted into the injection port of the gas chromatograph to desorb the extracted compounds at 230 °C in splitless mode for 2 min.

## Analysis of volatile compounds

In order to analyze the volatile compounds from lulo pulp, a gas chromatograph Shimadzu GCMS-QP2010 Plus coupled to a mass spectrometry detector was used. Regarding the samples extracted by HS-SPME, a liner of 0.75 mm I.D. (Supelco, Bellefonte, PA) was used to conduct the metabolites to the column, whereas for the extracts obtained by SDE, a 3.4 mm I.D. liner (Shimadzu) was used. As a carrier gas, helium at a constant flow rate of 4 mL/min was used. A Shimadzu 5% polysiloxane (30 m x 0.25 mm ID x 1.4 µm DF) semi-polar analytical column with a temperature range of -40 °C to 260 °C was used. Flow control worked at a linear velocity of 36 cm/s, the pressure was 55.2 kPa and the column flow was 0.98 mL/min. The temperature ramp program was as follows: one min at 50 °C, increasing at 2.5 °C/min up to 150 °C, in which remained for seven min; subsequently, it was increased at 15 °C/min up to 220 °C, remaining in this state for three min; and finally, the temperature was increased at 15 °C/min up to 230 °C and maintained for two min.

On the other side, the mass spectrometer was operated with ionization energy (IE) 70 eV, ion source temperature 235 °C, time of solvent cut-off 3 min, threshold of 1000, and mass range between 33-350 Da. The detector operated was operated at 1.0 kV and the mass spectrum had a scan speed of 666 Hz. The analyses of volatiles from extractions by HS-SPME were carried out for 50 min, whereas each assay of the SDE treatments lasted 60 min. The identification of each peak was based on the comparison between the mass spectrum of each compound and generated compounds from the NIST library version 8, having as an identification criteria a concordance equal or superior to 93%. In addition, a verification of the Kovats retention index was made from the analysis of a mixture of alkanes (C7-C24) under the same conditions used with the samples.

## Statistical analysis

In relation to SDE experiments, a completely randomized design was performed having the type of solvent with three treatments (hexane, dichloromethane, and ethyl acetate) as a factor, and the total area of volatiles and functional groups areas as a response variable. Six replicates per treatment were carried out. After evaluating the statistical assumptions, an analysis of variance (ANOVA) was performed to establish differences between treatments and the Tukey test to define for which of the treatments there were differences.

Regarding the SPME fiber treatments, a two-way design was performed: the first factor was the type of fiber with four levels (PDMS, CAR/PDMS, PDMS/DVB, and DVB/CAR/PDMS), and the second factor was the adsorption temperature with two levels (40 °C and 60 °C). The response variable was the total area of volatile compounds. Five repetitions were carried out for each treatment. Moreover, the areas of the functional groups in each treatment were analyzed.

Volatiles data were submitted to an ANOVA to establish differences between both the total areas and the functional groups areas. The relative standard deviation (RSD) of the functional groups areas was lower than 12% in all experiments. Finally, a t-test for the areas of the functional groups of the most efficient treatments from each experiment was made. Using the SPSS software version 22, the obtained data from the treatments were analyzed.

## Results and discussion

### Volatile compounds from lulo pulp by SDE/GC-MS using different solvents

#### Total area

Through SDE/GC-MS, 47 volatile compounds with molecular weights ranging from 60 to 282 Da were obtained, mainly hydrocarbons (42.55%), followed by aldehydes (17.02%), esters (17.02%), alcohols (10.63%), ketones (6.38%), and acids (4.25%). Furthermore, 34 of these compounds were identified as well. In addition, there was a higher percentage of the area obtained from compounds such as decanal, furfural, benzeneacetaldehyde, methylbutanoate, (Z)-3-hexen-1-ol acetate, and hexadecane (Table 1).

The assumptions of normality were confirmed through the Shapiro-Wilk from the SDE data with the solvents hexane ( $P = 0.369$ ), dichloromethane ( $P = 0.496$ ), and ethyl acetate ( $P = 0.914$ ), as well as through the homogeneity of the variances of these datasets from Levene test statistic ( $P = 0.566$ ).

Firstly, a lower total area of volatiles was presented from the hexane extraction, whereas ethyl acetate enabled to recover a mean area higher than that obtained with the other solvents. Secondly, the ANOVA showed statistically significant differences among the treatments considering the type of solvent ( $P = 0.00$ ), whereas the Tukey test showed that extraction using hexane (mean area:  $2.2 \times 10^8$ ) was less effective than those obtained with dichloromethane (mean area:  $3.7 \times 10^8$ ) and ethyl acetate (mean area:  $1.12 \times 10^9$ ). However, there were no statistical differences between the mean areas using the last two mentioned solvents.

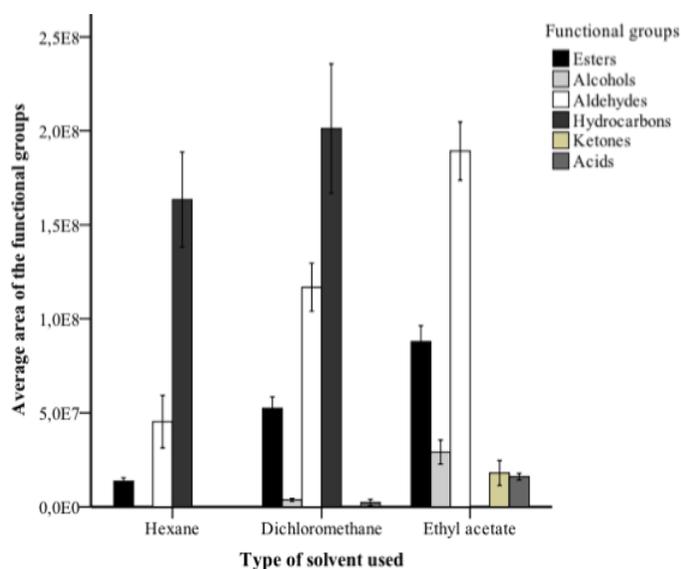
#### Area of the functional groups

When comparing the areas, a predominance of hydrocarbons in the treatments using hexane and dichloromethane was observed, but through ethyl acetate the aldehydes predominated and the hydrocarbons were not recovered due to its nonpolar nature (Figure 1).

**Table 1.** Volatile compounds obtained by SDE/GC-MS from lulo pulp with different solvents.

Name of the compound	Hexane			Dichloromethane			Ethyl acetate		
	MA	%MA	RSD	MA	%MA	RSD	MA	%MA	RSD
Acetic acid, 1-methylethyl ester	-	-	-	-	-	-	8349569	0.7	9.1
Acetic acid	-	-	-	-	-	-	711173709	63.5	12.2
n-Propyl acetate	-	-	-	-	-	-	3325308	0.3	10.7
Butanoic acid methyl ester	13700138	6.2	12.3	30231061	8.0	9.2	12751611	1.1	7.6
2,3-Pentanedione	-	-	-	-	-	-	3560892	0.3	11.7
(E)-2-Pentenal	-	-	-	3211431	0.9	8.1	-	-	-
(E)-2-Butenoic acid methyl ester	-	-	-	1977985	0.5	15.5	3319264	0.3	12.3
2,4-Dimethyl-1-heptene	8830760	4.0	8.8	8535166	2.3	10.1	-	-	-
Butanoic acid	-	-	-	2350855	0.6	11.5	9328692	0.8	13.1
(Z)-3-Hexen-1-ol	-	-	-	-	-	-	9680148	0.9	10.8
Furfural	-	-	-	12087306	3.2	9.0	100354393	9.0	12.2
(E)-2-Hexenal	-	-	-	4522348	1.2	12.9	6357839	0.6	10.9
2,4-Hexadiene-1-ol	-	-	-	-	-	-	4760558	0.4	8.8
Hexanoic acid methyl ester	-	-	-	12840318	3.4	13.3	-	-	-
5-Methyl-2(3H)-furanone	-	-	-	-	-	-	8646088	0.8	9.2
Decane	8592208	3.9	12.6	7840464	2.1	12.7	-	-	-
Octanal	8700512	3.9	11.2	8467739	2.2	10.1	-	-	-
Undecane	-	-	-	4170176	1.1	6.2	-	-	-
Unidentified 1	3313142	1.5	7.0	3818386	1.0	6.1	-	-	-
(Z)-3-Hexen-1-ol acetate	-	-	-	-	-	-	44026559	3.9	10.2
Acetic acid hexyl ester	-	-	-	-	-	-	16183208	1.4	10.3
Unidentified 2	8977702	4.0	12.3	7430529	2.0	7.8	-	-	-
Unidentified 3	9002962	4.0	10.7	8388167	2.2	11.2	-	-	-
5-Methyl-2-furancarboxaldehyde	-	-	-	-	-	-	7957055	0.7	9.1
Benzeneacetaldehyde	9221058	4.1	13.8	2726208	0.7	9.8	74545677	6.7	12.7
3,7-Dimethyl-1,6-octadien-3-ol	-	-	-	-	-	-	7697874	0.7	12.4
Methyl benzoate	-	-	-	7296803	1.9	11.3	-	-	-
Nonanal	1628773	0.7	8.3	48365026	12.8	11.9	-	-	-
Unidentified 4	-	-	-	3709879	1.0	12.5	-	-	-
4,6-Dimethyl-undecane	6087865	2.7	9.1	7167158	1.9	11.8	-	-	-
Unidentified 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	3567490	0.3	9.9
Unidentified 6	6544510	2.9	11.7	4775928	1.3	12.2	-	-	-
3-Cyclohexene-1-methanol	-	-	-	-	-	-	6984032	0.6	10.9
Unidentified 7	2993714	1.3	9.8	3582355	1.0	10.7	-	-	-
Decanal	25733315	11.6	9.3	37443212	9.9	9.2	-	-	-
4,6-Dimethyl-dodecane	13243309	6.0	11.4	17255615	4.6	13.9	-	-	-
Hexadecane	19228523	8.6	12.2	27105021	7.2	10.0	-	-	-
Heptadecane	13375019	6.0	8.0	18284273	4.9	8.7	-	-	-
2-Methoxy-4-vinylphenol	-	-	-	-	-	-	78240184	7.0	13.2
Octadecane	6573614	3.0	12.8	8604822	2.3	11.5	-	-	-
Eicosane	5020961	2.3	12.9	8283655	2.2	12.9	-	-	-
Unidentified 8	7562784	3.4	8.3	7906485	2.1	10.7	-	-	-
Unidentified 9	11795471	5.3	10.2	8948913	2.4	11.0	-	-	-
Unidentified 10	11519071	5.2	5.6	14333226	3.8	10.2	-	-	-
Unidentified 11	13065763	5.9	8.6	11436293	3.0	10.9	-	-	-
Unidentified 12	7662815	3.4	10.6	14376827	3.8	10.6	-	-	-
Unidentified 13	-	-	-	9024703	2.4	9.0	-	-	-

MA: Mean Area; %MA: Percentage Mean Area; RSD: Relative Standard Deviation.



**Figure 1.** Lineweaver-Burk lines of the SiO<sub>2</sub>-immobilized pepsin catalyzed reaction at (22, 27, 32, 37, and 42 °C).

Furthermore, a higher area of esters, alcohols, and aldehydes was observed when increasing the polarity of the solvent. However, when hexane was used, neither alcohols nor ketones were extracted. The compounds of higher area extracted with ethyl acetate were furfural and benzeneacetaldehyde. Nonanal had the highest extraction with dichloromethane, followed by decanal, which was the compound with the highest mean area using hexane.

The ANOVA indicated statistical differences among the areas of the functional groups obtained with different extraction solvents ( $P = 0.00$ ), whereas the Tukey multiple comparison test showed that esters (mean area:  $8.7 \times 10^7$ ), alcohols (mean area:  $3.7 \times 10^7$ ), aldehydes (mean area:  $1.8 \times 10^8$ ), ketones (mean area:  $1.8 \times 10^7$ ), and acids (mean area:  $7.2 \times 10^8$ ) extracted with ethyl acetate belong to a different subset with means statistically higher than those obtained with dichloromethane and hexane. Besides, the hydrocarbons recovered with dichloromethane belong to a different subset of higher area (mean area:  $2.0 \times 10^8$ ) in relation to the areas obtained using other solvents.

### Volatile compounds from lulo pulp by HS-SPME/GC-MS

#### Total area

A number of 63 volatiles were obtained and 55 were identified, among them, 28.8% were esters and 23.1% were aldehydes. The identified metabolites had molecular weights ranging from 60 to 198 Da ( $C_3$  to  $C_{12}$ ). Moreover, by using the fiber CAR/PDMS, a larger number of compounds (42 at both temperatures) was obtained, whereas with the fiber of PDMS less than 15 compounds were recovered. The compounds with the highest abundance were (Z)-3-hexen-1-ol acetate, (Z)-3-hexen-1-ol, and (E)-2-hexenal (Table 2).

In order to establish differences among the areas of volatiles, the data normality of the total areas from different fibers was verified through Shapiro-Wilk test ( $P = 0.243$ ), the homogeneity of variances via the Levene statistic ( $P = 0.082$ ), and the absence of correlation among the residuals of the data by the Durbin-Watson test ( $P = 0.141$ ). When performing the ANOVA from the total areas, an interaction between the type of fiber and the adsorption temperature ( $P = 0.00$ ) was found. Using the fiber coated of CAR/PDMS, a higher total area of volatiles at 40 °C and 60 °C was obtained, as compared to those produced by PDMS/DVB and CAR/PDMS/DVB fibers; nevertheless, the last two mentioned fibers promoted higher total areas at 40 °C than at 60 °C, in contrast to the fiber coated with CAR/PDMS, which was more efficient at 60 °C.

#### Area of the functional groups

The ANOVA applied to the areas of the functional groups showed a significant interaction among the factors: type of fiber, adsorption temperature, and functional groups ( $P = 0.00$ ). At 40 °C, the fiber made of CAR/PDMS had greater affinity than the other fibers for the extraction of alcohols (mean area:  $1.3 \times 10^8$ ), esters (mean area:  $1.3 \times 10^8$ ), and aldehydes (mean area:  $8.7 \times 10^7$ ). The fiber coated of CAR/PDMS/DVB yielded the second highest level of extraction, having a higher area of alcohols (mean area:  $6.6 \times 10^7$ ) and aldehydes (mean area:  $5.0 \times 10^7$ ), and a lower area of esters (mean area:  $1.0 \times 10^8$ ) as compared to the fiber coated with PDMS/DVB (Figure 2).

Moreover, the groups of ketones, hydrocarbons, and acids behaved similarly in terms of extraction using different fibers at 40 °C. The extraction at 60 °C also showed a better performance with the fiber made of CAR/PDMS for the alcohols extraction (mean area:  $1.8 \times 10^8$ ), esters (mean area:  $1.5 \times 10^8$ ), and aldehydes (mean area:  $1.1 \times 10^8$ ). Finally, in both temperatures the fiber coated with PDMS showed the lowest extraction to the different functional groups.

#### Comparison between SDE/GC-MS and HS-SPME/GC-MS

A t-test to establish differences between the means of the functional groups obtained with the most efficient treatments of HS-SPME (CAR/PDMS) and SDE (ethyl acetate) was performed (Table 3).

Differences between the mean area ( $P = 0.00$ ) of the functional groups acids, aldehydes, and ketones were found by SDE/GC-MS. For the areas of the esters, alcohols, and hydrocarbons, statistical differences were obtained, suggesting higher extraction by HS-SPME/GC-MS.

The current study constitutes not only the first comparative antecedent among SPME fibers to obtain volatile compounds from lulo, but it is also the first work in which SDE/GC-MS and HS-SPME/GC-MS are contrasted in this fruit. Regarding the HS-SPME method, the denoted differences are attributable to the polarity and molecular weight of the volatiles in each fruit. The fibers CAR/PDMS, PDMS/DVB, and DVB/CAR/PDMS have affinity for low molecular weight volatile ( $C_3$ - $C_{12}$ ), polar and nonpolar, whereas the fiber coated of PDMS mainly promotes the recovery of nonpolar volatile compounds. In regard to the SDE method, the polarity of the solvent used influences the extraction of volatile compounds.

Table 2. Volatile compounds obtained by HS-SPME/GC-MS from lulo pulp with different fibers.

Compound Name	CAR/PDMS				DVB/CAR/PDMS				PDMS/DVB				PDMS			
	40 °C		60 °C		40 °C		60 °C		40 °C		60 °C		40 °C		60 °C	
	MA	RSD	MA	RSD	MA	RS D	MA	RS D	MA	RS D						
Acetic acid methyl ester	14654011	9.3	8439839	5.7	2680994	11.5	1740335	9.3	370398	13.3	-	-	43164	11.6	32337	10.5
2-Methyl propanal	113237	9.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ethyl acetate	3483665	8.4	2213864	8.0	230605	12.2	147980	13.8	131318	11.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Methyl propionate	937759	9.7	565121	4.6	210817	12.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unidentified 1	772475	7.6	1310856	12.0	974278	9.5	1354106	11.9	346396	10.6	1094440	11.7	-	-	-	-
Acetic acid methylethyl ester	392981	9.1	162496	12.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acetic acid	341335	12.5	284000	12.1	-	-	123695	12.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(E)-2-butenal	293031	5.4	-	-	191814	8.4	134018	11.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-Penten-3-ol	1779914	11.1	1427206	5.6	247712	11.9	113388	12.1	177441	13.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-Penten-3-one	418922	9.0	452101	11.6	124701	9.0	56551	7.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3-Pentanol	133130	15.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pentanal	710511	6.7	552868	5.7	120465	4.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Butanoic acid methyl ester	4199820	12.8	3043884	3.4	614693	8.7	269839	11.0	494419	12.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Propanoic acid 2-methyl-2-propenyl ester	-	-	177414	11.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15213	11.7	-	-
Toluene	3300707	6.4	7328125	11.1	1444063	10.8	442537	10.2	861033	11.5	-	-	29644	8.2	-	-
2-Butenoic acid methyl ester	1414531	8.0	1689797	13.7	688254	11.6	772184	7.6	123761	13.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acetic acid 2-methylpropyl ester	472544	14.2	361165	8.6	148490	7.9	-	-	76260	13.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
(E)-2-Pentenal	712128	9.2	904742	7.8	236984	12.0	291748	10.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(Z)-2-Penten-1-ol	1039871	12.6	1319366	5.9	182524	13.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-Methyl-1-penten-1-one	538814	11.8	864111	7.0	345539	10.4	164207	10.5	156315	7.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hexanal	8501900	7.5	9478684	5.0	3271647	14.6	1034491	5.4	1871099	10.7	917465	7.5	56450	7.9	31605	13.7
o-Xylene	557634	12.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(E)-3-Hexen-1-ol	1397845	10.0	1759317	9.5	451444	13.2	278086	8.7	391627	13.6	206856	11.0	-	-	-	-
(Z)-3-Hexen-1-ol	81002246	5.2	1096606 32	6.2	3861282 8	3.9	2737868 2	9.9	2924282 9	11.0	1801810 3	10.3	902630	8.1	780396	12.3
1-Hexanol	45799929	6.7	6078846 0	8.2	2423138 5	9.7	1613536 2	8.2	1960528 5	9.3	1057032 4	10.8	639148	8.1	385630	8.5
(E)-2-Hexenal	72391001	5.0	9668317 1	5.6	4273000 2	10.2	3214509 1	4.7	1652239 9	10.2	1134314 9	7.6	707404	14.3	610967	8.0
(Z)-2-Penten-1-ol acetate	1557557	9.8	1912917	10.4	1147564	13.7	477474	9.2	1154536	8.6	319905	10.8	-	-	-	-
Acetic acid pentyl ester	250300	13.4	291244	11.8	-	-	-	-	144714	11.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unidentified 2	-	-	-	-	166055	11.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unidentified 3	204190	9.3	279861	10.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Decane	297568	4.9	683908	11.9	177368	8.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(E,E)-2,4-Hexadienal	1582894	11.8	2378771	14.4	270957	7.9	478276	13.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-Octen-3-ol	255063	8.7	-	-	281234	8.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-Octen-3-one	430436	12.4	-	-	640250	14.1	302217	11.6	424617	7.6	395507	6.4	-	-	-	-
(Z)-2-Heptenal	1642947	9.4	1494823	11.7	1474597	8.0	678900	12.7	1058918	11.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
(Z)-3-Hexen-1-ol acetate	82733792	4.4	1068693 29	4.3	7890395 6	5.0	4172198 8	12.0	8734512 3	8.0	3603198 2	11.7	508506 4	8.5	187748 0	11.2
Acetic acid hexyl ester	20892974	8.3	2726049 4	8.1	1793356 5	7.8	9846636	8.2	1852669 5	7.7	7677780	6.9	942637	10.1	236380	10.6
Octanal	576087	12.4	418084	11.6	395528	12.0	192202	11.3	403631	10.4	137240	5.7	-	-	-	-
Hexanoic acid 1-methylethyl ester	-	-	259301	9.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	75541	8.8	-	-	-	-
3-Hydroxibutanol	-	-	-	-	110932	11.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hexanoic acid	225356	9.1	869046	6.9	326937	12.7	629298	10.1	263959	10.8	630122	7.8	-	-	-	-
2,2,6-Trimethylcyclohexanone	237697	11.6	321977	9.3	292571	15.5	208627	8.4	161823	11.0	174454	9.7	-	-	-	-
(E)-3-hexenoic acid	289986	11.0	891388	6.6	386548	12.7	795329	8.6	329803	12.6	702755	7.8	-	-	-	-
(E)-2-hexenoic acid	2200808	7.8	6883908	13.8	2018504	6.8	6218748	11.2	2121006	8.0	3199198	4.5	-	-	-	-
Unidentified 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43608	13.6	193210	13.4
3,7-Dimethyl-1,6-octadien-3-ol	1146909	9.5	6150670	6.8	1905467	9.6	8028817	5.7	1560545	5.1	8345835	7.8	-	-	-	-
Acetophenone	597398	6.7	532770	4.3	371239	8.9	431733	9.1	283239	10.3	480243	7.2	-	-	-	-
Nonanal	588674	8.8	1258515	5.8	742400	12.0	861734	13.5	798200	11.7	1190221	8.6	-	-	-	-
Undecane	310760	7.1	1317128	7.9	386640	11.8	369052	11.5	294210	9.3	1112521	13.3	-	-	-	-
Hexanoic acid 2-methylpropyl ester	-	-	421035	11.5	391327	12.4	272051	11.1	351609	9.0	142626	12.6	-	-	-	-
Butanoic acid (Z)-3-hexen-1-yl ester	-	-	279709	9.5	232273	8.9	227936	8.4	281197	9.3	301900	13.2	-	-	-	-
5-Ethylidihydro-2 (3H)-furanone	-	-	-	-	-	-	114257	7.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1,7,7-trimethyl-bicyclo [2.1.1]-heptan-2-one	2480627	14.2	1260762	12.3	3274923	7.6	3065696	8.7	3224477	8.6	3854460	7.2	322760	10.1	131619	10.1
Unidentified 5	-	-	-	-	395433	8.9	895256	9.9	369424	10.6	1034065	9.2	-	-	-	-
3-Cyclohexene-1-methanol	-	-	1114660	11.0	-	-	1367938	10.6	-	-	1850328	13.0	-	-	-	-
Decanal	280553	8.8	611634	12.7	312411	65.0	390081	7.4	-	-	1291819	8.8	-	-	-	-
Octanoic acid	-	-	233713	9.6	-	-	226751	10.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unidentified 6	265004	10.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2,6,6-Trimethyl-1-cyclohexen-1-carboxaldehyde	-	-	435940	6.1	339083	17.7	552066	8.9	308982	14.8	614935	13.7	-	-	-	-
Unidentified 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1506662	8.9	-	-	-	-
4-Heptanone	545535	7.1	1394436	9.7	687303	13.4	1774030	10.4	618478	10.3	2189027	8.2	140597	8.6	87399	8.6
Unidentified 8	-	-	254164	11.8	-	-	222611	9.6	310671	15.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
6,7-Dodecanedione	352556	9.9	1051135	11.8	536742	10.0	1286235	13.1	473859	8.8	-	-	138865	12.7	108807	12.6

MA: Mean Area; RSD: Relative Standard Deviation

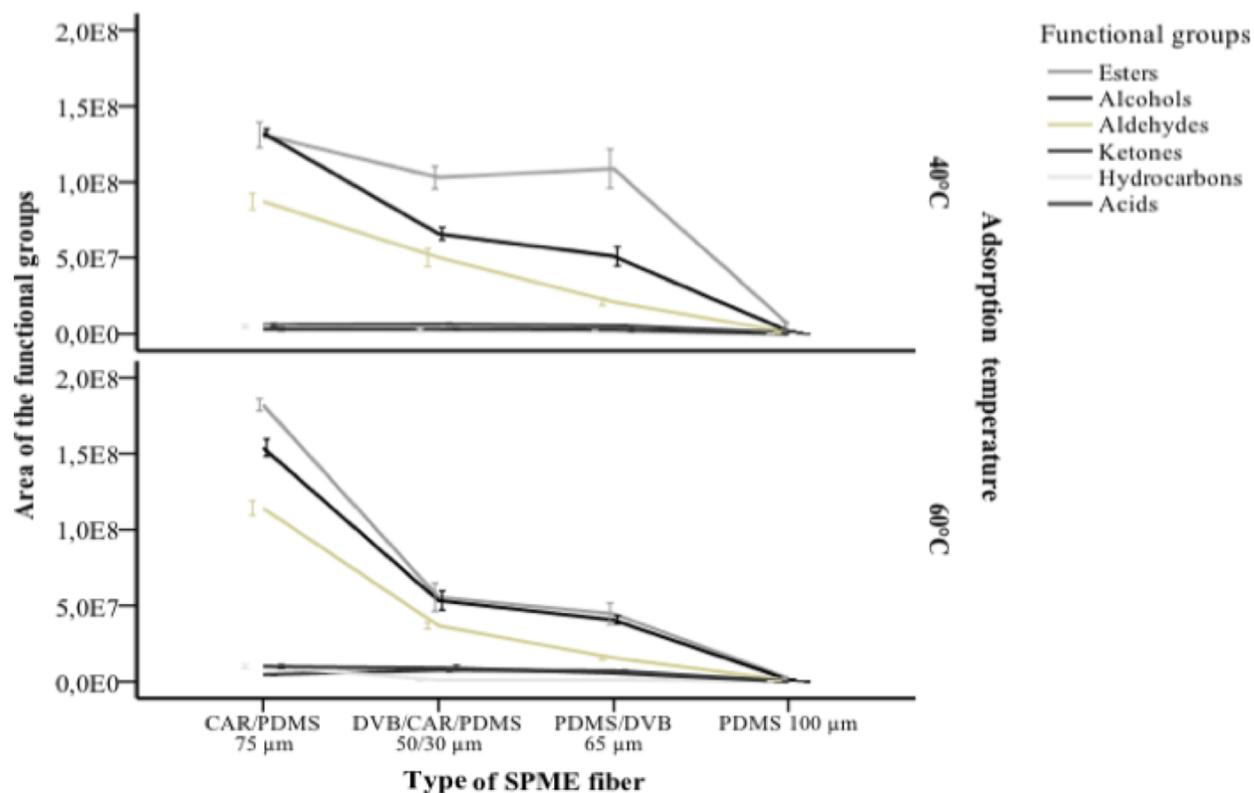


Figure 2. Areas of the functional groups from lulo pulp by GC/MS using different HS-SPME fibers and adsorption temperatures.

Table 3. T test of mean comparison for independent samples applied to the areas of functional groups obtained by HS-SPME/GC-MS and SDE/GC-MS.

		Levene test quality of variances		T test for equality of means						
		F	Sig.	t	gl	Sig. (bilateral)	Difference of means	Difference of standard error	95% confidence interval of the difference	
									Inferior	Upper
Esters	Equal variances are assumed	6.085	0.036	-24.46	9	0.000	-94264792	3852873	-1.030E8	-85548986
	Equal variances are not assumed			-26.32	6.76	0.000	-94264792	3581263	-1.028E8	-85737039
Alcohols	Equal variances are assumed	0.802	0.394	-37.75	9	0.000	-1.248E8	3306690	-1.323E8	-1.173E8
	Equal variances are not assumed			-38.81	8.94	0.000	-1.248E8	3216035	-1.321E8	-1.175E8
Aldehydes	Equal variances are assumed	4.946	0.053	10.93	9	0.000	74997733	6858963	59481680	90513785
	Equal variances are not assumed			11.93	5.80	0.000	74997733	6283756	59493714	90501751
Hydrocarbons	Equal variances are assumed	15.568	0.003	-21.75	9	0.000	-9863187	453486	-10889044	-8837330
	Equal variances are not assumed			-19.63	4.00	0.000	-9863187	502382	-11258024	-8468350
Ketones	Equal variances are assumed	14.901	0.004	4.65	9	0.001	13428672	2884563	6903336	19954008
	Equal variances are not assumed			5.14	5.02	0.004	13428672	2610189	6728241	20129103
Acids	Equal variances are assumed	11.228	0.009	33.74	9	0.000	710703624	21061589	663058998	758348250
	Equal variances are not assumed			37.30	5.00	0.000	710703624	19052916	661745002	759662247

### Comparison between volatile compounds obtained by HS-SPME with other extraction methods

Considering that HS-SPME is a modern method, Table 4 shows the volatile compounds extracted by HS-SPME in the current study, which have previously been reported using other extraction methods from the lulo species *S. quitoense* (27, 28, 31, 32) and *S. vestissimum* (33). Fourteen out of the 28 volatile compounds previously reported belong to the esters and alcohols, for instance: acetic acid ethyl ester, 3-hexen-1-ol acetate, butanoic acid methyl ester, (E)-2-butenic acid methyl ester, acetic acid, hexanal, (E)-2-hexenal, and (Z)-3-hexen-1-ol. On the contrary, some volatile compounds obtained by HS-SPME were not previously identified when analyzing the species of the fruit through the traditional methods such as: (Z)-2-penten-1-ol acetate, pentanal, acetic acid pentyl ester, butanoic acid (Z)-3-hexen-1-yl ester, 1-penten-3-one, 4-heptanone, and 6,7-dodecanodione. These compounds had lower areas than most of the other volatiles obtained from the same analysis, thus its difficulty of recovering using traditional methods, where there are higher losses compared to HS-SPME, could be related to the low sensitivity of these methods. As a matter of fact, the thermal degradation of these compounds during the conventional extraction should not be discarded.

### Sensorial relevance of some of the compounds obtained

In regard to the HS-SPME method, there are referents on the extraction and analysis of odor active volatiles from dried lulo solids using the CAR/PDMS/DVB fiber. Among the compounds identified in the current study, hexanal, (E)-2-hexenal, and (Z)-3-hexen-1-ol were described as green odor volatiles. In addition, the compounds methyl butanoate, methyl hexanoate, and methyl benzoate had a fruity odor; whereas acetic acid, and benzoic acid were associated with descriptors of vinegar and rancid, respectively (31). The compounds (Z)-3-hexen-1-ol, hexyl acetate, and (Z)-3-hexenyl acetate have also been considered as relevant volatiles for curuba (*Passiflora mollissima* (Kunth) L. H. Bailey) (34), whereas hexanal showed a grassy flavor in pink Colombian guavas (*Psidium guajava* L.) (35).

## Conclusions

This study allowed to select the most efficient HS-SPME fiber for the extraction of volatile compounds for the first time in lulo pulp, as well as to compare the extracted volatiles with those recovered by a traditional method such as SDE. Among the tested solvents, ethyl acetate was the most appropriate solvent for the extraction using SDE/GC-MS; statistically higher areas for esters, alcohols, aldehydes, ketones, and acids were obtained. Also SPME fibers coated with CAR/PDMS promoted a higher efficiency in the extraction; with esters as were the main group of compounds. The differences between the mean areas of acids, aldehydes, and ketones by using SDE/GC-MS and the higher abundances of esters, alcohols, and hydrocarbons through HS-SPME/GC-MS indicated complementarity between these extraction methods. Finally, by using HS-SPME/GC-MS, the compounds (Z)-2-penten-1-ol acetate, pentanal, acetic acid pentyl ester, butanoic acid (Z)-3-hexen-1-yl ester, 1-penten-3-one, 4-heptanone, and 6,7-dodecanodione were obtained, which were not identified in previous studies by traditional extraction methods.

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**Table 4.** Volatile compounds obtained by HS-SPME/GC-MS that have previously been reported in lulo pulp using other different extraction methods.

Volatile compounds	<i>S. quitoense</i> <sup>a</sup>		<i>S. quitoense</i> <sup>b</sup>	<i>S. quitoense</i> <sup>c</sup>	<i>S. quitoense</i> <sup>d</sup>	<i>S. vestissimum</i> <sup>e</sup>
	Colombia	Costa Rica				
Acetic acid methyl ester				+		
Acetic acid ethyl ester	+	+	+	+		+
Acetic acid hexyl ester	+	+	+			+
3-Hexen-1-ol acetate	+	+		+		+
Acetophenone	+	+				
Acetic acid	+	+	+		+	+
Hexanoic acid				+		
(E)-3-hexenoic acid	+	+				
(E)-2-hexenoic acid	+	+				
Octanoic acid			+			
Butanoic acid methyl ester				+	+	+
(E)-2-Butenoic acid methyl ester	+	+	+	+		+
Decane			+			+
3,7-dimethyl-1,6-octadien-3-ol						+
(E)-2-Hexenal			+	+	+	+
(E)-3-Hexen-1-ol	+	+				
(E,E)-2,4-hexadienal				+		
Hexanal	+	+		+	+	
1-Hexanol	+	+	+			
o-xylene						+
3-Pentanol	+	+				+
1-Penten-3-ol		+				
Methyl propionate						+
Toluene				+		+
Undecane			+			+
(Z)-3-Hexen-1-ol			+	+	+	+
(Z)-2-heptenal			+			
(Z)-2-penten-1-ol		+		+		

<sup>a</sup> Extraction with solvent, pentane/ether [2:1] (12). <sup>b</sup> Extraction with supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> (13). <sup>c</sup> Extraction with solvent, diclorometano/ethyl ether [7:3] (31). <sup>d</sup> SDE, with ethyl ether/pentane [1:1] (32). <sup>e</sup> SDE, with pentane/diethyl ether [1:1] (33).

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