







MBAA Fundamentals Track - Hops !

Hop Chemistry 101

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Hops contribute bitterness, aroma, foam, lacing, antibacterial protection, and antioxidant protection to beer.

Lupulin Glands Alpha Acids Beta Acids Essential Oils Prenylated Flavanoids

<u>Bract</u> Glycosides Polyphenols



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Compounds Found In the Lupulin Gland And Their Chemistry

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The Five Alpha Acids





The Isomerization of Alpha Acids to Iso-Alpha Acids



Brew Kettle Efficiency: 25% to 40% isomerized Flavor Threshold: ~ 4 ppm Responsible for bitterness, foam, lacing and antibacterial protection during fermentation in beer. Found in beer ~ 4 to ~ 65 ppm.

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Iso-alpha Acids Are Not Light Stable



Light-Struck (Skunky, at ppb)

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Iso-alpha Acids and Reduced Iso-Alpha Acids



<u>Properties</u> Light Stable Different Bitterness Tetra & Hexa = Enhance foam & Lacing & Antibacterial



The Bitterness Profile of Iso-Alpha Acids & Its Derivatives





HPLC Allows Quantitative Analysis of Beers Made With Multiple Hop Acids



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The Five Beta Acids





Beta Acid Chemistry



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The Antibacterial Properties of Hop Acids



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Hop Oil and Hop Aroma

	Area % by Steam-Distilled
1 a-Pinene	0.06
2 0-Pinene	0.60
3 Myrcene	45.53
4 Limonene	0.28
5 Copaene	0.24
6 Linalool	0.76
7 Caryophyllene	9.23
8 Methyl dec-4-enoate	0.79
9 Farnesene	0.00
10 Humulene	32.00
1 1 Muurolene/cadinene	0.82
12 Selinene	0.34
13 7-Cadinene	1.52
14 6-Cadinene	0.88
15 Geranyl acetate	0.13
16 Geranyl isobutyrate	0.28
17 Geraniol	0.08
18 Caryophyllene oxide	0.17
19 Humulene monoepoxide I	0.16
20 Humulene monoepoxide II	0.67
21 Humulene diepoxide A	0.12
Humulene/ Caryophyllene ratio	3.47
(corrected for relative response)	3.80
Oil content (%, v/w)	0.9 -



Properties

Found in Hops 0.5 – 3 mL/100g Over 250 identified hop oil compounds Less than 10 ppm found in beer Citrus, Floral, Spicy, Herbal Transformed by yeast & oxidation



Biotransformation of Hop Oil By Yeast





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Compounds Found In The Bract And Their Chemistry

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Glycosides and Hop Aroma



Properties Glucose – Aromatic Compounds Water Soluble Hydrolysis by yeast enzymes or acid and heat.

Glycosides of linalool, geranoil, nerol, vanillin, benzaldehyde, phenylacetate as well as many other ketones, aldehydes and alchohols have been discovered.



Prenylated Polyphenols (Lupulin) & Polyphenols (Bract) - Antioxidants



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EPR Spectroscopy & <u>Hydroxyl Free Radicals</u>

EPR is used to measure the antioxidant content of beer. Oxidative staling of beer occurs by free radicals. Hydroxyl free radicals rapidly oxidizes compounds in beer and catalyzes further radical reactions which results in cardboard-like flavor and staling of beer, thus shortening shelf-life.

HORAC – Hydroxyl Radical Scavenging Capacity

Antio	xidant Capacity
Compound	(µmol Trolox/g)
Grape OPC Extract	11,906
Quercetin- $(H_2O)_2$	5,610
Xanthohumol	72,245
Iso-Xanthohumol	29,600
Alpha Acids	1,230
Beta Acids	2,115
Iso-alpha Acids	493



Conclusion

The organic acids in hops provide bitterness, foam, lacing and antibacterial protection to beer.

The hop oils, aromatic glycosides along with yeast are responsible for the aroma compounds in beer.

The hop polyphenols are responsible for the antioxidant protection of beer which can improve beer shelf-life.