

# ANTIFUNGAL AND ANTIBACTERIAL TREATMENTS BASED ON NATURAL COMPOUNDS FOR LINING LEATHER AND FOOTWEAR ARTICLES

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**ABSTRACT.** The purpose of this research is to obtain antifungal and antibacterial treatments based on natural compounds of essential oils of geranium, pine, and rosemary for cotton and leather linings to make leather, fur articles, and footwear. The main characteristic absorption bands for the functional groups of geranium, pine and rosemary essential oils were investigated by Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy-attenuated total reflectance (FTIR-ATR). Microbiological antifungal test was performed in the presence of *Candida albicans* ATCC 10231 fungus and antibacterial activity was determined in the presence of *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 25923 (Gram-positive bacteria), and *Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922 (Gram-negative bacteria). The absorption method involved the inoculation of the bacteriological test inoculum directly on the treated samples. Microbiological tests have revealed a high antifungal and antibacterial activity of the essential oils of *Aetheroleum pini sylvestris*, *Aetheroleum geranii*, *Rosmarinus officinalis* on cotton and leather linings and the possibility to be used in various compositions for the treatment of different lining materials for gloves, caps, shoes or other articles with essential bioactive properties for health and environmental protection.

**KEY WORDS:** natural compounds, antifungal and antibacterial treatments, cotton cloth lining, leather lining, health and environmental protection

## TRATAMENTE ANTIFUNGICE ȘI ANTIBACTERIENE PE BAZĂ DE COMPUȘI NATURALI PENTRU CĂPTUȘELI ARTICOLE DIN PIELE ȘI ÎNCĂLȚĂMINTE

**REZUMAT.** Scopul acestei cercetări este de a obține tratamente antifungice și antibacteriene bazate pe compuși naturali ai uleiurilor esențiale de geraniu, pin și rozmarin pentru căptușelile din bumbac și meșină utilizate la confecționarea articolelor din piele, blană și încălțăminte. Principalele benzi de absorbție caracteristice grupărilor funcționale ale uleiurilor esențiale de geraniu, pin și rozmarin au fost determinate prin spectroscopie în infraroșu cu transformată Fourier - reflexie totală atenuată (FTIR-ATR). Testul antifungic microbiologic a fost efectuat în prezența *Candida albicans* ATCC 10231, iar activitatea antibacteriană a fost determinată în prezența *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 25923 (bacterie Gram-pozitivă) și *Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922 (bacterie Gram-negativă). Metoda de absorbție a implicat inocularea directă a inoculului de test bacteriologic pe eșantioanele tratate. Testele microbiologice au relevat o activitate antifungică și antibacteriană ridicată a uleiurilor esențiale de *Aetheroleum pini sylvestris*, *Aetheroleum geranii*, *Rosmarinus officinalis* pe căptușelile din bumbac și meșină, precum și posibilitatea de a fi utilizate în diverse compoziții pentru tratarea diferitelor materiale de căptușeală pentru mănuși, șepci, pantofi sau alte articole cu proprietăți bioactive esențiale pentru protecția sănătății și a mediului.

**CUVINTE CHEIE:** compuși naturali, tratamente antifungice și antibacteriene, căptușeală din pânză de bumbac, căptușeală din meșină, protecția sănătății și a mediului

## TRAITEMENTS ANTIFONGIQUES ET ANTIBACTÉRIENS À BASE DE COMPOSÉS NATURELS POUR LA DOUBLURE D'ARTICLES EN CUIR ET CHAUSSURES

**RÉSUMÉ.** Le but de cette recherche est d'obtenir des traitements antifongiques et antibactériens à base de composés naturels d'huiles essentielles de géranium, de pin et de romarin pour les doublures en coton et leathers destinés à la confection du cuir, des articles en fourrure et des chaussures. Les principales bandes d'absorption caractéristiques des groupes fonctionnels des huiles essentielles de géranium, de pin et de romarin ont été étudiées par spectroscopie infrarouge à transformée de Fourier-réflexance totale atténuée (FTIR-ATR). Un test antifongique microbiologique a été réalisé en présence du champignon *Candida albicans* ATCC 10231 et l'activité antibactérienne a été déterminée en présence de *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 25923 (bactérie à Gram positif) et *Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922 (bactérie à Gram négatif). La méthode d'absorption a impliqué l'inoculation de l'inoculum de test bactériologique directement sur les échantillons traités. Des tests microbiologiques ont révélé une activité antifongique et antibactérienne élevée des huiles essentielles d'*Aetheroleum pini sylvestris*, d'*Aetheroleum geranii* et de *Rosmarinus officinalis* sur les doublures en coton et leathers et la possibilité d'être utilisées dans diverses compositions pour le traitement de différents matériaux de doublure pour gants, bonnets, chaussures ou autres articles dotés de propriétés bioactives essentielles à la protection de la santé et de l'environnement.

**MOTS CLÉS:** composés naturels, traitements antifongiques et antibactériens, doublure en tissu de coton, doublure en leathers, protection de la santé et de l'environnement

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## INTRODUCTION

The interest in using of essential oils extracted from plants with bioactive properties to prevent and stop the development of fungi and bacteria has increased considerably worldwide because many of them have no side effects on the human body or on the environment as they have bioactive compounds obtained by synthesis [1]. Plants with bioactive properties are part of the important group of plants traditionally used to prevent and treat the development of fungi and bacteria [2, 3]. Essential oils from plants are highly concentrated compositions in chemical compounds with important bioactivity, which have several properties: antiseptic, antibacterial, immunostimulant, regenerative, anticancer [4-10]. Essential oils are liquid, volatile, clear, or colored, soluble in lipids and organic solvents, having densities generally lower than water [11-13]. They can be synthesized by all the organs of the plant, like buds, flowers, leaves, stems, twigs, seeds, fruits, roots, wood or bark and are kept in secretory cells, cavities, channels, epidermal cells or glandular trichomes [11]. The antifungal and antibacterial effects of the essential oils extracted from the plants can inhibit their growth by different mechanisms initiated by the constituent compounds [14, 15]. Essential oils are complex mixtures of low molecular weight compounds extracted from plants by hydrodistillation and various solvents. Terpenoids and polyphenols are major components that give the characteristic aroma and biological properties of essential oils. Essential oils are prescribed for a variety of problems in traditional medicine around the world. They are assigned various biological and pharmaceutical activities such as antibacterial and antifungal properties. Extensive phytochemical analyses have led to the identification and characterization of the major components of the essential oils that are of great interest especially for the pharmaceutical and cosmetic industries [16-21]. The purpose of this research is to obtain antifungal and antibacterial treatments based on natural compounds extracted from different essential oils like *Aetheroleum pini sylvestris*, *Aetheroleum geranii*, *Rosmarinus officinalis* for

cotton and leather linings that could be used to obtain leather and fur articles (gloves, caps) and shoes with essential bioactive properties for health and environmental protection.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Materials

*Aetheroleum pini sylvestris*, *Aetheroleum geranii*, and *Rosmarinus officinalis* essential oils were acquired from S.C. Herbavit S.R.L. Oradea, Romania. "Flower" emulsion (dodecandioyl-diglycine / microcrystalline cellulose (1:1 ratio) / silica / ethanol / water) was obtained by the National Research and Development Institute for Textiles and Leather - Division: Leather and Footwear Research Institute (INCDTP-ICPI), Bucharest. Cotton cloth was obtained in the National Research and Development Institute for Textiles and Leather - INCDTP Bucharest. Sheepskin lining leather was processed at the National Research and Development Institute for Textiles and Leather - Division: Leather and Footwear Research Institute (INCDTP-ICPI), Bucharest. *Candida albicans* ATCC 10231 fungi, *Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922 (Gram-negative bacteria) and *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 25923 (Gram-positive bacteria) biological materials are purchased from SC Sanimed International Impex SRL.

### Methods

#### *Obtaining Cotton Cloth and Sheepskin Lining Leathers*

In order to obtain the treated samples of cotton cloth or sheepskin lining leathers (Table 1), they were immersed in 200% aqueous float with 5% essential oil (and 15% "flower" emulsion respectively), relative to the weight of the lining materials, at 25°C for 30 minutes with stirring and then drying at 25°C.

Table 1: The description of samples tested

Control sheepskin lining leather	Sheepskin lining leather treated with geranium essential oil	Sheepskin lining leather treated with pine tree essential oil	Sheepskin lining leather treated with rosemary essential oil	Sheepskin lining leather treated with rosemary essential oil and "flower" emulsion
Control cotton cloth	Cotton cloth treated with geranium essential oil	Cotton cloth treated with pine tree essential oil	Cotton cloth treated with rosemary essential oil	Cotton cloth treated with rosemary essential oil and "flower" emulsion

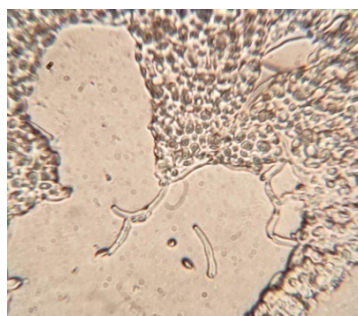
#### Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy-Attenuated Total Reflectance (FTIR-ATR) Analysis

The chemical structures of investigated samples were investigated by use of FT-IR/ATR spectrometer (Jasco 4200) operating in the range of 4000-650  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  with spectral resolution of 0.5  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The device is equipped with a Michelson interferometer with incident angle of 45°, with Digital Signal Processing technology (DSP), cubic angular mirrors with self-aligning mechanism

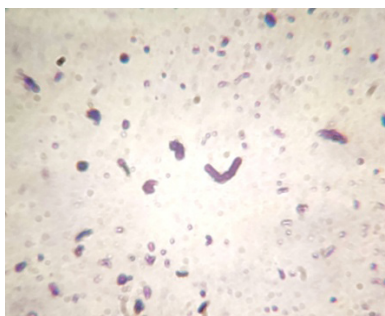
and standard thermostatic DLATGS Peltier detector used for the structure identification.

#### Microbiological Investigations

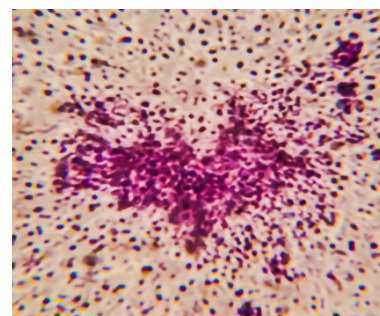
Antifungal activity was determined in the presence of *Candida albicans* ATCC 10231 according to ISO 20743: 2007 (Figure 1). The antibacterial activity was determined in the presence of *Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922 and *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 25923 (Figure 1) according to ISO 20743: 2007.



*Candida albicans* ATCC 10231



*Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922



*Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 25923

Figure 1. Optical microscopy images for *Candida albicans*, *Escherichia coli*, and *Staphylococcus aureus*

Quantitative testing methods to determine the antifungal and antibacterial activity of the treated samples were performed according to ISO 20743:2007, Textiles — Determination of antibacterial activity of antibacterial finished products. The absorption method was used, which involves the inoculation of the bacteriological test inoculum directly on the treated samples.

The initial cell concentration was determined previously, by decimal dilutions ( $10^{-4}$ ) in sterile deionized water, and from the last dilution, for each strain, 100  $\mu\text{L}$  were taken and displayed on

Sabouraud Dextrose Agar nutrient medium. The counts on the plate were carried out at 24h of incubation, these being kept as a reference for the cell developments in the control sample from the sample set. Thus, plates with a cell density similar to that of  $10^{-4}$  dilution were considered to have similar Colony Forming Units (CFU) values ( $2.8 \times 10^4$  CFU/mL *Escherichia coli*,  $3.42 \times 10^4$  CFU/mL for *Staphylococcus aureus*, and *Candida albicans*  $2.48 \times 10^4$  CFU/mL).

The counts on the plate were made at 24h of incubation, in order to be able to detect the colony forming cellular units. The pictures

of the Petri dishes were made after 48h of incubation. To quantify the antibacterial and antifungal efficiency, the degree reduction of microorganisms and logarithmic reduction of each sample were calculated, based on the initial cell concentration.

#### Optical Microscopy Investigation

Optical microscopy images were captured using a Leica stereomicroscope S8AP0 model with optical fiber cold light source, L2, with three levels of intensity, and 40X magnification.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy-Attenuated Total Reflectance (FTIR-ATR) Analysis

The essential oils used in these experiments are rich in compounds with antifungal and antibacterial activity. Thus, geranium essential oil is rich in citronellol and geraniol, pine essential oil has predominantly limonene and  $\alpha$ -pinene, and rosemary essential oil is rich in eucalyptol and camphor and  $\alpha$ -pinene [11, 16, 18, 20] (Figure 2). The characteristic absorption bands for the functional groups of geranium, pine and rosemary essential oil are shown in Figures 3, 5, and 7.

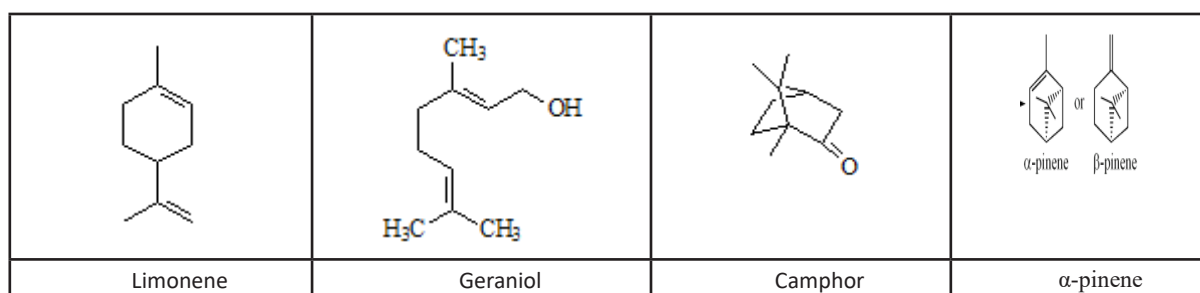
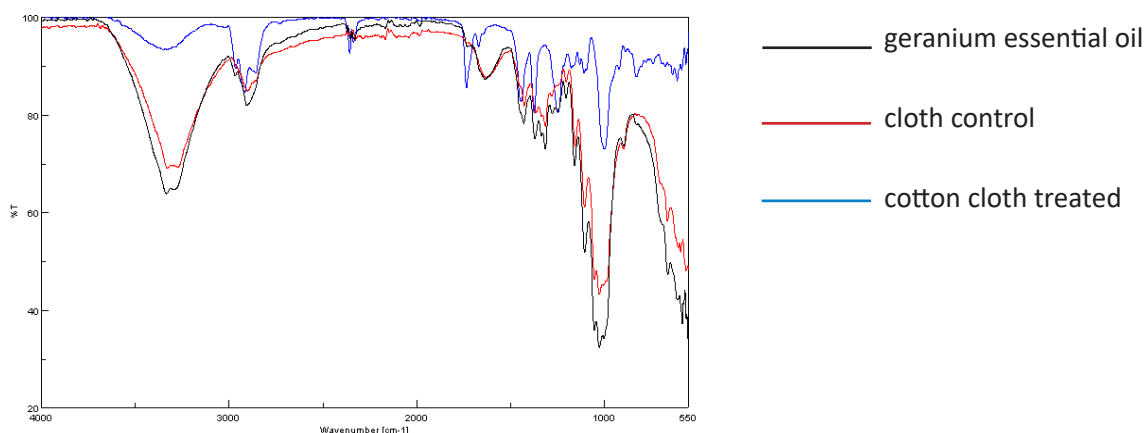


Figure 2. Main compounds of the essential oils used in experiments

From the FT/IR-ATR spectra in Figure 3(A) with geranium essential oil, control cotton cloth, cotton cloth treated with geranium essential oil and Figure 3(B) with geranium essential oil, control sheepskin leather, sheepskin leather treated with geranium essential oil the main peaks are recorded at:  $830\text{ cm}^{-1}$  - corresponding

to the C-H bond;  $998\text{ cm}^{-1}$  - corresponding to the C-H bond;  $1107\text{ cm}^{-1}$  - corresponding to the C-O bond,  $1734\text{ cm}^{-1}$  - corresponding to the connection C = C;  $2916\text{ cm}^{-1}$  - corresponding to the C-H bond;  $3351\text{ cm}^{-1}$  - corresponding to the aromatic C-H bond.



A

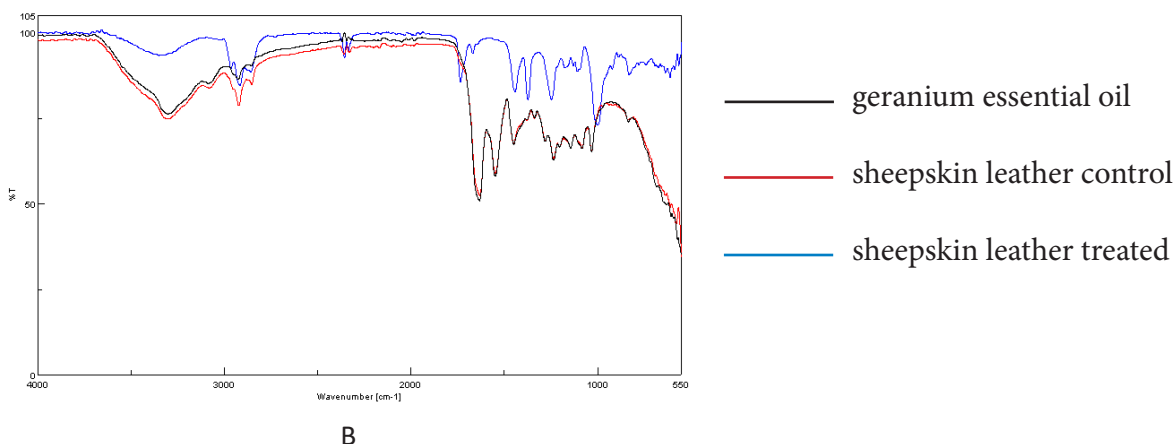


Figure 3. FTIR-ATR spectra for: (A) geranium essential oil, control cloth, cotton cloth treated with geranium essential oil, and (B) geranium essential oil, control sheepskin lining leather, sheepskin lining leather treated with geranium essential oil

From the dependence of absorbance on the wavenumber, the fixation of the geranium essential oil compounds in the treated sample of cotton cloth (A) and sheepskin lining leather

(B) is observed, through the decreasing of the absorbance values in the support samples compared to the value of the geranium essential oil (Figure 4).

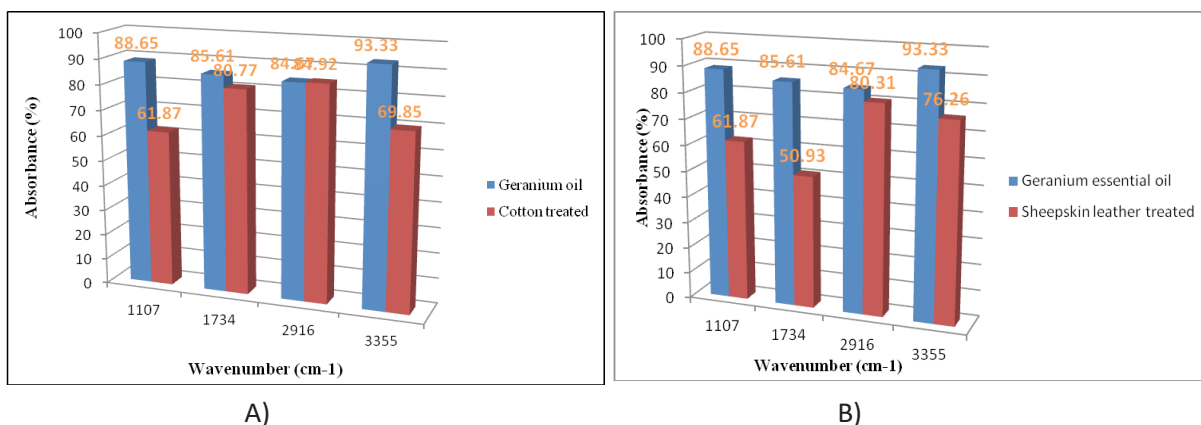


Figure 4. Dependence of absorbance on the wavenumber for: (A) geranium essential oil, cotton cloth treated with geranium essential oil, and (B) geranium essential oil, sheepskin lining leather treated with geranium essential oil

From the FT/IR-ATR spectrum in Figure 5(A) with pine essential oil, control cotton cloth, cotton cloth treated with pine essential oil and Figure 5(B) with pine essential oil, control sheepskin leather, sheepskin leather treated with pine essential oil the main peaks are recorded at: 882  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  - corresponding to the C-H

bond; 954  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  - corresponding to the C-H bond; 1033  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  - corresponding to the C-O bond in the secondary alcohols; 1105  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  - corresponding to the C-O-C bond; 1244  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  - corresponding to the OH vibration; 1330  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  - corresponding to the CH group and 1440  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  - corresponding to the connection C = O.

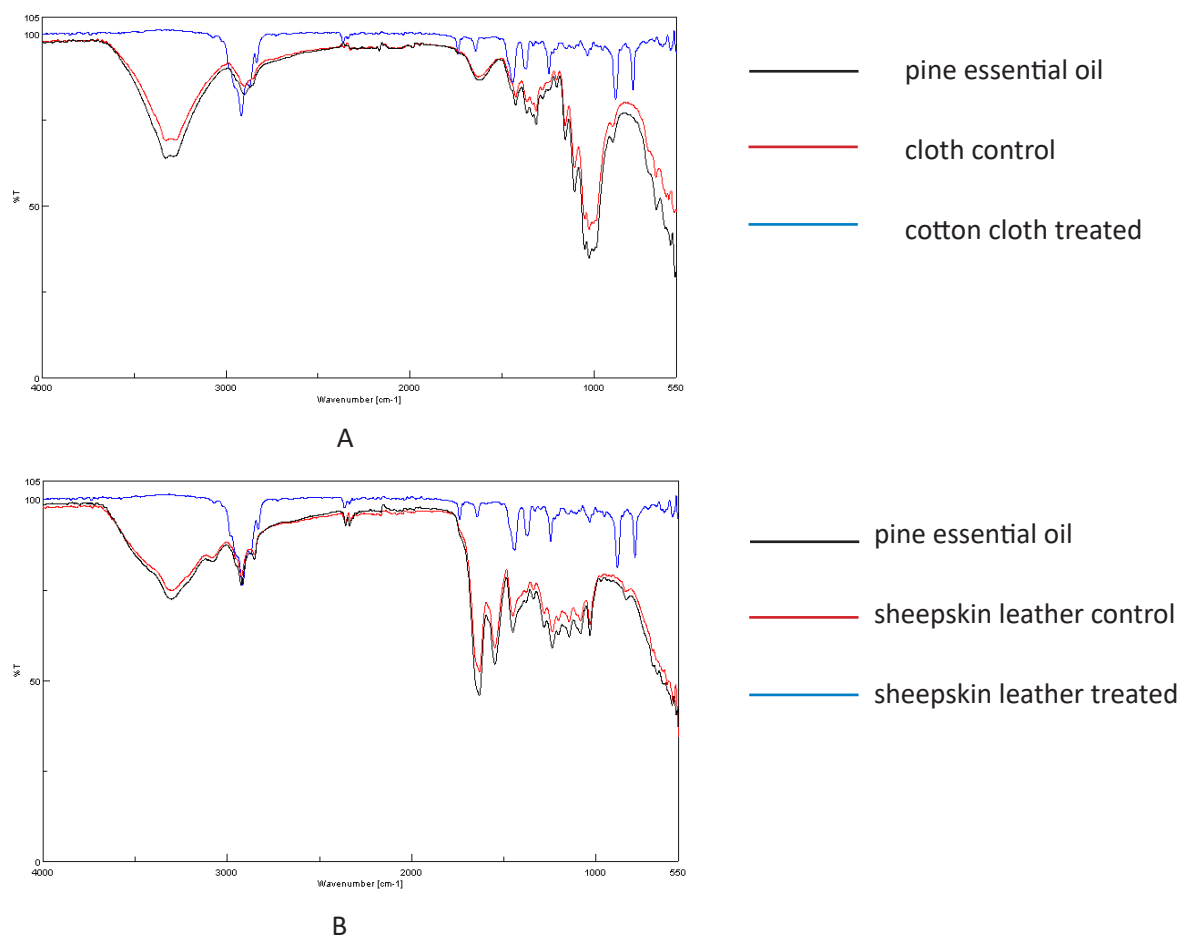


Figure 5. FTIR-ATR spectra for: (A) pine essential oil, control cloth, cotton cloth treated with pine essential oil, and (B) pine essential oil, control sheepskin lining leather, sheepskin lining leather treated with pine essential oil

From the dependence of absorbance on the wavenumber, the fixation of the pine essential oil compounds in the treated sample of cotton cloth (A) and sheepskin lining leather

(B) is observed, through the decreasing of the absorbance values in the support samples compared to the value of the pine essential oil (Figure 6).

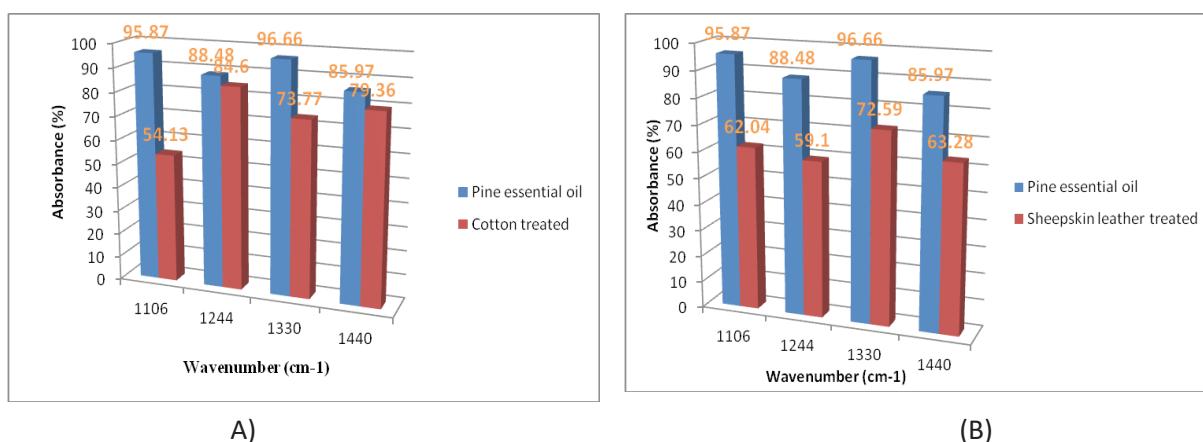
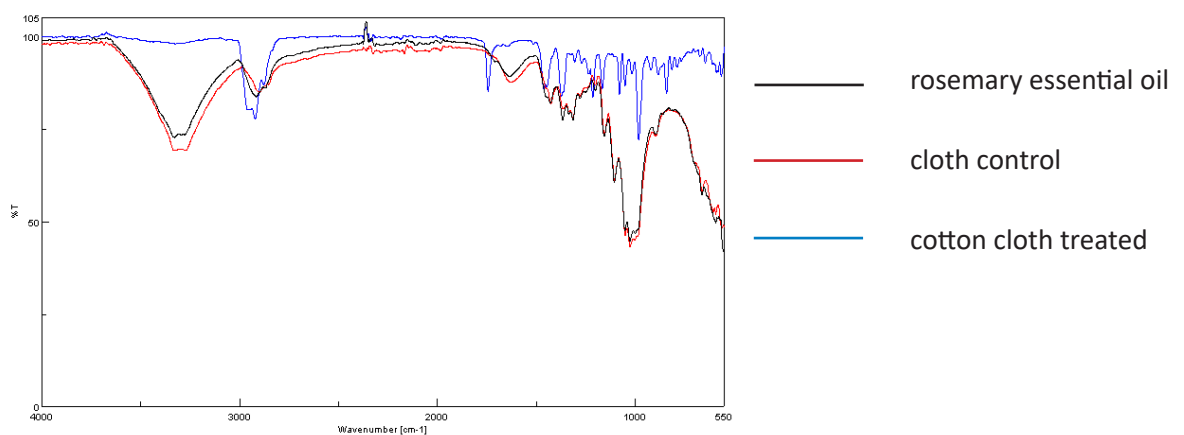


Figure 6. Dependence of absorbance on the wavenumber for: (A) pine essential oil, cotton cloth treated with pine essential oil, and (B) pine essential oil, sheepskin lining leather treated with pine essential oil

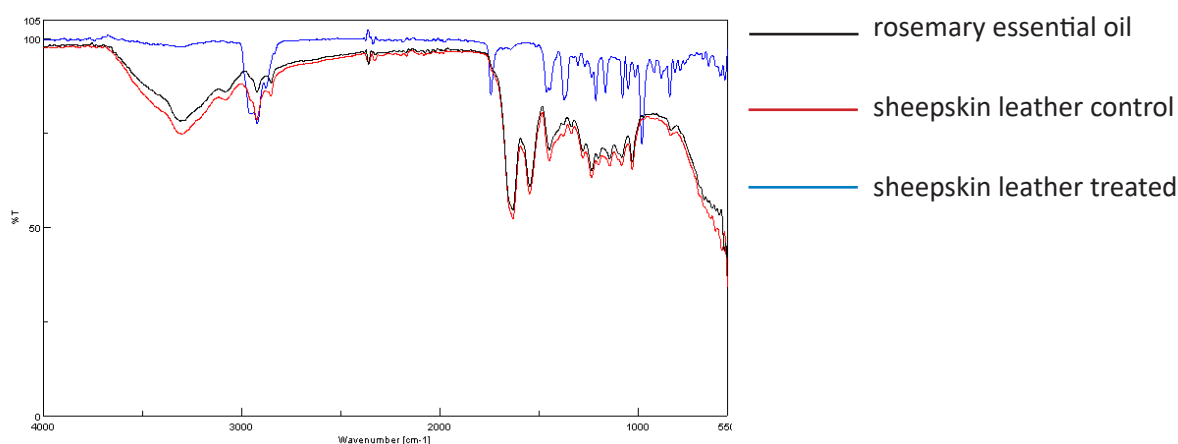


Figure 7 (A) showed the FTIR-ATR spectra with rosemary essential oil, control cotton cloth, and cotton cloth treated with rosemary essential oil, while Figure 7 (B) showed the spectra for rosemary essential oil, control sheepskin lining leather, and sheepskin lining leather treated

with rosemary essential oil. The main peaks are recorded at:  $885\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , and  $992\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $2878\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , and  $3323\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (C-H bond);  $1016\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (C-O bond in the secondary alcohols);  $1166\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (C-O bond specific to terpenoids);  $1743\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (C=C bond).



A



B

Figure 7. FTIR-ATR spectra for: (A) rosemary essential oil, control cloth, cotton cloth treated with rosemary essential oil (B) rosemary essential oil, control sheepskin lining leather, sheepskin lining leather treated with rosemary essential oil

From the dependence of absorbance on the wavenumber, the fixation of the rosemary essential oil compounds in the treated sample of cotton cloth (Figure 7(A) and sheepskin lining

leather (Figure 7(B)) is observed, by decreasing of the absorbance values in the support samples compared to the value of the essential oil (Figure 8).

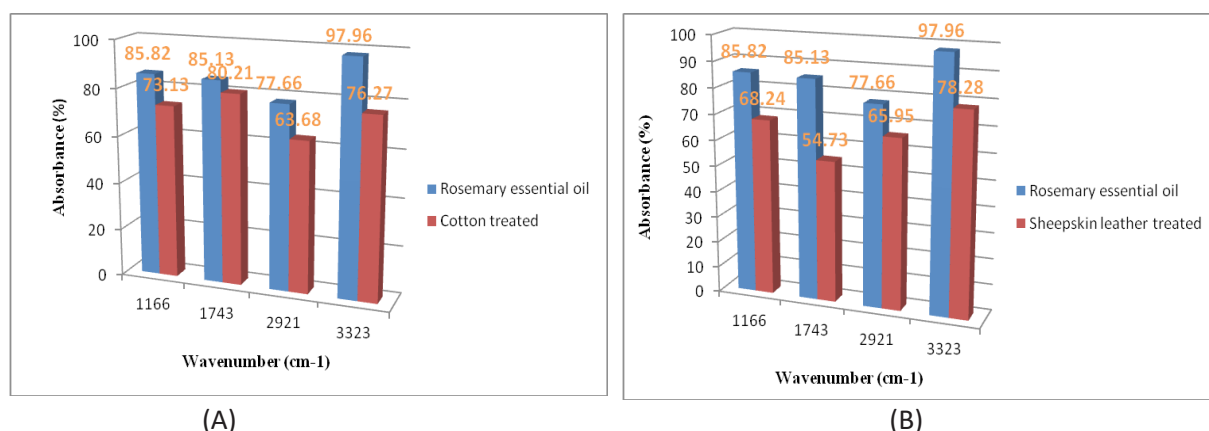


Figure 8. Dependence of absorbance on the wavenumber for: (A) rosemary essential oil, cotton cloth treated with rosemary essential oil, and (B) rosemary essential oil, and sheepskin lining leather treated with rosemary essential oil

It is noted that the introduction of a mixture of tenside base constituted from a dodecandioyl-diglycine / sucrose diester (1:1 ratio) / ethanol / water in pine oil composition,

as a nanostructured “flower” emulsion [22, 23], helps to fix the essential oil on both the cotton cloth and sheepskin lining leather treated (Figures 9 and 10).

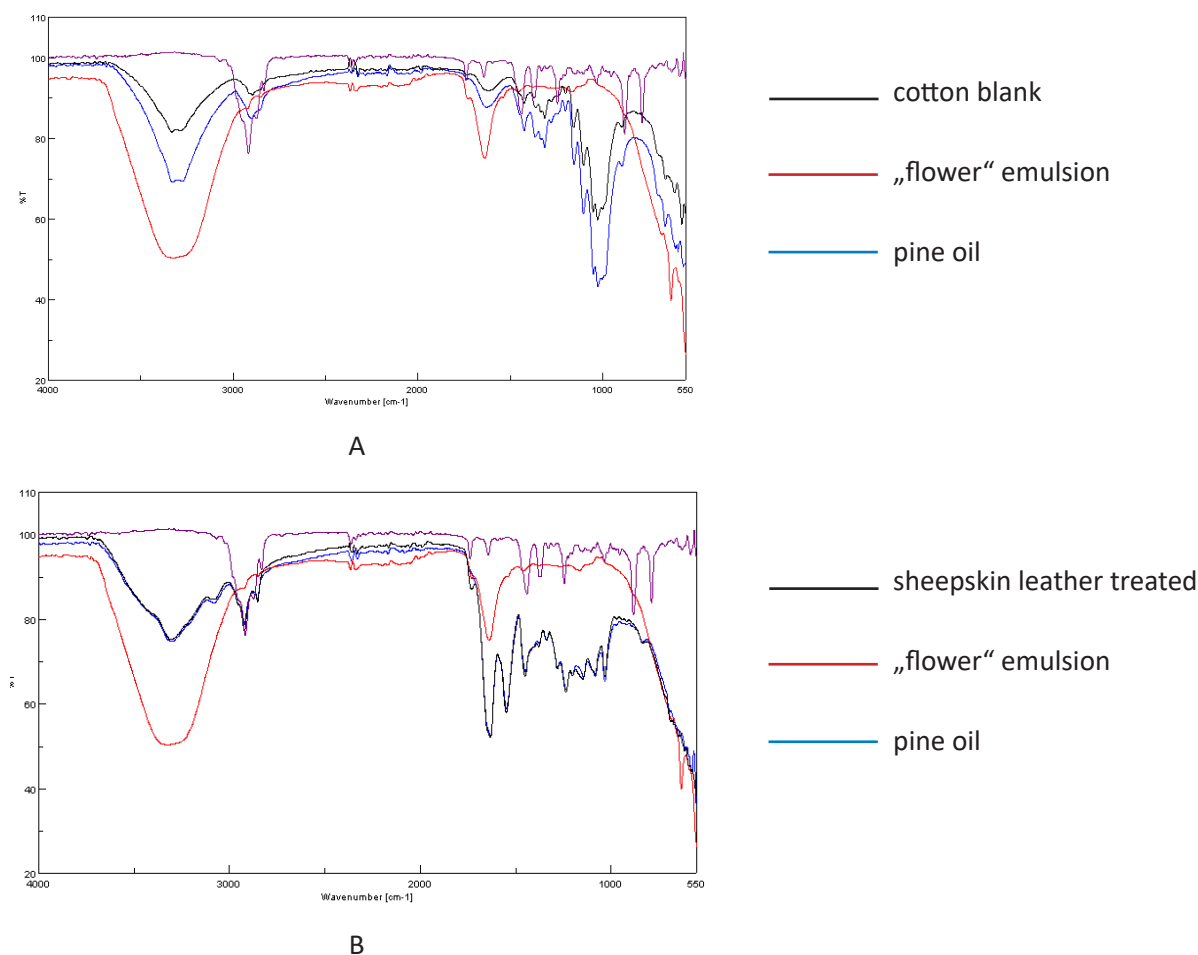


Figure 9. FT/IR-ATR spectra for: (A) pine essential oil, control cloth, cotton cloth treated with pine essential oil and “flower” emulsion, and (B) pine essential oil, control sheepskin lining leather, sheepskin lining leather treated with pine essential oil and “flower” emulsion



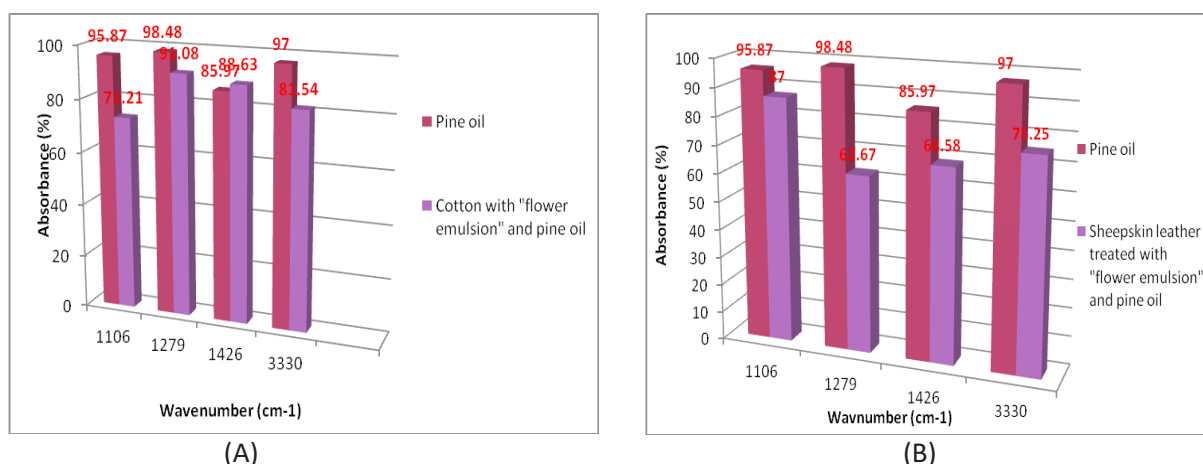


Figure 10. Dependence of absorbance on the wavenumber for: (A) pine essential oil, cotton cloth treated with pine essential oil and "flower" emulsion; (B) pine essential oil, sheepskin lining leather treated with pine essential oil and "flower" emulsion

### Microbiological Investigations

The microbiological tests were determined in the presence of *Candida albicans* fungus and *Escherichia coli* and *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria.


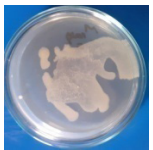

#### Tests on *Escherichia coli*


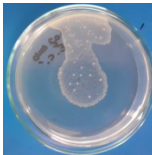



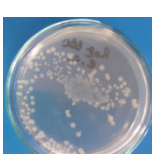
*Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) is a group of gram-negative bacteria that normally resides in the gut of healthy people, but some strains can cause infections in the digestive tract and urinary tract [24]. *Escherichia coli* is the most common cause of urinary tract infections in the world, accounting more than 80%, both in the community and nosocomial cases [25]. In

recent years, the emergence of some *Escherichia coli* resistant strains has made the treatment of patients infected with these organisms more difficult and complex [26, 27]. This *Escherichia coli* resistant strains have raised many concerns for physicians to choose the appropriate antibiotic in the treatment process [24].

The cotton cloth and sheepskin lining leather treated with geranium essential oil showed antibacterial properties against *Escherichia coli* with a reduction of 99.14% and 100% of colony forming units, followed by the essential oil of pine with a reduction of 98.43% and 99.96% and rosemary with a reduction of 98.21% and 94.86% (Table 2).

Table 2: Antibacterial activity of treated materials against *Escherichia coli*

Sample	Result	Image	R%	Log <sub>10</sub> red.
Inoculum concentration			-	-
	$T_0 = 2.8 \times 10^4$ CFU/mL			
Control sample of sheepskin lining leather	$T_0 = 2.8 \times 10^4$ CFU/mL $T_{24} = 2 \times 10^2$ CFU/mL		92.86	1.15
Sheepskin lining leather treated with geranium essential oil	$T_0 = 2.8 \times 10^4$ CFU/ML $T_{24} = 4.4 \times 10^1$ CFU/ML		99.14	2.07

Sheepskin lining leather treated with pine tree essential oil	$T_0 = 2.8 \times 10^4$ CFU/ML $T_{24} = 2.4 \times 10^1$ CFU/ML		98.43	1.80
Sheepskin lining leather treated with rosemary essential oil	$T_0 = 2.8 \times 10^4$ CFU/mL $T_{24} = 5 \times 10^1$ CFU/mL		98.21	1.75
Control sample of cotton cloth	$T_0 = 2.8 \times 10^4$ CFU/mL $T_{24} = 1.6 \times 10^2$ CFU/mL		94.14	1.23
Cotton cloth treated with geranium essential oil	$T_0 = 2.8 \times 10^4$ CFU/mL $T_{24} = 0$ CFU/mL		100	-
Cotton cloth treated with pine tree essential oil	$T_0 = 2.8 \times 10^4$ CFU/mL $T_{24} = 1 \times 10^1$ CFU/mL		99.96	3.45
Cotton cloth treated with rosemary essential oil	$T_0 = 2.8 \times 10^4$ CFU/mL $T_{24} = 1.4 \times 10^2$ CFU/mL		94.86	1.29

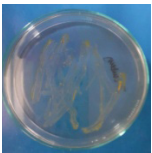
### Tests on *Staphylococcus aureus*

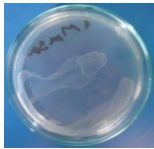
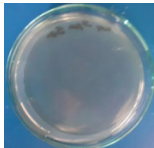
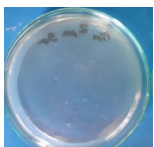
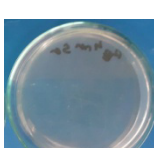

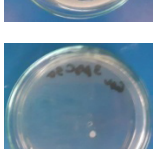
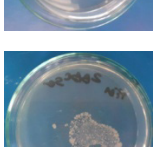
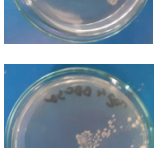
*Staphylococcus aureus* is the most dangerous of all the many common staphylococcal bacteria. These gram-positive, sphere-shaped bacteria often cause skin infections, but they can cause pneumonia, heart valve infections and bone infections. These bacteria are spread by direct contact with an infected person, by the use of a contaminated object or by inhalation of infected drops dispersed by sneezing or coughing. Skin infections are common, but

bacteria can spread through the bloodstream and can infect distant organs [28-34].

The cotton cloth and sheepskin lining leathers treated with geranium essential oil showed very good resistance against *Staphylococcus aureus* (with 100% reduction) followed by rosemary essential oil (with 100% and 96.20% reduction) and pine essential oil (with 100% and 81.29% reduction), as can be seen in Table 3.

Table 3: Antibacterial activity of treated materials against *Staphylococcus aureus*

Sample	Result	Image	R%	Log <sub>10</sub> red.
Inoculum concentration	$T_0 = 3.42 \times 10^4$ CFU/mL		-	-

Control sample of sheepskin lining leather	$T_0 = 3.42 \times 10^4$ CFU/mL $T_{24} = 7.4 \times 10^2$ CFU/mL		78,36	0,66
Sheepskin lining leather treated with geranium essential oil	$T_0 = 3.42 \times 10^4$ CFU/mL $T_{24} = 4.4 \times 10^1$ CFU/mL		100	-
Sheepskin lining leather treated with pine tree essential oil	$T_0 = 3.42 \times 10^4$ CFU/mL $T_{24} = 2.4 \times 10^1$ CFU/mL		100	-
Sheepskin lining leather treated with rosemary essential oil on leather	$T_0 = 3.42 \times 10^4$ CFU/mL $T_{24} = 5 \times 10^1$ CFU/mL		100	-
Control sample of cotton cloth	$T_0 = 3.42 \times 10^4$ CFU/mL $T_{24} = 8.4 \times 10^2$ CFU/mL		75.44	0.61
Cotton cloth treated with geranium essential oil	$T_0 = 3.42 \times 10^4$ CFU/mL $T_{24} = 0$ CFU/mL		100	-
Cotton cloth treated with pine tree essential oil	$T_0 = 3.42 \times 10^4$ CFU/mL $T_{24} = 6.4 \times 10^2$ CFU/mL		81.29	0.73
Cotton cloth treated with rosemary essential oil	$T_0 = 3.42 \times 10^4$ CFU/mL $T_{24} = 1.3 \times 10^2$ CFU/mL		96.20	1.42

#### Tests on *Candida albicans*

*Candida albicans* is a diploid fungus that grows both as yeast and filamentous cell and a causative agent of opportunistic oral and genital infections in humans [35, 36], and candidal onychomycosis, a nail plate infection. At the same time, it can infect the skin, mucous membranes, nails and gastrointestinal tract. The incidence of candidal infection is increasing due to the increasing number of individuals with suppressed immune function caused by malignancy, antibiotic


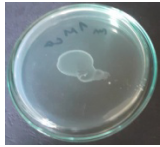
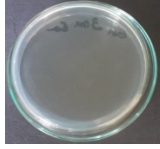
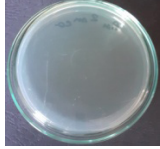
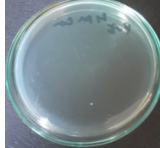

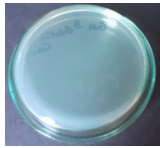


use, HIV infection, steroid use or chemotherapy [35, 36]. In addition, common health problems, including diabetes and obesity, may also predispose individuals to candidal skin infection [35, 36]. *Candida albicans* is a major cause of nosocomial infections (infections acquired during medical care); contaminated health workers and biomaterials are common sources of these infections [37]. *Candida albicans* is the most common fungus isolated from surgical wounds, so that candidal infection may delay wound

healing [38, 39]. In addition, *Candida albicans* is the most commonly isolated fungal species in patients in intensive care units (ICU); *Candida albicans* infection is associated with the mortality of patients in ICU [40].

Cotton cloths and sheepskin lining leathers treated with geranium essential oil showed

a reduction of 100% of colony forming units of *Candida albicans* followed by the treated materials with pine essential oil with reduction of 99.68% and 100% respectively, and then rosemary with reduction of 98.79% and 100% respectively (Table 4).

Table 4: Antifungal activity of treated materials against *Candida albicans*

Sample	Result	Image	R%	Log <sub>10</sub> red.
Inoculum concentration	$T_0 = 2.48 \times 10^4$ UFC/mL		-	-
Control sample of sheepskin lining leather	$T_0 = 2.48 \times 10^4$ CFU/ML $T_{24} = 1.4 \times 10^2$ CFU/ML		94.35	1.25
Sheepskin lining leather treated with geranium essential oil	$T_0 = 2.48 \times 10^4$ CFU/ML $T_{24} = 0$ CFU/ML		100	-
Sheepskin lining leather treated with pine tree essential oil	$T_0 = 2.48 \times 10^4$ CFU/ML $T_{24} = 0$ CFU/ML		100	-
Sheepskin lining leather treated with rosemary essential oil	$T_0 = 2.48 \times 10^4$ CFU/ML $T_{24} = 0$ CFU/ML		100	-
Control sample of cotton cloth	$T_0 = 2.48 \times 10^4$ CFU/ML $T_{24} = 1 \times 10^2$ CFU/mL		95.97	1.39
Cotton cloth treated with geranium essential oil	$T_0 = 2.48 \times 10^4$ CFU/ML $T_{24} = 0$ CFU/mL		100	-
Cotton cloth treated with pine tree essential oil	$T_0 = 2.48 \times 10^4$ CFU/ML $T_{24} = 8$ CFU/mL		99.68	2.49
Cotton cloth treated with rosemary essential oil	$T_0 = 2.48 \times 10^4$ CFU/ML $T_{24} = 3 \times 10^1$ CFU/mL		98.79	1.92

## CONCLUSIONS

Cotton cloth and sheepskin leather linings treated with geranium, pine and rosemary essential oils were obtained. FTIR-ATR analysis showed the characteristic absorption bands for the functional groups of compounds from geranium, pine and rosemary essential oils in the cotton cloth and sheepskin leather linings treated samples. Use of a nanostructured "flower" emulsion based on tensides in treatment fixed the essential oil on cotton cloth and sheepskin leather linings treated. Antifungal and antibacterial activity of essential oils of geranium (*Aetheroleum geranii*) pine (*Aetheroleum pini sylvestris*) and rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis*) were tested against *Candida albicans* fungus, Gram-negative bacteria *Escherichia coli* and Gram-positive bacteria *Staphylococcus aureus* on leather and cotton lining materials treated. The appearance and development of fungi and bacteria were inhibited by the high antifungal and antibacterial activity of the compounds of the essential oils used in experiments. The strongest biocidal activity was found for materials treated with geranium essential oil followed by pine and rosemary essential oils. The use of natural compounds with antifungal and antibacterial activity has high efficacy and is friendly to humans and the environment.

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