

# Synthetic studies on female sex pheromones of lepidopteran insects

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The pheromones are classified into (1) type I compounds, (2) type II compounds, (3) methyl-branched compounds, and (4) non-branched other compounds.

The chemical formulae are symbolized by

- 1) the number before the hyphen giving the position of double bond(s) [Z = (Z)-configuration, E = (E)-configuration, Δ = terminal] and/or other structures in the chain as follows, ≡ = triple bond, epo = *cis*-epoxy ring, tepo = *trans*-epoxy ring, and Me = branched methyl group,
- 2) the number before the colon giving the carbon atoms in the straight chain skeleton,
- 3) the words after the colon giving the functional groups as follows, H = hydrocarbon, OH = primaly alcohol, OAc = acetate of alcohol, Ald = aldehyde, and one = ketone.

Pheromone	Family and species of moth	Publication of synthesis
<b>(1) Type I compounds</b>		
1-1) 1,3-Dienes		
E3,Z5-12:OAc Tortricidae ( <i>Phtheochroa cranaodes</i> )		Unelius, 1996; Park, 1998; Simonelli, 1998; Chong, 1999; Yadav, 2000; Ragoussis, 2004; Hodgson, 2007
Z3,E5-14:OAc Cossidae ( <i>Holcocerus vicarius</i> )		Doolittle, 1976; Rossi, 1982; Doolittle, 1986; Huang, 1987
E4,Z6-16:OAc Stathmopodidae ( <i>Stathmopoda masinissa</i> )		Nishida, 2003; Awalekar, 2020
Z5,E7-12:OH and/or Z5,E7-12:Ald Lasiocampidae ( <i>Malacosoma disstria</i> , <i>Dendrolimus spectabilis</i> , etc.)		Chisholm, 1981; Ando, 1982; Bestmann, 1982; Rossi, 1983; Trost, 1984; Gardette, 1984; Ando, 1985; Brown, 1986; Huang, 1987; Stille, 1987(a); Stille, 1987(b); Fiandanese, 1989; Khrimian, 2002
E7,Z9-12:OAc Tortricidae ( <i>Lobesia botrana</i> )		Roelofs, 1973; Labovitz, 1975; Negishi, 1977; Bestmann, 1979; Dressaire, 1980; Rossi, 1981(a); Ideses, 1982; Tsuboi, 1982; Ujvary, 1985; Gardette, 1984; Cuvigny, 1987; Alexakis, 1988;

		Fiandanese, 1989; Yamamoto, 1989(c); Odinokov, 1993(a); Kukovinets, 2000; Diego, 2006; Cahiez, 2017
E8,E10-12:OH	Tortricidae ( <i>Cydia pomonella</i> )	Descoins, 1972; Mori, 1974(a); Bestmann, 1978; Samain, 1978; Knox, 1981; Naoshima, 1980; Bloch, 1983; Yamada, 1983; Ando, 1985; Chisholm, 1985; Yamada, 1986; Penhoat, 1986; Shakova, 1996; Chourreau, 2021
E8,Z10-14:Ald	Gracillariidae ( <i>Cameraria ohridella</i> )	Svatoš, 1999; Hoskovec, 2000; Francke, 2002; Figueiredo, 2007; Grodner, 2009; Chourreau, 2020
E9,Δ11-12:OAc	Noctuidae ( <i>Diparopsis castanea</i> )	Nesbitt, 1972; Mori 1974(a); Babler, 1977; [Wollenberg, 1979]; Babler, 1979; Mandai, 1979; Bestmann, 1979; Yasuda, 1979; Rossi, 1981(a); Knox, 1981; Bloch, 1982; Ranganathan, 1982; Yamada, 1983; Ochiai, 1983; Engman, 1985; Ishibashi, 1985; Yamada, 1986; Penhoat, 1986; Nagano, 2002; Cahiez, 2008
Z9,Δ11-12:OAc	Noctuidae ( <i>Diparopsis castanea</i> )	Rossi, 1981(b); Ochiai, 1983; Michelot, 1983; Balezina, 1984; Gardette, 1984; Ishibashi, 1987
Z9,E11-14:OAc	Noctuidae ( <i>Spodoptera littoralis</i> , <i>Spodoptera litura</i> )	Tamaki, 1973; Goto, 1975; Hall, 1975; Bestmann, 1979; Lin, 1980; Rossi, 1981(a); Ratovelomana, 1981; Gardette, 1984; Cuvigny, 1987; Björkling, 1987; Fiandanese, 1989; Yadav, 1989
E9,E11-14:OAc	Tortricidae ( <i>Epiphyas postvittana</i> )	Knox, 1981; Bloch, 1983; Björkling, 1987
Z9,E11-16:Ald	Crambidae ( <i>Diatraea saccharalis</i> )	Svirskaya, 1984(b); Svatoš, 2001; Tao, 2013
E9,Z11-16:Ald	Pyralidae ( <i>Acrobasis nuxvorella</i> )	Svirskaya, 1984(b), Millar, 1996; Passaro, 2003; Figueiredo, 2007
E10,Z12-16:OH	Bombycidae ( <i>Bombyx mori</i> , <i>Bombyx mandarina</i> )	Butenandt, 1961; Negishi, 1973; Normant, 1975; Bestmann, 1977; Zweifel, 1978; Kuwahara, 1979; Tsuboi, 1982; Miyaura, 1983; Gardette, 1984; Stille, 1987(b); Alexakis, 1988; Fiandanese, 1989; Odinokov, 1993(b); Uenishi, 2000; Khrimian, 2002
E10,E12-16:Ald	Noctuidae ( <i>Earias insulana</i> )	Knox, 1981; Klug, 1982; Yadav, 1989
Z11,Z13-16:Ald	Pyralidae ( <i>Amyelois transitella</i> )	Coffelt, 1979; Sonnet, 1980; Arai, 1982; Bishop, 1983; Michelot, 1983; Gardette, 1984; Furber, 1986; Mori, 2009(c); Liu, 2019

Notodontidae (*Notodonta dromedaries* etc.)

E11,E13-16:Ald

Crambidae (*Hellula undalis*)

Arai, 1982; Lo, 1986; Yamada, 1986

Z11,E13-16:OAc

Pyralidae (*Herpetogramma licarsialis*)

Lo, 1986; Alexakis, 1988; Gibb, 2007

1-2) 1,4-Dienes

E4,Z7-13:OAc

Gelechiidae (*Phthorimaea operculella*)

Voerman, 1978; Alexakis, 1978; Nishiyama, 1984; Yadav, 1986;  
Nonoshita, 1990; Hutzinger, 1995; Odinokov, 1997;  
Vakhidov, 2007; Pan, 2022

Z9,E12-14:OAc

Noctuidae (*Spodoptera eridania* etc.)

Pyralidae (*Cadra cautella*, etc.)

Jacobson, 1970; Su, 1973; Bac, 1982; Cuvigny, 1987;  
Kasymzhanova, 1992

1-3) 1,5-Dienes

E3,Z7-14:OAc

Gelechiidae (*Symmetrischema tangolias*)

Griepink, 1995; Raguissis, 2008; Awalekar, 2021

Z7,Z11-16:OAc and/or Z7,E11-16:OAc

Gelechiidae (*Pectinophora gossypiella*,  
*Sitotroga cerealella*)

Sonnet, 1974; Bierl, 1974; Mori, 1974(b); Su, 1974; Anderson, 1975;  
Mori, 1975; Bestmann, 1976; Sonnet, 1976; Michelot, 1983;  
Ishihara, 1984; Joshi, 1984; Svirskaya, 1984(a); Andelic, 1985;  
Ducoux, 1992; D'yakonov, 2017

1-4) Other dienes

E2,Z13-18:OAc and/or E2,Z13-18:Ald

Sesiidae (*Vitacea polistiformis*, etc)

Cossidae (*Zeuzera pyrina*)

Schwarz, 1983; Voerman, 1984; Yamaoka, 1985; Frérot, 1986;  
Tonini, 1986; Hukumoto, 1998; Hoskovec, 1990; Takikawa, 1997;  
Capdevila, 1999; Ishmuratov, 2000; Grodner, 2006; Naka, 2006;  
Islam, 2007

E3,Z8 -14:OAc

Gelechiidae (*Scrobipalpuloides absoluta*)

Griepink, 1996; Svatoš, 1996; Cabezas, 2019

Z3,Z13-18:OAc and/or E3,Z13-18:OAc

Sesiidae (*Synanthedon exitiosa*  
*Synanthedon pictipes*, etc.)

Tumlinson, 1974; Uchida, 1978; Voerman, 1979; Ebata, 1979;  
Uchida, 1979; Voerman, 1979; Doolittle, 1980; Gardette, 1983(b);  
Svirskaya, 1984(a); Vinczer1985; Zhang, 1986;

E6,Z11-16:OAc and E6,Z11-16:Ald  
Saturniidae (*Antheraea polyphemus*)

Yamamoto, 1989(a); Hoskovec, 1990; Moret, 1991;  
Capdevila, 1999; Naka, 2006; Armstrong-Chong, 2004

Kochansky, 1975; Kochansky, 1977; Tomida, 1983; Tomida, 1986

1-5) Trienes

E3,Z8,Z11-14:OAc  
Gelechiidae (*Scrobipalpuloides absoluta*)

Attygalle, 1996; Hungerford, 1998; Cabezas, 2019

E4,E6,Z10-16:OAc and E4,Z6,Z10-16:OAc  
Gracillariidae (*Conopomorpha cramerella*)

Beevor, 1986; Yen, 1992; Huang, 2017

E4,E6,Z11-16:Ald  
Saturniidae (*Samia cynthia*)

Bestmann, 1989; Tomida, 1993

E4,Z7,Z10-13:OAc  
Gelechiidae (*Phthorimaea operculella*)

Voerman, 1978; Pan, 2022

Z7,Z11,E13-16:Ald  
Gracillariidae (*Phyllocoptis citrella*)

Leal, 2006; Moreira, 2006; Vang, 2008

Z9,E11, $\Delta$ 13-14:Ald  
Pyralidae (*Ectomyelois ceratoniae*)  
Elachistidae (*Stenoma cecropia*)

Baker, 1989; Millar, 1990(a); Tellier, 1990; Tellier, 1991(a); Zagatti, 1996

E10,E12,Z14-16:OAc or E10,E12,Z14-16:Ald  
Crambidae (*Glyphodes pyloalis*)  
Sphingidae (*Manduca sexta*)

Ando, 1988; Doolittle, 1990; Tellier, 1991(b); Chen, 2000

1-6) Tetraenes

Z7,Z13,Z16,Z19-22:OisoBu  
Erebidae (*Euproctis chrysorrhoea*)

Khrimian, 2008

1-7) 1,3-Enynes

Z9, $\equiv$ 11, $\Delta$ 13-14:Ald  
Elachistidae (*Stenoma catenifer*)

Millar, 2008; Hoddle, 2009; Zou, 2010

$\equiv$ 11,Z13-16:OAc  
Notodontidae (*Thaumetopoea pityocampa*)

Camps, 1981; Camps, 1983; Gardette, 1983(a); Rossi, 1983; Shani, 1983;  
Stille, 1987

(2) Type II compounds

Z3,Z6,Z9-19:H and/or Z3,Z6,Z9-21:H	Conner, 1980; Becker, 1983; Heath, 1983; Underhill, 1983; Baker, 1984;
Geometridae ( <i>Ascotis selenaria</i> , etc.)	Liu, 1984; Bestmann, 1985; Mangold, 1987; Langlois, 1990;
Erebidae ( <i>Anticarsia gemmatalis</i> , etc.)	Ando, 1993; Yadav, 1998(a); Wang, 2007; Davies, 2007
$\Delta$ 1,Z3,Z6,Z9-19:H	
Geometridae ( <i>Operophtera brumata</i> )	Roelofs, 1982; Huang, 1983; Jain, 1983(b); Baker, 1984; Viala, 1991; Pohnert, 2000; Yamamoto, 2008
$\Delta$ 1,Z3,Z6,Z9-21:H	
Erebidae ( <i>Utetheisa ornatrix</i> )	Huang, 1983; Jain, 1983(a); Yamamoto, 2008
Z3,Z6,Z9,E11-19:H	
Geometridae ( <i>Alsophila pomataria</i> )	Wong, 1984; Yamamoto, 2008
Z3,Z6,Z9,Z12-20:H	
Geometridae ( <i>Thalassodes immissaria</i> )	Yamakawa, 2011(a); Langseter, 2012
epo3,Z6,Z9-19:H (3S,4R) and (3R,4S)	
Geometridae ( <i>Ascotis selenaria</i> )	Becker, 1990; Millar, 1990(b); [Ando 1993]; Soulie, 1995; Qin, 1997
Z3,epo6,Z9-18:H (6S,7R)	
Geometridae ( <i>Ectropis obliqua</i> )	Yu, 2017; Xu, 2017
Z3,epo6,Z9-19:H (6S,7R)	
Geometridae ( <i>Erannis defoliaria</i> )	Mori, 1991(c); [Ando 1993]; Qin, 1997
Z6,epo9-19:H (9S,10R)	
Geometridae ( <i>Ennomos subsignaria</i> )	Millar, 1991; MaGee, 2011; Zhou, 2024(a)
Z6,epo9-21:H (9S,10R)	
Erebidae ( <i>Phragmatobia fuliginosa</i> , etc.)	Rollin, 1986; Millar, 1991; Brevet, 1992; [Bell, 1993]; [Ando 1995]; Zhang, 1999; Zhang, 2000
(9R,10S)	Millar, 1991; Muto, 2003(b); Zhou, 2024(a)
Erebidae ( <i>Teia anartoides</i> , etc.)	
Z3,Z6,epo9-19:H (9S,10R)	
Erebidae ( <i>Lymantria mathura</i> , etc.)	[Ando 1993]; Qin, 1997; Khrimian, 2004
Z3,Z6,epo9-21:H (9S,10R)	
Erebidae ( <i>Hyphantria cunea</i> , <i>Oraesia excavata</i> etc)	Mori, 1981; Mori, 1986; Pougny, 1987; [Bell, 1993]; [Ando 1993]; Qin, 1997; Zhang, 1999; Nakanishi, 2005
$\Delta$ 1,Z3,Z6,epo9-21:H (9S,10R)	
Erebidae ( <i>Hyphantria cunea</i> , etc.)	Mori, 1989; [Nikoleva, 1993]; Yadav, 1998(b); Nakanishi, 2005; Che, 2005; Yamakawa, 2012

Z3,epo6,epo9-21:H (6R,7S,9R,10S, leucomalure)	Yamamoto, 1999; [Yamazawa, 2001]; [Lizarraga, 2001]; Muto, 2003(a)
Erebidae ( <i>Leucoma salicis</i> )	Wimalaratne, 2004
epo3,epo6,Z9-21:H (3S,4R,6S,7R)	Yamamoto, 1999; [Yamazawa, 2001]
Erebidae ( <i>Perina nuda</i> )	
tepo4,Z6,Z9-19:H	Kang, 2007; [Yamamoto, 2013]
Geometridae ( <i>Bupalus piniarius</i> )	
Z6,Z9,tepo11-21:H (11S,12S, posticlure)	Wakamura, 2001; Muto, 2001; Fernandes, 2002; Kang, 2007;
Erebidae ( <i>Orgyia postica</i> )	Fernandes, 2007

### (3) Methyl-branched compounds

#### 3-1) Hydrocarbons

Me2-17:H	Dasaradhi, 1987
Erebidae ( <i>Holomelina aurantiaca</i> etc.)	
Me2,Me5-17:H (S) + Me5,Me11-17:H (5R,11S)	[Gries, 1991]; Li, 1993; Mori, 1996; Wang, 2023
Geometridae ( <i>Lambdina fiscellaria</i> )	
Me5,Me9-15:H (5S,9R)	Kuwahara, 2000; Moreira, 2003; [Zarbin, 2004]; Mori, 2008
Lyonetiidae ( <i>Perileucoptera coffeella</i> )	
Me5,Me9-17:H (5S,9S)	Mori, 1991(a); Taguri, 2012; Li, 2013; Yu, 2023
Lyonetiidae ( <i>Leucoptera malifoliella</i> )	
Me7-17:H (S) + Me7,Me11-17:H (meso)	Shirai, 1999; Diaz, 2000; Enders, 2002; [Chow, 2004]; Nagano, 2007
Geometridae ( <i>Lambdina athasaria</i> , <i>L. pellucidaria</i> )	
Me9-19:H (S)	Lamers, 2003; Cao, 2013
Erebidae ( <i>Alabama argillacea</i> )	
Δ1,Me10,Me14-18:H (10S,14S)	Tamagawa, 1999; [Nakamura, 2000(a)]; Summeren, 2005; Taguri, 2014;
Lyonetiidae ( <i>Lyonetia prunifoliella</i> )	Yu, 2023
Δ1,Me14-18:H (S)	[Sugie, 1984]; [Manabe, 1985]; Kato, 1985; Mori, 1985; Sonnet, 1987;
Lyonetiidae ( <i>Lyonetia clerkella</i> )	[Yamamoto, 1989(b)]; Sankaranarayanan, 1995; Zhang, 2013;
	Ishmuratov, 2013; Wei, 2020; He, 2021; He, 2022

#### 3-2) Epoxides

Me2,epo7-18:H (7R,8S, (+)-disparlure)	Iwaki, 1974; Mori, 1981; Mori, 1986; Fukusaki, 1991; Keinan, 1992;
Erebidae ( <i>Lymantria dispar</i> )	Brevet, 1992; Hu, 1999; Koumbis, 2005; Inkster, 2005;

3-3) Esters of primary alcohol and acid

Me3,Me13-15:Ate with Me2-5:3-OH (3R,13R,1'S)

Psychidae (*Clania variegata*)

Mori, 2009(b); Mori, 2010; Taguri, 2013; Sun, 2017(b); Wang, 2024

Me10-12:OAc (R)

Tortricidae (*Adoxophyes honmai*)

Suguro, 1979; Hjalmarsson, 1985; Sankaranarayanan, 1995; Geresh, 1998;  
Chow, 2001

Me10,Me14-15:OisoBu (R)

Erebidae (*Arna pseudoconspersa*)

Ichikawa, 1995; Sun, 2017(a); Sun, 2024

3-4) Secondary alcohols

Me5-17:7-OH (5R,7R)

Erebidae (*Miltachrista calamine*)

Yamakawa, 2011(b); Muraki, 2014; Yuan, 2022

Me6,Me10,Me14-15:2-OH (2R,6R,10R)

Pyralidae (*Corcyra cephalonica, Aphomia sociella*)

Mori, 1991(b); Nakamura, 2000(b), Shafikov, 2011

3-5) Ketones

Me6-18:2-one (S) + Me14-18:2-one (S)

+ Me6,Me14-18:2-one

Erebidae (*Lyclene dharma*)

[Yamamoto, 2007]; [Do, 2009]; Mori, 2009(a); [Taguri, 2010];  
Shikichi, 2012; Zhou, 2024(b)

(4) Non-branched other compounds

4-1) Esters of secondary alcohols

17:7-OPr (S) + 17:8-OPr (S)

Erebidae (*Barsine expressa*)

Fujii, 2013

Z12-17:2-OAc (S)

Tineidae (*Kermania pistaciella*)

Gries, 2006; Britton, 2009

4-2) Ketones

Z6-21:11-one

Erebidae (*Orgyia pseudotsugata*)

Smith, 1975; Akerman, 1978; Nishiyama, 1984 Larson, 1985;  
Dasaradhi, 1987; Jones, 2006

Z6,E8-21:11-one

Erebidae (*Orgyia pseudotsugata, O. vetusta*)

Muto, 2003(b); Jury, 2003; Comeskey, 2004

Z6,Z9-21:11-one

Erebidae (*Orgyia leucostigma*, *Teia anartoides*)

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Z7-19:11-one (Z12-19:9-one)

+ Z7-20:11-one (Z13-20:10-one)

Carposinidae (*Carposina sasakii*)

Naoshima, 1981; Yadagiri, 1983; Yamashita, 1988

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