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**Abstract:** The composition of the essential oil of *Satureja cuneifolia* Ten. cultivated in Konya, Turkey, was investigated by capillary GC-MS. The compounds were characterized by comparison with library searches. Six main compounds were identified. Carvacrol was the dominant component, comprising 59.28% of the essential oil. The oil also contained 15.72% thymol, 9.69% p-cymene, 4.16%  $\gamma$ -terpinene, 1.70% linalool and 1.25% borneol. The antibacterial activity of the essential oil of *S. cuneifolia* and its components was determined by a semiquantative disc-diffusion method, and the minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) was determined based on a micro-well dilution method against strains of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Bacillus cereus*, *Sarcina lutea*, *Escherichia coli*, and *Staphylococcus aureus*).

**Key Words:** *Satureja cuneifolia*, Lamiaceae, GC, Essential oil, Antibacterial activity

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