

## Supplementary data.

### Composition data of Reinette apple

Reinette apple contained 3.15 g of glucose, 5.85 g of fructose, 1.09 g of saccharose, 0.04 g of citric acid and 1.61 g of malic acid per 100 g of fresh fruit. Dehydroascorbic acid (17.7 mg per 100 g FM) was markedly higher than ascorbic acid (5.9 mg per 100 g).

**Table 1.** Phenolic compounds identified by UPLC/DAD/ESI-MS<sup>n</sup> in apple (*Reinette de Flandre*).

No.	t <sub>R</sub> (min)	λ <sub>max</sub> (nm)	[M-H] <sup>-</sup> (m/z)	MS <sup>2</sup> fragments (m/z)	Proposed structure
1	6.6	280	577	559, 451, <b>425</b> , 407, 299, 289, 273, 245	B-Type dimer
2	7.0	280	289	271, <b>245</b> , 231, 205, 179	(+)-Catechin
3	7.4	326, 259sh	353	191	5-Caffeoylquinic acid <sup>a</sup> (chlorogenic acid)
4	8.0	316, 290sh	325	265, 235, 205, 187, 163, <b>145</b> , 119	Coumaroylhexoside
5	8.25	280	451	<b>289</b> , 245, 161	Cinchonain I <sup>b</sup>
6	8.6		865	847, 739, 713, <b>695</b> , 577, 575, 451, 407, 287	B-Type trimer
7			353	191, 179, <b>173</b>	4-Caffeoylquinic acid <sup>a</sup> (cryptochlorogenic acid)
8	8.85	280	1153	<b>1027</b> , 1001, 983, 907, 865, 863, 577, 575, 500, <b>491</b> , 451, 449, 425, 413, 407, 288, 286	B-Type tetramer
9			865	847, 739, 713, <b>695</b> , 577, 575, 451, 407, 287	B-Type trimer
10	9.05	284, 320sh	465	<b>303</b> , 285	Taxifolin hexoside
11	9.85	280	577	559, 451, <b>425</b> , 407, 299, 289, 245	B-Type dimer
12			865	847, 739, 713, <b>695</b> , 577, 575, 453, 451, 407, 287	B-Type trimer
13	9.95	285sh, 331	355	295, 265, 235, 216, <b>193</b> , 175, 160, 135	Feruloylhexoside
14	10.3	290sh, 313	337	<b>191</b> , 163	5- <i>p</i> -coumaroylquinic acid ( <i>trans</i> ) <sup>a</sup>
15	10.5	280	720 <sup>c</sup>	701, 643, <b>635</b> , 577, 575, 451, 407, 288, 286	B-Type pentamer
16	10.9	279	289	271, <b>245</b> , 231, 205, 179	(-)-Epicatechin
17			1153		B-Type tetramer
18	11.1	312, 285sh	337	<b>173</b> , 163	4- <i>p</i> -coumaroylquinic acid ( <i>trans</i> ) <sup>a</sup>

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19	11.4	280	1153	1135, 1027, 1001, 984, 865, <b>863</b> , 739, 701, 577, 575, 425	B-Type tetramer
20	11.5		720 <sup>c</sup>	701, <b>635</b> , 577, 575, 451, 425, 289, 287	B-Type pentamer
21	12.55	280	864 <sup>c</sup>	779, 719, 695, 577, 575, 449, 407, 288, 286	B-Type hexamer
22	13.25	280	720 <sup>c</sup>	711, 644, <b>635</b> , 577, 575, 559, 451, 407, 289, 287	B-Type pentamer
23	13.45	280	865	847, 739, 713, <b>695</b> , 577, 575, 543, 425, 407, 287	B-Type trimer
24	14.35	280	1153	1135, 1027, 1001, 983, <b>865</b> , 863, 739, 701, 577, 575, 449, 407	B-Type tetramer
25	14.55	280	1153	1135, 1027, 1001, 983, <b>865</b> , 863, 739, 701, 577, 575, 449, 407	B-Type tetramer
26	14.75	280	720 <sup>c</sup>	701, <b>635</b> , 577, 575, 451, 425, 407, 289, 287	B-Type pentamer
27		280	865	847, 739, 713, <b>695</b> , 577, 575, 543, 425, 407, 287	B-Type trimer
28	15.0	280	864 <sup>c</sup>	779, 719, 711, 695, 577, <b>575</b> , 449, 407, 289, 287	B-Type hexamer
29			720 <sup>c</sup>	709, <b>643</b> , 634, 577, 575, 558, 449, 288	B-Type pentamer
30	15.15	280	1153	1135, 1027, 1001, 983, 865, <b>863</b> , 739, 701, 577, 575	B-Type tetramer
31			864 <sup>c</sup>	779, 719, 695, <b>577</b> , 575, 449, 413, 287	B-Type hexamer
32	15.3	280	739	721, 629, <b>587</b> , 569, 449, 435, 417, 339, 289	Cinchonain II <sup>b</sup>
33	15.45	280	1008 <sup>c</sup>	932, <b>914</b> , 737, 576,	B-Type heptamer
34	15.55	280	1153	1143, 1067, 1008, <b>863</b> , 629, 577, 449	B-Type tetramer
35	15.85	265, 356	463	300	Quercetin-3-O-hexoside
36	15.90		609	<b>300</b> , 270	Quercetin-3-O-rhamnoglucoside (rutin)
37	16.1	356	463	300	Quercetin-3-O-hexoside
38	16.4	356	433	300	Quercetin-3-O-pentoside
39	16.6	356	433	300	Quercetin-3-O-pentoside
40	16.7	280	1027	875, 857, <b>737</b> , 585, 575, 449, 407	Cinchonain III <sup>b</sup>

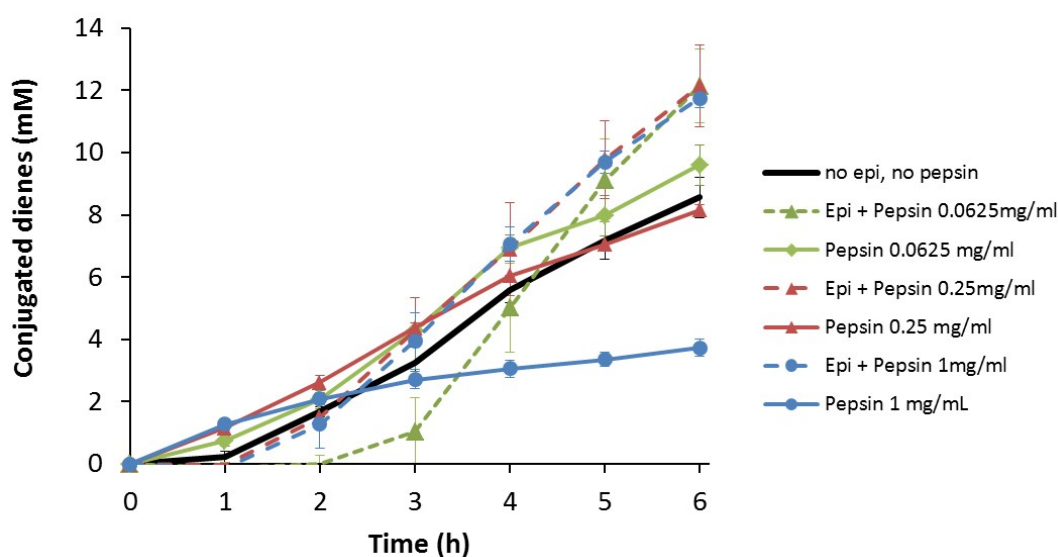
No.	t <sub>R</sub> (min)	λ <sub>max</sub> (nm)	[M-H] <sup>-</sup> (m/z)	MS <sup>2</sup> fragments (m/z)	Proposed structure
41	16.8	354	433	300	Quercetin-3-O-pentoside
42	17.0	354	433	300	Quercetin-3-O-pentoside
43	17.1	354	447	300	Quercetin-3-O-deoxyhexose
44	17.25	284, 300sh	567	273	Phloretin-2-O'-xyloglucoside
45	17.9		447	314	Tamarixetin- or isorhamnetin-3-O-pentoside
46	18.0	284, 300sh	435	273	Phloretin-2-O'-glucoside

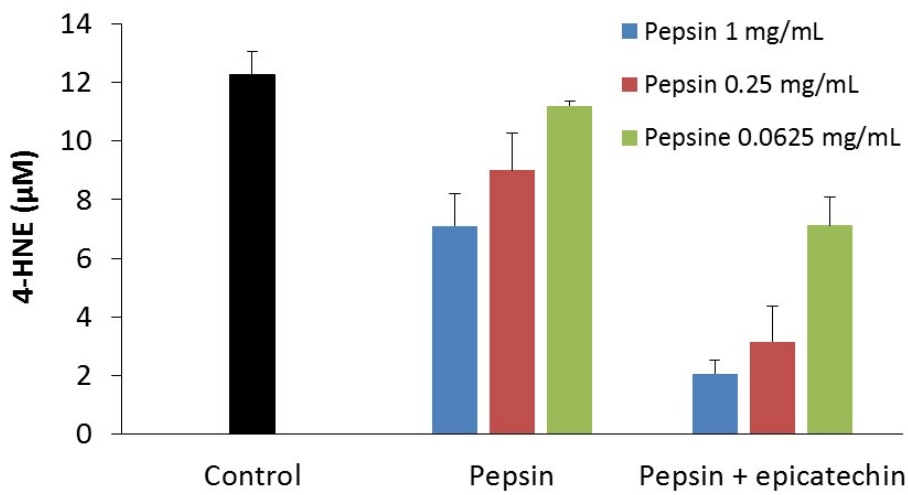
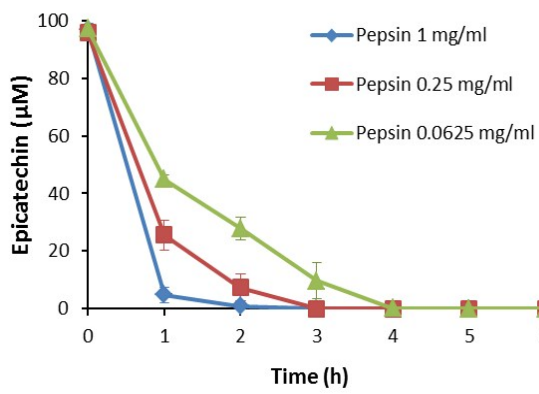
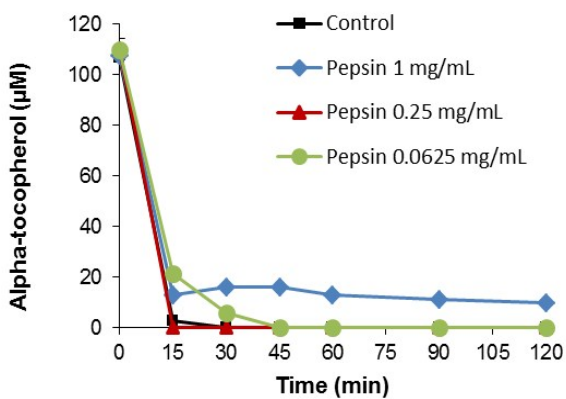
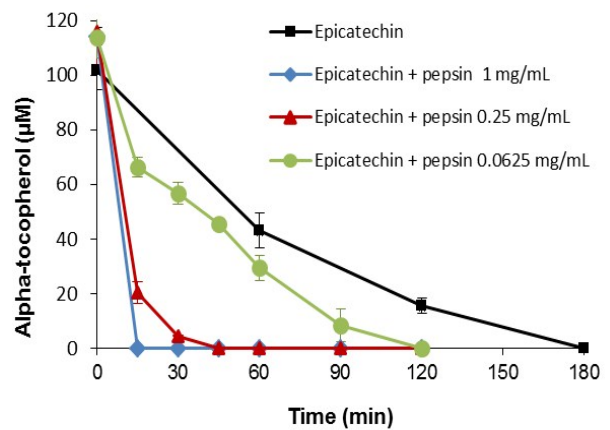
NF: Not Fragmented, sh: shoulder. Fragment in bold is major ion. <sup>a</sup>Identified according to Clifford et al. (2003), <sup>b</sup>Hokkanen et al. (2009), <sup>c</sup>doubly-charged ion.

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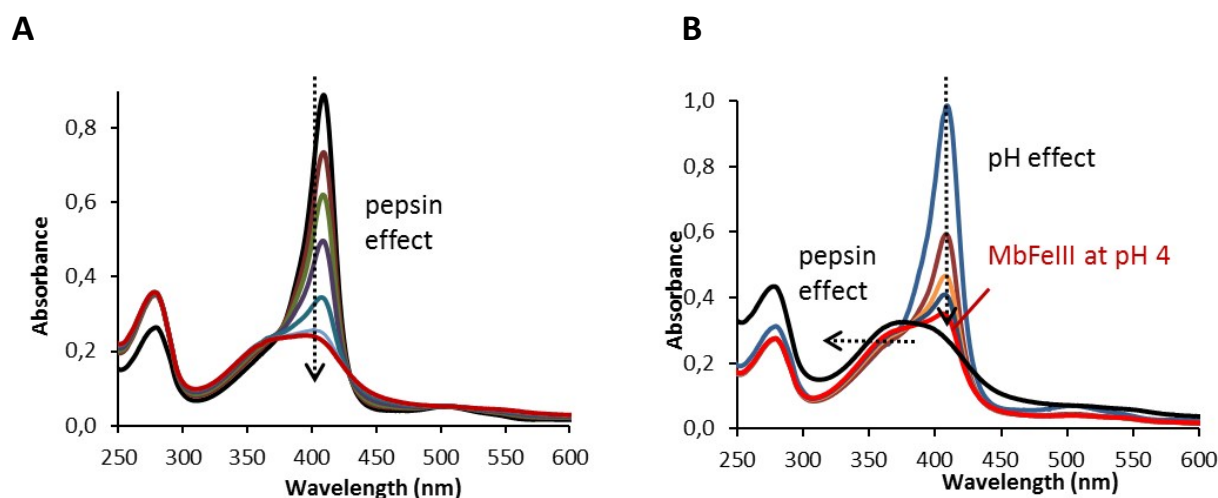
**Figure 1.** Metmyoglobin-initiated lipid oxidation at different pepsin concentrations (1, 0.25, and 0.0625 mg/mL with 2828 U/mg) and inhibition by epicatechin in phospholipid-stabilized emulsions at pH 5. Accumulation of conjugated dienes (A) and 4-HNE at 6 hours (B). Degradation of epicatechin (C) and  $\alpha$ -tocopherol without and with epicatechin at different pepsin concentrations (D-E). Epicatechin concentration = 100  $\mu$ M. Values represent mean  $\pm$  SD ( $n = 3$ ).

**A**



**B****C****D****E**

**Figure 2.** Effect of pepsin on the structure of metmyoglobin (5  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in the presence of epicatechin (25  $\mu\text{M}$ ). (A) Addition of pepsin (0.0625 mg/mL with 2041 U/mg) onto metmyoglobin at pH 5. (B) Addition of pepsin (0.0625 mg/mL) onto metmyoglobin at pH 4.



**Table 2 & Figure 3.** Kinetics for the decay of the Soret band of metmyoglobin (5  $\mu\text{M}$ ) at 410 nm upon addition of pepsin (0.0625 mg/mL with 2041 U/mg) at different pH, in the absence or presence of epicatechin (25  $\mu\text{M}$ ). Data are reported as first-order rate constants ( $k$ ) and standard deviations between measured absorbances and calculated values.

Three trials with same epicatechin, pepsin, metmyoglobin solutions per trial.

	Without (-)Epicatechin				With (-)Epicatechin			
	Trial 1				Trial 2			
	$k$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )	SD (s <sup>-1</sup> )	$k$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )	SD (s <sup>-1</sup> )	$k$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )	SD (s <sup>-1</sup> )	$k$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )	SD (s <sup>-1</sup> )
<b>pH 5.01</b>	$9.54 \times 10^{-4}$	$0.29 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.79 \times 10^{-4}$	$0.35 \times 10^{-4}$	$7.02 \times 10^{-4}$	$0.17 \times 10^{-4}$	$7.93 \times 10^{-4}$	$0.20 \times 10^{-4}$
<b>pH 4.77</b>	$5.13 \times 10^{-3}$	$0.10 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.85 \times 10^{-3}$	$0.10 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.92 \times 10^{-3}$	$0.09 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.14 \times 10^{-3}$	$0.08 \times 10^{-3}$
<b>pH 4.52</b>	$1.69 \times 10^{-2}$	$0.10 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.29 \times 10^{-2}$	$0.11 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.66 \times 10^{-2}$	$0.03 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.61 \times 10^{-2}$	$0.03 \times 10^{-2}$
<b>pH 4.26</b>	$3.92 \times 10^{-2}$	$0.48 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.75 \times 10^{-2}$	$0.49 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.38 \times 10^{-2}$	$0.20 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.13 \times 10^{-2}$	$0.23 \times 10^{-2}$

	Without (-)Epicatechin				With (-)Epicatechin	
	Trial 3				Trial 3	
	$k$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )	SD (s <sup>-1</sup> )	$(k_{\text{epi}} - k_{\text{no epi}}) / k_{\text{no epi}}$	$k_{\text{pH low}} / k_{\text{pH high}}$	$k$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )	SD (s <sup>-1</sup> )
<b>pH 5.01</b>	$6.45 \times 10^{-4}$	$0.22 \times 10^{-4}$	10%	7.0	$5.81 \times 10^{-4}$	$0.14 \times 10^{-4}$
<b>pH 4.77</b>	$4.50 \times 10^{-3}$	$0.10 \times 10^{-3}$	25%	2.6	$3.37 \times 10^{-3}$	$0.06 \times 10^{-3}$
<b>pH 4.52</b>	$1.18 \times 10^{-2}$	$0.02 \times 10^{-2}$	7%	3.7	$1.10 \times 10^{-2}$	$0.02 \times 10^{-2}$
<b>pH 4.26</b>	$4.31 \times 10^{-2}$	$0.07 \times 10^{-2}$			$4.92 \times 10^{-2}$	$0.10 \times 10^{-2}$

