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UHPLC-QqTOF UNTARGETED METABOLOMICS OF NATIVE PHENOLIC COMPOUNDS IN DIFFERENT RASPBERRY SAMPLES (*RUBUS IDAEUS L.* AND *RUBUS OCCIDENTALIS L.*)

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Dietary health benefits are increasingly associated to the consumption of phenolic antioxidants (e.g. anthocyanins and ellagitannins), which are widely distributed and abundant in small fruits, such as raspberry [1, 2]. The in-depth metabolomics profiling of polyphenol-rich fruits is of paramount importance for the discrimination of different berry species and/or cultivars. Moreover, an accurate knowledge of fruit native compounds is of crucial significance when their fate during the digestion processes is investigated [3, 4]. Accordingly, the aim of this work is to provide a detailed profile of these bioactive compounds in different raspberry species (*Rubus idaeus* L. and *Rubus occidentalis* L.) by untargeted approaches developed with UHPLC analysis coupled with quadrupole/time-of-flight mass spectrometry. Total soluble polyphenols (TSP), total monomeric anthocyanins (TMA), as well as targeted individual phenolic compounds were also determined in the extracts of the freeze-dried samples. The metabolomics profiling evidenced a high number of polyphenols mostly belonging to the anthocyanins, ellagitannins (ETs) and flavan-3-ols classes. TSP and TMA assays revealed a polyphenol content ranging from 198.5 to 337.2 mg procyanidin B1 eq. 100 g⁻¹ f.w. and from 61.0 to 1245.1 mg cyanidin-3-sophoroside eq. 100 g⁻¹ f.w., respectively. Individual compound quantitation highlighted a general content of each selected analyte ranging from hundreds µg to tens mg 100 g⁻¹ f.w.

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