

Table 1A The levels of LOD (limit of detection) and LOQ (limit of quantification) for all compounds used in experiment.

| compound | LOD mg 100 g ⁻¹ | LOQ mg 100 g ⁻¹ |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| lutein | 0.24 | 0.72 |
| zeaxanthin | 0.50 | 1.50 |
| beta-carotene | 4.00 | 12.00 |
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| gallic acid | 99.56 | 298.67 |
| chlorogenic acid | 0.40 | 1.20 |
| caffeic acid | 0.40 | 1.20 |
| <i>p</i> -coumaric acid | 4.00 | 12.00 |
| ferulic acid | 1.20 | 3.60 |
| | | |
| quercitin-3- <i>O</i> -glucoside | 17.54 | 52.63 |
| kaempferol-3- <i>O</i> -glucoside | 1.75 | 5.26 |
| myricetin | 0.89 | 2.67 |
| quercetin | 2.11 | 6.32 |
| quercetin-3- <i>O</i> -rutinoside | 1.40 | 4.21 |
| apigenin | 2.22 | 6.67 |
| kaempferol | 1.33 | 4.00 |
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| chlorophyll a | 4.67 | 14.00 |
| chlorophyll b | 14.20 | 42.60 |

Table 2A. The concentration of individual bioactive compounds (in mg 100 g⁻¹ of product) in selected herbs from organic and conventional production in 2017, mean values ±standard error

| bioactive compounds/experimental combination | basil | | bear's garlic | | marjoram | | oregano | | p-value |
|--|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------|
| | organic | conventional | organic | conventional | organic | conventional | organic | conventional | |
| total polyphenols | 1259.9±28.3 c | 742.7±78.8 d | 1791.1±19.8 b | 1754.2±46.2 b | 995.8±22.2 d | 1222.9±26.5 c | 3032.7±35.1 a | 980.2±11.4 d | <0.0001 |
| total phenolic acids | 388.8±32.1 c | 327.5±11.8 c | 1332.0±26.6 a | 1251.4±48.6 a | 467.2±21.6 c | 507.7±15.8 b | 754.1±21.5 b | 437.8±4.3 c | <0.0001 |
| gallic acid | 354.9±1.9 c | 304.8±13.7 c | 1227.8±26.3 a | 1088.2±50.2 a | 375.1±22.4 cb | 431.8±15.2b | 695.6±20.8 b | 347.4±1.4 bc | 0.0001 |
| chlorogenic acid | 4.1±0.3 c | 0.8±0.0 c | 101.4±0.3 a | 157.4±2.5 a | 1.3±0.1 c | 1.3±0.1 c | 8.3±0.1 b | 8.4±0.7 b | <0.0001 |
| caffeic acid | 2.4±0.1d d | 2.6±0.2 d | 2.8±0.1 d | 5.9±0.3 c | 8.5±0.2 b | 9.6±0.1 a | 2.0±0.1 d | 10.1±1.2 a | <0.0001 |
| p-coumaric acid | 20.8±0.3 d | 14.7±1.2 d | N.D. | N.D. | 61.9±0.7 a | 48.9±1.5 b | 36.3±2.4 c | 54.1±1.3 a | <0.0001 |
| ferulic acid | 6.7±0.1 c | 4.6±0.4 c | N.D. | N.D. | 20.4±0.2 a | 16.0±0.5 ab | 11.8±0.8 b | 17.7±0.4 a | <0.0001 |
| total flavonoids | 871.1±5.5 b | 415.2±67.6 d | 459.2±6.9 d | 502.8±11.7 c | 528.6±0.8 c | 715.2±14.1 b | 2278.6±13.6 a | 542.4±15.5 c | <0.0001 |
| quercetin-3-O-rutinoside | 9.1±0.1 c | 12.2±0.8 b | N.D. | N.D. | 10.5±0.4 b | 21.2±0.7 a | 8.9±0.3 c | 19.4±0.2 a | <0.0001 |
| kaempferol-3-O-glucoside | 6.4±0.6 d | N.D. | N.D. | N.D. | 11.9±0.2 c | 321.0±2.3 a | 160.2±8.2 b | N.D. | <0.0001 |
| myrcycetin | N.D. | N.D. | N.D. | N.D. | 116.0±1.3 a | 6.9±0.5 c | 48.3±0.3 b | 103.6±0.3 a | <0.0001 |
| quercetin | 7.2±0.1 d | 14.9±0.5 c | 32.5±0.7 a | 23.1±0.6 b | 6.9±0.1 e | 39.3±0.5 a | 15.9±0.1 c | 24.1±6.0 b | 0.0008 |
| quercetin-3-O-glucoside | 824.6±5.7 b | 359.9±61.0 d | 356.8±6.5 d | 427.4±10.2 c | 356.1±1.1 d | 324.5±11.0 d | 2000.7±11.1 a | 365.2±21.2 d | <0.0001 |
| apigenin | N.D. | N.D. | 69.8±0.4 a | 52.3±0.9 b | N.D. | N.D. | N.D. | N.D. | <0.0001 |
| kaempferol | 23.8±0.4 b | 25.0±0.4 b | N.D. | N.D. | 27.3±0.01b | N.D. | 44.5±0.4 a | 27.9±0.4 b | <0.0001 |
| total carotenoids | 23.0±0.3 c | 38.2±0.3 a | 24.8±0.2 c | 27.7±2.6b | 24.0±0.5c | 40.6±0.3 a | 23.1±1.1 c | 23.4±0.4 c | <0.0001 |
| lutein | 8.4±0.01 d | 9.3±0.01 c | 17.8±0.01 a | 8.8±0.01b | 9.7±0.01c | 8.4±0.01 d | 10.7±0.02 b | 7.7±0.01 e | <0.0001 |
| zeaxanthin | 1.7±0.01 a | 1.7±0.02 a | 1.9±0.01 a | 1.6±0.01a | 1.9±0.01a | 1.7±0.01 a | 1.7±0.01 a | 1.2±0.01 b | 0.024 |
| bata-carotene | 12.8±0.1 e | 12.9±0.1 e | 18.5±0.1 b | 30.1±2.3a | 13.2±0.3d | 13.1±0.2 d | 15.3±0.6 b | 14.5±0.3 c | <0.0001 |
| total chlorophylls | 58.0±4.1 f | 83.2±4.7 e | 204.6±9.3b | 505.2±46.1a | 120.5±5.8c | 91.6±4.5 d | 96.7±12.5 d | 56.3±3.0 f | <0.0001 |
| chlorophyll b | 38.6±3.8 e | 62.2±3.8 d | 147.7±2.6 b | 347.6±31.1a | 83.7±5.3c | 65.5±2.6 d | 63.5±8.6 d | 38.1±2.3 e | <0.0001 |
| chlorophyll a | 19.5±0.9 e | 21.0±0.9 d | 56.96.8 b | 157.6±15.0a | 36.8±1.0c | 26.2±0.5 d | 33.2±3.9 c | 18.2±0.7 f | <0.0001 |

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Table 3A. The concentration of individual bioactive compounds (in mg 100 g⁻¹ of product) in selected herbs from organic and conventional production in 2018, mean values ±standard error

| | basil | | bear's garlic | | marjoram | | oregano | | p-value |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------|
| | conventional | organic | conventional | organic | conventional | organic | conventional | organic | |
| total polyphenols | 1255.7±33.4 c | 762.0±78.0 e | 1996.8±24.1 b | 1939.6±53.4 b | 1022.8±25.6 d | 1267.1±27.4 c | 3009.3±37.8 a | 1003.6±9.1 d | <0.0001 |
| total phenolic acids | 436.7±36.8 d | 368.2±14.2 e | 1528.8±30.5 a | 1436.6±55.8 a | 507.2±25.0 c | 559.3±17.9 c | 848.9±24.3 b | 476.8±4.1 d | 0.0002 |
| gallic acid | 407.1±36.6 c | 349.6±15.7 d | 1408.4±30.2 a | 1248.2±57.6 a | 430.3±25.7 c | 495.3±17.5 c | 798.0±23.9 b | 398.5±1.6 cd | 0.0001 |
| chlorogenic acid | 4.6±0.4 c | N.D. | 117.6±0.4 a | 182.6±2.9 a | 1.4±0.0 d | 1.4±0.0 d | 9.5±0.1 b | 9.6±0.8 b | <0.0001 |
| caffeic acid | 2.4±0.1d d | 2.5±0.2 d | 2.7±0.1 d | 5.8±0.3 c | 8.4±0.2 b | 9.5±0.0 a | 2.0±0.0 d | 10.0±1.2 a | <0.0001 |
| p-coumaric acid | 17.2±0.2 d | 12.2±1.0 d | N.D. | N.D. | 50.6±0.6 a | 40.0±1.2 b | 29.8±2.0 c | 44.2±1.0 b | <0.0001 |
| ferulic acid | 5.5±0.1 d | 3.8±0.3 e | N.D. | N.D. | 16.6±0.2 a | 13.1±0.4 b | 9.6±0.7 c | 14.5±0.3 ab | <0.0001 |
| total flavonoids | 819.0±5.1 b | 393.8±64.6 e | 468.0±6.6 d | 503.0±11.1 c | 515.6±0.7 c | 707.8±13.3 b | 2160.4±13.4 a | 526.8±13.1 c | <0.0001 |
| quercetin-3-O-rutinoside | 7.3±0.1 c | 9.8±0.7 b | N.D. | N.D. | 8.4±0.3 c | 17.1±0.6 a | 7.1±0.2 c | 15.6±0.0 a | <0.0001 |
| kaempferol-3-O-glucoside | 6.7±0.6 | N.D. | N.D. | N.D. | 12.5±0.2 c | 336.5±2.4 a | 168.0±8.6 b | N.D. | <0.0001 |
| myricetin | N.D. | N.D. | 13.9±0.3 d | 3.2±0.0 e | 120.6±1.4 a | 7.0±0.5 d | 50.2±0.3 c | 107.8±0.3 b | <0.0001 |
| quercetin | 8.2±0.1 d | 17.2±0.7 c | 37.9±0.8 a | 26.9±0.7 b | 7.9±0.2 d | 45.8±0.6 a | 18.4±0.1 c | 28.0±7.0 b | 0.0008 |
| quercetin-3-O-glucoside | 765.9±5.3 b | 334.3±56.6 d | 331.4±6.0 d | 396.9±9.5 c | 330.7±1.1 d | 301.4±10.2 e | 1858.4±10.3 a | 339.2±19.7 d | <0.0001 |
| apigenin | N.D. | N.D. | 79.1±0.4 a | 59.2±1.0 b | N.D. | N.D. | N.D. | N.D. | <0.0001 |
| kaempferol | 31.0±0.5 b | 32.6±0.6 b | 5.8±0.1 d | 16.8±0.1 c | 35.5±0.0 b | N.D. | 58.3±0.5 a | 36.3±0.5 b | <0.0001 |
| total carotenoids | 23.6±0.4 c | 41.3±0.2 b | 25.8±0.6 c | 29.1±1.2 b | 24.9±0.3 c | 42.9±2.8 a | 23.9±0.3 c | 24.1±0.4 c | <0.0001 |
| lutein | 9.0±0.2c | 10.1±0.2 b | 20.3±0.2 a | 9.5±0.3 c | 10.5±0.3 b | 9.0±0.1 c | 11.8±0.4 b | 8.1±0.2 d | <0.0001 |
| zeaxanthin | 1.7±0.01 a | 1.9±0.01 a | 1.8±0.01 a | 1.6±0.01a | 1.7±0.01 a | 1.6±0.01 a | 1.7±0.01 a | 1.2±0.01b | 0.027 |
| bata-carotene | 13.0±0.1 d | 13.1±0.1 d | 19.1±0.2 b | 31.8±2.5a | 13.4±0.3 d | 13.2±0.2 d | 15.6±0.7 c | 14.8±0.3d | <0.0001 |
| total chlorophylls | 53.2±3.5 d | 74.3±4.1 c | 181.6±8.9b | 448.7±40.9a | 108.1±5.0 bc | 82.3±4.1 c | 87.6±11.1 c | 51.4±2.6d | <0.0001 |
| chlorophyll b | 33.8±3.1 e | 53.5±3.2 d | 125.1±2.1 b | 292.3±26.0a | 71.5±4.5 c | 56.2±2.2 d | 54.7±7.2d | 33.3±1.9e | <0.0001 |
| chlorophyll a | 19.4±0.9 d | 20.8±0.9 cd | 56.5±6.7 b | 156.4±14.9a | 36.6±1.0 b | 26.0±2.0 c | 33.0±3.9 b | 18.1±0.7e | <0.0001 |

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