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22 ABSTRACT

The impact of cooking heat treatments (frying in olive oil, frying in sunflower oil and 23 griddled) on the antioxidant capacity and (poly)phenolic compounds of onion, green 24 25 pepper and cardoon, was evaluated. The main compounds were quercetin and isorhamnetin derivates in onion, quercetin and luteolin derivates in green pepper 26 27 samples, and chlorogenic acids in cardoon. All heat treatments tended to increase the 28 concentration of phenolic compounds in vegetables suggesting a thermal destruction of cell walls and sub cellular compartments during the cooking process that favor the 29 release of these compounds. This increase, specially that observed for chlorogenic acids, 30 31 was significantly correlated with an increase in the antioxidant capacity measured by 32 DPPH (r=0.70). Griddled vegetables, because of the higher temperature applied during treatment in comparison with frying processes, showed the highest amounts of phenolic 33 34 compounds with increments of 57.35%, 25.55% and 203.06% compared to raw onion, 35 pepper and cardoon, respectively.

KEYWORDS: Phenolics; flavonoids; chlorogenic acids; antioxidants; vegetables; heat
 treatment

39 **1. Introduction**

The Mediterranean diet is characterized by the high consumption of fruit and 40 41 vegetables. The European Union produces a broad range of fruits and vegetables thanks to its varied climatic and topographic conditions and it is one of the main global 42 43 producers of some vegetables such as tomatoes, carrots and onions. Specifically, 5.7 million tonnes of onions were produced in 2013 in Europe, and Spain was one of the 44 main producer countries with around 21% of total onion production (Eurostat, 2014). 45 This high vegetables production favors their high consumption. Recent data indicate 46 47 that the consumption of fresh vegetables in Spain in 2014 was 260.96 g/capita/day (MAGRAMA, 2014). This consumption was increased around 31% since 2011 when 48 49 the intake of fresh vegetables was 179.17 g/capita/day (AECOSAN, 2011). Onion and 50 pepper are two of the most consumed vegetables in Spain, however there are lots of local vegetables as cardoon, chard or borage which have also a high acceptability 51 52 among population depending on the region (AECOSAN, 2011). In any case, plant foods 53 are the main source of dietary antioxidants, including phenolic compounds. (Poly)phenols rich foods have been reported to exhibit a wide range of biological effects 54 55 such as protective effects against cardiovascular diseases, neurodegenerative diseases and cancer, probably due to their ability to protect against oxidative damage in cells 56 (Del Rio, Rodriguez-Mateos, Spencer, Tognolini, Borges & Crozier, 2013; Rodriguez-57 Mateos et al. 2014). 58

59 Many dietary vegetables are usually eaten both crude or after cooking in different ways.
60 Culinary processes induce significant changes in foods such as water loss, changes in
61 the total fat content and in the fatty acid profile, degradation of thermolabile
62 compounds, and formation of others due to heat-induced chemical reactions (Miglio,
63 Chiavaro, Visconti, Fogliano & Pellegrini, 2008; Miranda et al. 2010). (Poly)phenolic

compounds can also be affected by thermal processes and, consequently the antioxidant 64 65 capacity of consumed vegetables too (Ramírez-Anaya, Samaniego-Sánchez, Castañada-Saucedo, Villalón-Mir & de la Derrana, 2015). There are some studies that report the 66 67 effect of heat treatment on antioxidant activity and (poly)phenolic compounds in vegetables. While boiling is the most investigated cooking method, few studies are 68 about frying process, both deep frying and pan frying (Palermo, Pellegrini & Fogliano, 69 2014) and as far as we know, only one study was found about the effect of griddling on 70 71 the antioxidant capacity of vegetables, (Jiménez-Monreal, García-Diz, Martínez-Tomé, Mariscal & Murcia, 2009), but none on the (poly)phenols profile. However, results 72 73 reported on the effect of heat treatment on the (poly)phenolic compounds are not clear cut. Onion is one of the most studied vegetables, nevertheless both losses and gains in 74 75 (poly)phenolic compounds after heat treatment are reported in the literature (Price, 76 Bacon & Rhodes, 1997; Crozier, Lean, Morag & Black, 1997; Ewald, Fjelkner-Modig, 77 Johansson, Sjöholm & Akesson, 1999; Lombard, Peffley, Geoffriau, Thompson & 78 Herring, 2005; Rhon, Buchner, Driemel, Rauser & Hroh, 2007; Rodrigues, Pérez-79 Gregorio, García-Falcón & Simal-Gándara, 2009; Harris, Bruton, Tiwari & Cummins, 2015). The studies found in literature about effect of heat treatment on green pepper are 80 focused on antioxidant activity, but not on (poly)phenolic compound profiles changes 81 (Jiménez-Monreal et al. 2009) and up to our knowledge, this is the first time where the 82 influence of heat treatment on antioxidant capacity and (poly)phenol compounds of 83 cardoon stalks (Cynara cardunculus L.) has been studied. Therefore, the aim of this 84 85 work was to study the impact of three cooking heat treatments (frying in olive oil, frying in sunflower oil and griddled) on the antioxidant capacity and (poly)phenolic 86 87 compound profiles of onion, green pepper and cardoon, commonly consumed as crude in salads and cooked in several ways in the mediterranean diet. 88

89 **2. Material and methods**

90 2.1 Chemical and reagents

Yellow onion (*Allium cepa*), sweet Italian green pepper (*Capsicum annuum*), cardoon
stalks (*Cynara cardunculus L*), olive oil and sunflower oil were obtained from local
stores.

94 The methanol and ethanol were of analytical grade from Panreac (Barcelona, Spain). 95 The methanol (HPLC grade) was purchased from Panreac (Barcelona, Spain). Trolox 96 (6-hydroxy-2,5,7,8-tetramethylchroman-2-carboxylic acid), 2,2'-azinobis (3ethylbenzothiazonile-6-sulfonic acid) diammonium salt (ABTS), 2,2-diphenyl-1-97 98 picrylhydrazyl (DPPH·), as well as the standards used for identification and 99 quantification of phenolic compounds (quercetin, luteolin, isorhamnetin, 5caffeoylquinic acid and caffeic acid), were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (Steinheim, 100 101 Germany).

102 2.2 Samples preparation

103 Chopped vegetables (yellow onion, green pepper, and cardoon stalks) (300 g) were fried 104 with olive or sunflower oils (30 mL) at 115 °C for 10 minutes in a non-stick frying pan. 105 Then, temperature was decreased to 108 °C for 5 minutes. Chopped vegetables were 106 also submitted to heating at 150 °C for 10 minutes and then at 110 °C for 5 minutes in a 107 non-stick griddle without oil addition. Then, raw and cooked vegetables were 108 lyophilized in a freeze dryer Cryodos-80 (Telstar, Terrasa, Spain), and stored at -18°C 109 until analysis.

110 2.3. Vegetables extracts

111 Vegetables extracts were prepared according to Siddiq et al. (2013) with some 112 modifications. Briefly, thirty mL of ethanol/water (80/20) was added to 2 grams of

113 lyophilized vegetables. The content was mixed on a mechanical shaker for 1 hour at 114 room temperature and then centrifuged at 4000 rpm for 10 minutes. Supernatant was 115 collected and residues were re-extracted twice using 10 mL of ethanol 80% by 116 vortexing (1 minute) and centrifuged at 4000 rpm for 5 minutes. All three supernatants 117 were combined and frozen at -18°C for antioxidant capacity and UHPLC-PDA-HR-MS 118 analysis.

119 2.4. Antioxidant capacity by ABTS assay

120 The ABTS antioxidant capacity was performed according to the method of Re, Pellegrini, Proteggente, Pannala, Yang & Rice-Evans, (1999). The radicals ABTS⁺⁺ 121 122 were generated by the addition of 0.36 mM potassium persulfate to a 0.9 mM ABTS solution prepared in phosphate buffered saline (PBS) (pH 7.4), and the ABTS⁺⁺solution 123 was stored in darkness for 12 h. The ABTS⁺⁺ solution was adjusted with PBS to an 124 125 absorbance of 0.700 (±0.020) at 734 nm in a 3 mL capacity cuvette (1 cm length) at 25 126 °C (Lambda 25 UV–VIS spectrophotometer, Perkin-Elmer Instruments, Madrid, Spain). An aliquot of 100 µL of each vegetable extract sample properly diluted in demineralized 127 water, was added to 2 mL of ABTS++ solution. The absorbance was measured 128 spectrophotometrically at 734 nm after exactly 18 min. Calibration was performed with 129 130 Trolox solution (a water-soluble vitamin E analog), and the antioxidant capacity was expressed as micromoles of Trolox equivalent per gram of dry matter sample (umol 131 Trolox/g dm). 132

133 2.5. Antioxidant capacity by DPPH assay

The antioxidant capacity was also measured using 2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH[•]) decolorization assay (Brand-Williams, Cuvelier, & Berset, 1995) with some modifications. A 6.1×10^{-5} M DPPH[•] methanolic solution was prepared immediately before use. The DPPH[•] solution was adjusted with methanol to an absorbance of 0.700 138 (± 0.020) at 515 nm in a 3 mL capacity cuvette (1 cm length) at 25 °C (Lambda 25 UV– 139 VIS spectrophotometer, Perkin-Elmer Instruments, Madrid, Spain). Vegetable extracts 140 were properly diluted in demineralized water prior to analysis. Samples (50 µL) were 141 added to 1.95 mL of the DPPH[•] solution. After mixing, the absorbance was measured at 142 515 nm after exactly 18 min. Calibration was performed with Trolox solution (a water-143 soluble vitamin E analog). The antioxidant capacity was expressed as micromoles of 144 Trolox equivalent per gram of dry matter sample (µmol Trolox/g dm).

145 2.6. (Poly)phenolic compounds by UHPLC-PDA-HR-MS

(Poly)phenolic compounds were analysed using an UPLC with a PDA detector scanning 146 147 from 200-600 nm, equipped with an autosampler cooled at 4 °C (Dionex Ultimate 3000 148 RS, Thermo Corporation) and an Exactive[™] Orbitrap mass spectrometer fitted with a 149 heated electrospray ionization probe (HESI) (Thermo Fisher Scientific, San José, USA). Chromatographic separation was performed at 40 °C on a Kinetex 5 µm RP 250 x 150 151 4,6 mm reversed phase column (Phenomenex, Macclesfield, UK). Ten microliter of 152 each ethanolic extract was analysed using an 80 min 5 to 50 % gradient of acetonitrile in 153 0.1 % aqueous formic acid at a constant flow rate of 1 mL/min. After passing the PDA 154 flow cell, the eluate was split and 0.2 mL/min was directed to the mass spectrometer 155 with the HESI operating in negative ionization mode. Analysis was carried out in fullscan (100-800 m/z) and full-scan with In-Source Collision-induced dissociation (CID) 156 157 (100-800 m/z; CID 25.0 eV). Capillary temperature was 300°C; sheath gas and auxiliary gas were 60 and 20 units/min, respectively; source voltage was 4.0 kV. 158 159 Identification was achieved by comparing the exact mass and retention time with pure 160 reference standards. In absence of standards, compounds were tentatively identified by comparing the theoretical exact mass of the molecular ion with the experimentally 161 measured accurate mass of the molecular ion. In addition identification was confirmed 162

by the appearance of typical fragments produced from the molecular ion. Quantification 163 was performed by PDA at 325 nm for caffeic acid glucosides and chlorogenic acids, and 164 at 360 nm for quercetin-, isorhamnetin-, luteolin-, and apigenin derivatives. Typical 165 166 UPLC-PDA chromatograms of griddled onion, griddled pepper and griddled cardoon are shown in Figure 1. Caffeic acid glucoside was expressed as caffeic acid equivalents 167 by reference to a 0.2–20 µg/mL caffeic acid calibration curve; chlorogenic acids were 168 quantified as 5-Caffeoylquinic acid equivalents by reference to a 0.2-20 µg/mL 5-CQA 169 170 calibration curve; and quercetin-, isorhamnetin-, luteolin-, and apigenin derivatives were quantified by reference to 0.2-20 µg/mL calibration curves of their respective 171 aglycones. 172

173 2.7. Statistical analysis

Each parameter was analysed in triplicate. Results are shown as the mean ± standard deviation (SD). One-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) was applied for each parameter. A Tukey test was applied as *a posteriori* test with a level of significance of 95%. Principal Component Analysis (PCA), based on Pearson's correlation matrix, was applied in order to study the effect of heat treatment. All statistical analyses were performed using the STATA v.12.0 software package.

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181 **3. Results and discussion**

Total of seven flavonoids were identified and quantified in onion samples. All of them were glucosides of quercetin and isorhamnetin. Aglycones of these two flavonoids were not detected. Other minor flavonoids such as kaempferol, luteolin and myricetin derivates, or phenolic acids identified in onion by other authors were not detected in our samples, probably due to differences in onion variety, as well as other factors like

cultivar (Sellappan & Akoh, 2002; Lanzotti 2006; Rodriguez Galdón, Rodríguez 187 188 Rodríguez & Díaz Romero, 2008; Lu, Ross, Powers & Rasco, 2011; Simin et al. 2013). The most abundant compounds in onion were three quercetin derivates, one quercetin 189 190 glucoside and two quercetin diglucosides, which accounted approximately for 90% of 191 total flavonoids in all samples (Table 1). This is similar to the percentage of quercetin diglucosides and monoglucosides (83-93% of the total flavonols content) reported by 192 Lombard et al.(2005) in different raw onions varieties. The total flavonoid content in 193 194 raw onion obtained by addition of every identified flavonoids by HPLC, was 12.43 mg/ 100g fresh weight. This concentration is higher than that reported by Rodriguez Galdon 195 196 et al. (2008) (7.48-9.92 mg/100g fresh weight) but in the lower values of the majority data range described in the literature (12.21 - 62.1 mg/100 g fresh weight) (Lombard et 197 al. 2005; Bonaccorsi, Caristi, Gargiulli & Leuzzi, 2005; Sellappan et al. 2002), maybe 198 199 due to the onion variety taking into account that red onion tends to have higher amounts 200 of flavonoids than yellow ones (Nuutila, Puupponen-Pimiä, Aarni & Oksman-201 Caldentey, 2003; Lombard et al 2005). In all studies found, quercetin and quercetin 202 derivates were also the main compounds in raw onion.

203 Griddled onion showed the highest amount of flavonoids with an increment of 57.35% compared to raw. Aditionally, the use of olive oil for frying resulted in a higher increase 204 205 of flavonoids (34.55%) than the use of sunflower oil (15.44%). Ouercetin derivates 206 present a higher thermal stability than isorhamnetin derivates, since all phenolic 207 compounds increased with the exception of isorhamnetin glucoside, that dicreased 208 around 90%, remaining quercetin derivates the most abundant after cooking process. However, in literature, both losses and gains in quercetin derivates content after cooking 209 210 process of onions have been reported depending on the heat treatment conditions. Quercetin derivates did not significantly change when brown-skinned onion was fried 211

during 5 minutes, whereas at higher frying times (15 minutes) decreased significantly 212 213 (Price et al. 1997). Lombard et al. (2005) also showed how different heat treatments 214 could affect phenolic content; baking or sauteing increased concentrations of 215 predominant quercetin derivates in 25% and 7%, respectively, compared to raw onions 216 as in the present study, while boiling decreased total flavonoid concentration in 18%. However, other authors reported that frying process induced 21-39% losses of 217 flavonoids in onion (Crozier et al. 1997; Ewald et al. 1999) while others reported no 218 219 significantly changes in the total levels of quercetin diglucoside and monoglucoside (Rodrigues et al. 2009). In the present study, all compounds tended to increase after 220 cooking process, but molar ratio of quercetin diglucoside/quercetin glucoside decreases 221 with the frying process. In onion fried in olive oil and in sunflower oil, quercetin 222 diglucoside/glucoside had ratios of 0.74 and 0.72, respectively, lower than that of the 223 raw onion (0.83). These results suggest that during frying process, glucosides of the 224 225 diglucosides thermohydrolyzed producing quercetin are the corresponding 226 monoglucoside as discussed by several authors (Rhon et al. 2007; Rodrigues et al. 2009). However in griddled onion, total onion quercetin diglucosides significantly 227 increased, probably due to the degradation of other quercetin derivates such as quercetin 228 triglucoside, that may be strongly linked to other structures in the food matrix and thus 229 230 have not been fully extracted. The softening effect of the cooking process of vegetables, in this case mainly griddling in onion, due to heat-induced wall and cells ruptures can 231 also affect (poly)phenolic extractability (Palermo et al., 2014; Harris et al. 2015). 232 233 Although some authors reported that quercetin monoglucoside can be also deglycosilated by thermohydrolysis to the corresponding aglycon (Rohn et al., 2007, 234 235 Rodrigues et al. 2009), no quercetin or isorhamnetin aglycons were detected after 236 cooking process in the present work in agreement with Harris et al. (2015), probably

due to both heat degradation and contribution of the formation of Maillard reaction
products, like melanoidins (Pérez-Jiménez, Díaz-Rubio, Mesías, Morales & SauraCalixto, 2014).

240 The increment of phenolic compounds corresponded with an increase in antioxidant capacity measured by DPPH assay (Figure 2A). DPPH tended to be higher in cooked 241 242 onions, specially in griddled onion, however this increase was not significant. No data of DPPH in cooked onion were found in literature. On the contrary, raw onion showed 243 the highest antioxidant capacity measured by ABTS (162.10 \pm 1.33 µol Trolox / g 244 245 sample dm) (Figure 2B) and it decreased with the heat treatment, maybe due to the degradation of non phenolic antioxidants. These results disagree with those reported by 246 247 some authors where no losses or increases in the ABTS antioxidant activity of onion after frying and griddling were found (Jimenez-Monreal et al. 2009; Pellegrini, Miglio, 248 249 Del Rio, Salvatore, Serafini & Brighenti, 2009).

A total of twelve flavonoids and three phenolic acids were identified in green pepper 250 251 (Table 2). Flavonoid compounds (quercetin and luteolin derivates) were the main (poly)phenols, accounting for more than 90% of total phenolic compounds in all 252 samples. As well as in onion samples, no aglycone flavonoids were detected. Quercetin 253 rhamnoside and luteolin 7-O-(2-apiosyl-6-malonyl) glucoside were the most abundant 254 255 in all green pepper samples, accounting for around 80% of total phenolic compounds. 256 These results are in agreement with those reported in previous studies in raw green pepper (Marín, Ferreres, Tomás-Barberán & Gil, 2004). In green pepper, also an 257 increase of the total (poly)phenolic compounds after heat treatment was observed. 258 259 Griddled pepper showed the highest amount of phenolic compounds (0.96 mg (poly)phenolic compounds/ g sample dm). Frying also induced an increase of 260 (poly)phenolic compounds, but the use of olive oil for frying resulted in a lower 261

increase in flavonoids, and therefore in total (poly)phenolic compounds (48.14%) than
with sunflower oil (103.70%). Caffeic acid derivates, as well as luteolin hexosidepentosides and luteolin glucosides, were only found after heat treatment.

As well as in onion samples, the increase in the identified (poly)phenolic compounds by 265 HPLC also agree with a high antioxidant activity measured by DPPH, with the 266 267 exception of green pepper fried with olive oil (Figure 2A). By contrast, some authors 268 indicated that radical-scavenging activity (DPPH) differences between raw and stir frying in different pepper samples, including green ones, were not significant (Chuah, 269 270 Lee, Yamaguchi, Takamura, Yin & Motaba, 2008) or even losses were observed in red 271 pepper (Hwang et al. 2012). These differences, as well as in onion, could be due to 272 different pepper variety and cultivars. On the other hand, and as well as in onion samples, antioxidant activity measured by ABTS assay decreased after heat treatment 273 274 (Figure 2B) probably due to degradation of thermolabile non-phenolic antioxidants. 275 This decrease was lower in griddled pepper (32.92%) in comparison to green pepper 276 fried with sunflower oil (62.41%) and with olive oil (80.80%). Previous studies also reported losses on scavening capacity (ABTS) in peppers after frying (30-50% losses) 277 278 and griddling (5-30% losses), but lower because time is shorter (up to 8 min vs 15 min in the present study) (Jimenez-Monreal et al. 2009). 279

Cardoon is a vegetable from the species of *Cynara cardunculus* L. Some parts of the plant can be edible. In Navarra and other Spanish regions, stalks are consumed fresh in salads (when they are soft) or in typical meals applying frying or griddling. Although several studies about composition and total phenolic compounds of different varieties and parts of *Cynara cardunculus* L. have been found, up to our knowledge only one included stalks, however it is focused on total phenolic compounds by Folin Ciocalteu method and not in the (poly)phenolic profile by HPLC (Velez et al. 2012). In contrast to 287 the phenolic compounds characteristics of onion and green pepper, the most abundant 288 (poly)phenols of cardoon were chlorogenic acids (four caffeoylquinic acids (CQA), six diccaffeoylquinic acids (diCQA), three succinyldicaffeoylquinic acids (succinyldiCQA) 289 290 and one disuccinyldicaffeoylquinic acid (dicuccinyldiCQA) (Table 3). These last compounds were reported for the first time in raw cardoon leaves (C. cardunculus L.) 291 by Pinelli et al. (2007). In the cardoon stalks of the present study, 5-CQA, 3,5-diCQA 292 293 and 1,5-diCQA were the most abundant compounds, accounting for 80-90% of total 294 (poly)phenolic compounds detected by HPLC in all samples. Traces of some flavonoids were also detected in cardoon, mainly in griddled one. Up to our knowledge, this is the 295 296 first time where the influence of heat treatment on antioxidant capacity and (poly)phenol compounds of cardoon stalks (Cynara cardunculus L.) has been studied. 297 The total amount of (poly)phenolic compounds identified by HPLC increased after heat 298 299 treatment. Chlorogenic acids can be found free, but also ionically or covalently attached 300 to other food structures, like melanoidin. DiCQAs, where the addition of a caffeic acid 301 moiety increases the hydroxyl groups, can ionically interact with other macromolecules 302 (Monente, Ludwig, Irigoyen, de Peña & Cid, 2015). The softening effect of the cooking process of vegetable due to heat-induced wall and cells ruptures can affect 303 (poly)phenolic extractability (Palermo et al., 2014), so heat treatment could hydrolyzed 304 305 and release those compounds from the food matrix. The increment in total 306 (poly)phenolic compounds was higher in griddled cardoon (203.06%) than in cardoon 307 fried in sunflower oil (44.25%) and in cardoon fried in olive oil (25.47%). This could be 308 due to the higher temperature applied during griddled treatment than that applied during 309 frying processes, which might favor the release of these compounds from the food 310 matrix, specially 5CQA which increased dramatically after griddling process probably 311 due to the hydrolysis of diCQAs compounds. On the other hand, the less increment in

fried samples may be due to the slight decrease of 5-CQA after frying processes both with olive and sunflower oils, maybe due to isomerization into other CQAs. These results are in agreement with Ferrare et al. (2008) which confirmed that cooking practices caused a marked intramolecular transesterification of caffeoylquinic acid.

316 Highly significant correlations were found between 5-CQA, total CQAs, total diCQAs and total succinvldiCQAs, and antioxidant capacity measured by DPPH assay (r=0.70, 317 p<0.001), becoming griddled cardoon the most antioxidant sample. Contrary to onion 318 319 and pepper samples, DPPH values did not increase in cardoon fried with sunflower oil, but as well as in pepper samples, a loss of scavening activity (DPPH) took place in 320 samples fried with olive oil (Figure 2A). On the other hand, ABTS assay showed higher 321 values in cardoon after fried with sunflower oil, and specially after griddled, than raw 322 samples (Figure 2B). 323

324 Principal Component Analysis (PCA) has been applied to evaluate at a glance the 325 influence of heat treatment on the antioxidant activity and (poly)phenolic compounds of 326 different vegetables. Figure 3 shows the bidimensional representation of all the 327 variables (Figure 3A) and vegetables samples (Figure 3B) according to the two selected Principal Components (PC). PC1 (48.89% of the total variance) was mainly 328 characterized by phenolic compounds, quercetin and isorrhamnetin derivates on the left 329 330 half graphic, and chlorogenic acids, as well as the scavenging activity measured by DPPH, on the right half graphic. According to this, cardoon samples which are 331 characterized by the presence of chlorogenic acids and higher antioxidant capacity than 332 333 onion and pepper samples, are found in the right part of the graphic. In the left half part, there are vegetable samples characterized by flavonoids, specifically quercetin and 334 335 isorhamnetin derivates in onion and in lesser extent in green pepper. PC2, which explained 29.64% of the total variance, is characterized by luteolin and caffeic acid 336

337 derivates. In fact, luteolin derivates are the characteristic (poly)phenolic compounds of 338 green pepper samples. Despite each vegetable is grouped according to its characteristic (poly)phenolic compounds, it can be observed how cooked vegetables, particularly 339 340 griddled samples, tend to increase the concentration of phenolic compounds, being in the extremes positions. This increase, specially that observed for chlorogenic acids 341 (CQAs, diCQAs and succinvldiCQAs), was significantly correlated with an increase in 342 the antioxidant capacity measured by DPPH (r=0.70, p<0.001). In fact, griddled 343 344 cardoon is the vegetable with both, the highest amount of phenolic compounds and the highest scavenging activity (DPPH). The higher temperature during griddling than that 345 346 applied during frying might favor the release of all these polyphenolic compounds from the food matrix. However, scavenging capacity measured by ABTS remained 347 348 unexplained by the identified (poly)phenolic compounds, but it might be related to other 349 nonphenolic antioxidants present in vegetables.

4. Conclusions

351 All heat treatments tended to increase the (poly)phenols content in vegetables 352 suggesting a thermal destruction of cell walls and sub cellular compartments during the 353 cooking process that favor the release of these compounds. Griddled vegetables, 354 because of the higher temperature applied during treatment in comparation with frying processes, showed the highest amounts of phenolic compounds with increments of 355 356 57.35%, 25.55% and 203.06% compared to raw onion, pepper and cardoon, respectively. Although, up to now, there is no direct relationship between chemical 357 extractability and bioaccesibility, the rupture of the plant structures could facilitate the 358 action of gastrointestinal enzymes and might increase the bioavailability of 359 360 (poly)phenolic compounds and, consequently, their health benefits. However, further research is required to investigate if the increase in (poly)phenolic compounds, caused 361

362 by heat treatment also increases the bioavailability of these compounds after363 consumption.

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 Table 1. (Poly)phenolic compounds in raw and cooked onions (fried in olive oil, fried in sunflower oil and griddled). Results are expressed as mean ± standard deviation (mg/g sample dm).

Peak no.	Compound	Raw	Fried in olive oil	Fried in sunflower oil	Griddled
1 2 3 5 6	Quercetin triglucoside Quercetin diglucoside I Quercetin diglucoside II Quercetin glucoside I Quercetin glucoside II Total Quercetin derivates	$\begin{array}{c} 0.01 \pm 0.00 \\ 0.22 \pm 0.00 \\ ^{a} \\ 0.35 \pm 0.00 \\ ^{a} \\ 0.04 \pm 0.00 \\ ^{b} \\ 0.64 \pm 0.01 \\ ^{a} \\ \textbf{1.26 \pm 0.01} \\ ^{a} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.01 \pm 0.00 \ ^{a} \\ 0.30 \pm 0.01 \ ^{a} \\ 0.42 \pm 0.01 \ ^{b} \\ 0.02 \pm 0.00 \ ^{a} \\ 0.95 \pm 0.01 \ ^{c} \\ \mathbf{1.71 \pm 0.03} \ ^{bc} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.01 \pm 0.00 \\ 0.24 \pm 0.03 \\ a \\ 0.38 \pm 0.02 \\ a \\ 0.02 \pm 0.00 \\ a \\ 0.83 \pm 0.00 \\ b \\ \textbf{1.48 \pm 0.05} \\ a \\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.01 \pm 0.00 \\ ^{a}\\ 0.35 \pm 0.06 \\ ^{a}\\ 0.56 \pm 0.03 \\ ^{c}\\ 0.03 \pm 0.00 \\ ^{ab}\\ 1.02 \pm 0.04 \\ ^{c}\\ \textbf{1.96 \pm 0.12} \\ ^{c}\end{array}$
4 7	Isorhamnetin diglucoside Isorhamnetin glucoside Total Isorhamnetin derivates Total Flavonoids	0.02 ± 0.00 ^a 0.08 ± 0.00 ^a 0.10 ± 0.01 ^a 1.36 ± 0.01 ^a	0.12 ± 0.02 ^{bc} 0.01 ± 0.00 ^a 0.13 ± 0.02 ^{ab} 1.83 ± 0.05 ^{bc}	0.09 ± 0.02 ^b 0.01 ± 0.00 ^a 0.10 ± 0.02 ^a 1.57 ± 0.07 ^{ab}	0.17 ± 0.02 ^c 0.01 ± 0.00 ^a 0.18 ± 0.01 ^b 2.14 ± 0.14 ^c

Different letters for each row indicate significant differences (p \leq 0.05) among samples

 Table 2. (Poly)phenolic compounds in raw and cooked green pepper (fried in olive oil, fried in

sunflower oil and griddled). Results are expressed as mean ± standard deviation (mg/g sample

dm).

Peak	Compound	Raw	Fried in	Fried in	Griddled
no.	Compound		olive oil	sunflower oil	
4	Quercetin rhamnoside glucoside I	nd ^a	0.01 ± 0.00^{a}	0.01 ± 0.00^{a}	0.01 ± 0.00^{a}
11	Quercetin rhamnoside glucoside II	nd ^a	0.01 ± 0.00^{a}	0.01 ± 0.00^{a}	0.02 ± 0.00^{b}
6	Quercetin 3-sambubioside-7-rhamnoside	0.01 ± 0.00^{a}	0.01 ± 0.00^{a}	0.01 ± 0.00^{a}	0.02 ± 0.00^{a}
14	Quercetin rhamnoside	0.17 ± 0.00^{a}	0.19 ± 0.02^{ab}	0.24 ± 0.01^{b}	$0.42 \pm 0.01^{\circ}$
13	Quercetin glucoside	0.01 ± 0.00^{a}	0.02 ± 0.00^{a}	0.04 ± 0.00^{ab}	0.06 ± 0.00^{b}
	Total Quercetin derivates	0.18 ± 0.41^{a}	0.23 ± 0.02^{a}	0.32 ± 0.02^{b}	0.53 ± 0.01 ^c
9	Luteolin glucoside I	nd ^a	tr ^a	0.01 ± 0.00^{a}	0.01 ± 0.00^{a}
10	Luteolin glucoside II	nd ^a	tr ^a	0.01 ± 0.00^{a}	0.02 ± 0.00^{a}
5	Luteolin hexoside pentoside I	nd ^a	tr ^a	0.01 ± 0.00^{a}	0.01 ± 0.00^{a}
7	Luteolin hexoside pentoside II	nd ^a	tr ^a	trª	trª
8	Luteolin hexoside pentoside III	nd ^a	tr ^a	trª	0.01 ± 0.00^{a}
12	Luteolin 7-O-(2-apiosyl)glucoside	nd ^a	0.01 ± 0.00^{a}	0.01 ± 0.00^{a}	0.02 ± 0.00^{a}
15	Luteolin 7-O-(2-apiosyl-6-malonyl)glucoside	0.08 ± 0.01^{a}	0.12 ± 0.02^{ab}	0.16 ± 0.00^{b}	$0.29 \pm 0.02^{\circ}$
	Total Luteolin derivates	0.08 ± 0.01^{a}	0.15 ± 0.02 ^b	0.20 ± 0.00 ^b	0.37 ± 0.02 ^c
	Total Flavonoids	0.26 ± 0.02 ^a	0.38 ± 0.04^{b}	0.52 ± 0.02 ^c	0.90 ± 0.03^{d}
1	Caffeic acid glucoside I	ndª	tr ^a	tr ^a	tr ^a
2	Caffeic acid glucoside II	tr ^a	tr ^a	0.01 ± 0.00^{a}	0.03 ± 0.00^{b}
	Total Caffeic acid derivates	0.00 ± 0.00^{a}	0.00 ± 0.00^{a}	0.01 ± 0.00^{a}	0.03 ± 0.00^{a}
3	CQA	0.01 ± 0.00^{a}	0.02 ± 0.00^{ab}	0.02 ± 0.00^{ab}	0.03 ± 0.00^{b}
	Total CQA derivates	0.01 ± 0.00^{a}	0.02 ± 0.00^{ab}	0.02 ± 0.00^{ab}	0.03 ± 0.00^{b}
	Total Phenolic acids	0.01 ± 0.00^{a}	0.02 ± 0.00 ^a	0.03 ± 0.00^{a}	0.06 ± 0.00^{b}

Different letters for each row indicate significant differences ($p \le 0.05$) among samples.

nd: no detected, tr: traces.

Table 3. (Poly)phenolic compounds in raw and cooked cardoon (fried in olive oil, fried in sunflower oil and griddle). Results are expressed as mean ± standard deviation (mg/g sample dm).

Peak	Compound	Raw	Fried in	Fried in	Griddled
no.	compound		olive oil	sunflower oil	
1	CQA I	0.03 ± 0.00^{a}	0.07 ± 0.00^{a}	0.08 ± 0.00^{a}	0.06 ± 0.00^{a}
2	CQA II	0.03 ± 0.01^{a}	0.03 ± 0.00^{a}	0.05 ± 0.00^{a}	0.08 ± 0.00^{a}
3	5- CQA	$3.32 \pm 0.15^{\circ}$	2.84 ± 0.05^{a}	$3.05 \pm 0.05^{\circ}$	7.29 ± 0.35 ^b
4	CQA III	$0.08 \pm 0.00^{\circ}$	0.03 ± 0.00^{a}	0.04 ± 0.01^{b}	0.03 ± 0.00^{a}
	Total CQAs acids	3.46 ± 0.02^{a}	2.98 ± 0.05 ^a	$3.22 \pm 0.05^{\circ}$	7.46 ± 0.35 ^b
6	1,3- diCQA	nd ^a	nd ^a	0.03 ± 0.00^{a}	0.02 ± 0.00^{a}
7	3,4- diCQA	tr ^a	0.07 ± 0.00^{b}	$0.10 \pm 0.00^{\circ}$	0.12 ± 0.00^{d}
8	1,4- diCQA	nd ^a	0.07 ± 0.00^{b}	$0.10 \pm 0.01^{\circ}$	0.12 ± 0.00^{d}
9	3,5- diCQA	0.90 ± 0.04^{a}	1.61 ± 0.01^{b}	$2.01 \pm 0.06^{\circ}$	4.42 ± 0.15^{d}
10	1,5- diCQA	0.47 ± 0.02^{a}	1.08 ± 0.06^{b}	$1.26 \pm 0.02^{\circ}$	2.10 ± 0.02^{d}
11	4,5- diCQA	0.03 ± 0.00^{a}	$0.29 \pm 0.02^{\circ}$	0.25 ± 0.01^{b}	0.43 ± 0.01^{d}
	Total DiCQAs acids	1.41 ± 0.06 ^ª	3.12 ± 0.07 ^b	3.76 ± 0.08 ^c	7.21 ± 0.18 ^d
12	SuccinyldiCQA I	0.13 ± 0.01^{a}	0.32 ± 0.01^{b}	$0.40 \pm 0.00^{\circ}$	0.64 ± 0.00^{d}
13	SuccinyldiCQA II	0.18 ± 0.00^{b}	0.11 ± 0.00^{a}	0.13 ± 0.00^{a}	$0.47 \pm 0.01^{\circ}$
14	SuccinyldiCQA III	0.01 ± 0.00^{a}	tr ^a	tr ^a	0.01 ± 0.00^{a}
16	DisuccinyldiCQA	0.02 ± 0.00^{a}	0.01 ± 0.00^{a}	0.02 ± 0.00^{a}	0.02 ± 0.00^{a}
	Total SuccinyldiCQAs acids	$0.35 \pm 0.02^{\circ}$	0.45 ± 0.12 ^b	0.55 ± 0.00 ^c	1.14 ± 0.01 ^d
	Total Chlorogenic acids	5.22 ± 0.09^{a}	6.55 ± 0.13 ^b	7.53 ± 0.14 ^b	15.82 ± 0.54 ^c
15	Apigenin glucoside	ndª	nd ^a	nd ^a	tr ^a
5	Luteolin glucoside	trª	tr ^a	tr ^a	0.02 ± 0.00^{b}
	Total Flavonoids	tr ^a	tr ^a	tr ^a	0.02 ± 0.00^{b}

Different letters for each row indicate significant differences ($p \le 0.05$) among samples.

Nd: no detected, tr: traces



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