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Abstract: Foods with high added value, such as Iberian dry-cured products, are 26 27 susceptible to fraud. Many attempts have been made to differentiate the commercial/quality categories of Iberian dry-cured hams by analytical determinations. 28 29 However, as discrimination by such means is not fully reliable, legislation to prevent fraudulent practice is based on administrative controls and certification. Here, new 30 31 analytical approaches based on ultrahigh resolution mass spectrometry (UHRMS) and 32 crystallographic techniques applied to the lipid fraction, in combination with chemometrics, are studied. The results of the triacylglycerol profile determined by 33 UHRMS and the fingerprint provided by the thermograms obtained by differential 34 35 scanning calorimetry offer the promise of analytic discrimination of Iberian dry-cured ham categories. In addition, these determinations, in combination with chemometrics, 36 37 may prove extremely useful to authenticate many foods containing high to moderate 38 amounts of lipids. 39 **Keywords:** food authentication; polymorphic fingerprint; differential scanning 40 calorimetry; synchrotron radiation; ultrahigh resolution mass spectrometry; 41 42 chemometrics

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Abbreviations: DSC, differential scanning calorimetry; FA, fatty acid; FWHM, full
width at half maximum; GC-FID, gas chromatography-flame ionization detection; NIR,
near-infrared; PCA, principal component analysis; PLS-DA, partial least squares–
discriminant analysis; PSPC, position sensitive proportional counters; RDB, rings plus
double bonds equivalents; RMSEcv, root mean square errors of cross-validation; SAXD
small-angle X-ray diffraction; SR, synchrotron radiation; TAG, triacylglycerol; TOM,

- thermo-optical polarized microscopy; UHRMS, ultrahigh resolution mass spectrometry;
 WAXD, wide-angle X-ray diffraction; XRD, X-ray diffraction.
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54 **1.Introduction**

55 Iberian dry-cured ham is a traditional Spanish product that is greatly appreciated for its sensory characteristics and is associated with top quality gastronomy around the world. 56 The economic impact of this sector is important; near to 9 million dry-cured hams and 57 58 shoulders were produced in 2013 in Spain (RIBER, 2015). The socio-economic 59 importance of pigs in Europe dates back to about 3000 BC, when the inhabitants of many farming villages cultivated a variety of crops, and raised cattle, sheep, goats and 60 pigs (Waterbolk, 1968). In Spain, during the pre-Roman period, the pig was represented 61 in several objects and megalithic sculptures (4th-2nd century BC) by the Iberian Celtic 62 peoples (Álvarez-Sanchís, 2008; Cerdeño, & Cabanes, 1994). Several Roman 63 documents attest to the importance of pig breeding and the production of salted dry-64 hams in Hispania (Bello, 2008; Laguna, 1999). The pigs bred by the Celts and Romans 65 66 might be the ancestors of the current local breed (Iberian).

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Nowadays, Iberian pigs (pure breed or crossed with Duroc) are raised under different 68 69 rearing systems and some of their dry-cured products (hams, shoulders and loins) are classified accordingly into three commercial categories with different quality 70 71 characteristics (named Cebo, Cebo de campo and Bellota). Briefly, according to the 72 Spanish legislation (Royal Decree 4/2014, 2014), the main differences between these categories are that *Bellota* products come from pigs with a final fattening period in oak 73 74 forests (called *dehesas*) during which they eat exclusively acorns, grass and other 75 natural resources of the pasture (minimum duration of this fattening period: 60 days;

76 minimum weight gain: 46 kg); while Cebo de campo and Cebo products come from 77 pigs fed commercial feeds throughout their life, but in the case of Cebo de campo the animals roam in a pasture for at least 60 days prior to slaughter during which time they 78 79 eat mainly commercial feeds. The rearing and feeding differences during the final fattening period yield different lipid deposition in adipose tissue and intramuscular fat, 80 81 which influences the sensory quality of the dry-cured products (Tejeda, Gandemer, 82 Antequera, Viau, & García, 2002). In addition, consumers greatly appreciate the sensory attributes of Bellota dry-cured products, which are much more expensive than the rest of 83 Iberian dry-cured products. Moreover, livestock grazing in the dehesa contributes to 84 85 preserving this valuable landscape and its extraordinary biodiversity. The pruning and reforesting of oaks are very important to maintain acorn production to feed Iberian pigs 86 during the final fattening period and to preserve this ecosystem (Rodríguez-Estévez, et 87 88 al., 2012). In addition, there is evidence that good management of agrosilvopastoral systems can improve their biodiversity (Benton, 2007; Boettcher, & Hoffmann, 2011). 89 90 This fact adds value to *Bellota* products, which is increasingly appreciated by 91 consumers.

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93 Products with added value are susceptible to fraud, which might occur at different stages of the food chain, affecting the interest of all stakeholders: farmers, producers, 94 retailers, regulatory bodies and consumers. To prevent fraudulent commercial practices, 95 96 administrative controls and certifications are currently used, but analytical 97 determinations to reliably differentiate these three categories of dry-cured products 98 would be extremely beneficial. Several wet-chemical determinations such as those that 99 assess the lipid composition of fat deposits (e.g., fatty acid or triacylglycerol composition) have been explored to date. However, these chemical determinations are 100

101	not able to completely discriminate samples in the different categories. Thus, in a
102	recent study (García-Casco, Muñoz, & González, 2013) several analytical
103	determinations were used to discriminate between the Iberian pig rearing/feeding
104	systems (categories). After slaughtering, samples of subcutaneous adipose tissue (back
105	fat) were taken close to the rump from 749 pigs coming from three seasons (2008-09,
106	2009-10 and 2010-11). Several determinations were carried in the adipose tissue
107	samples: fatty acid (FA) composition determined by gas chromatography-flame
108	ionization detection (GC-FID), near-infrared (NIR) signal, tocopherol composition
109	determined by high-performance liquid chromatography-fluorescence detection, volatile
110	compound fingerprint determined by head space-gas chromatography-mass
111	spectrometry, triacylglycerol composition determined by GC-FID, stable isotopes (¹³ C)
112	of different FA determined by gas chromatography-combustion-isotope ratio mass
113	spectrometry, and neophytadiene determined by gas chromatography-mass
114	spectrometry. The results from this comprehensive study show that these determinations
115	are not able to completely discriminate samples in the different categories and that their
116	discrimination ability is quite similar. Therefore, new analytical approaches to
117	authenticating Iberian dry-cured products are necessary. State-of-the-art chemometric
118	strategies in food authentication rely on finding a pattern in raw analytical data
119	characteristic of the authentic product (Bosque-Sendra, Cuadros-Rodriguez, Ruiz-
120	Samblas, & De la Mata, 2012). This unique pattern is used as a fingerprint of the
121	authentic product to distinguish it from non-authentic products. In this work, we study
122	the potential of electrospray ultrahigh resolution mass spectrometry (ESI-UHRMS) and
123	some crystallographic techniques, in combination with chemometrics, to authenticate
124	Iberian dry-cured hams. The performances achieved by recent MS instrumentation
125	make direct UHRMS a promising novel approach to food authentication, although few

126 applications are yet reported (Hrbek, Vaclavik, Elich, & Hajslova, 2014; Roullier-Gall,

127 Boutegrabet, Gougeon, & Schmitt-Kopplin, 2014). Crystallographic techniques, such as

128 laboratory-scale X-ray diffraction (XRD) or XRD using a synchrotron radiation source

129 (SR-XRD), differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) and thermo-optical polarized

130 microscopy (TOM) have been widely used to study the polymorphism of edible fats and

131 oils, in order to characterize their physical properties (e.g., melting, morphology,

rheology, and texture) (Larsson, Quinn, Sato, & Tiberg, 2006). However, these

133 crystallographic techniques have rarely been used in food authentication.

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Therefore, our main objectives were to establish whether DSC thermograms and the triacylglycerol (TAG) profile determined by direct ESI-UHRMS, in combination with chemometrics, are useful to authenticate Iberian dry-cured hams, and to compare their reliability with that of a classical method: the FA composition. The fingerprint approach was used for DSC thermograms. Moreover, in an attempt to characterize the crystallization, transformation and melting processes, DSC data were complemented with TOM, XRD and SR-XRD.

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To that end, 10 authentic *Cebo* and 10 authentic *Bellota* Iberian dry-cured ham samples were used as a first approach to Iberian ham authentication, since they are the two least similar ham categories; thus methods that failed at this point would be of no use in authentication. On the contrary, methods useful in this model could be also useful to authenticate many foods containing high to moderate amounts of lipids, such as other foods of animal origin. Therefore, this is a proof of concept to study the capability of new analytical approaches to discriminate between Iberian dry-cured ham categories.

151 **2. Materials and methods**

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153 *2.1. Chemicals*

154 Dichloromethane and methanol used for TAG determination by ESI-UHRMS were of

155 HPLC/MS grade (Merck, Darmstadt, Germany). Nitrogen (AlphagazTM, purity

156 99.999%, Air Liquide) was used in the Orbitrap-Exactive as nebulization gas.

157 The rest of reagents used in the analytical procedures were of analysis grade.

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159 2.2. Lipid extraction

160 Fifty three g of subcutaneous adipose tissue from each ham sample were grinded 3 times for 10 seconds at 7000 rpm (Retsch GM 200 knife mill, Haan, Germany). Seven 161 162 to eight g of ground sample were weighed in 32 x 210 mm tubes. Subsequently, 32 mL 163 of petroleum ether 40-60 °C were added and the mixture was homogenized for 30 s at 164 19,000 rpm using a Polytron PT 3,100 (Kinematica, Lucerne, Switzerland). The extract 165 was decanted and filtered through Whatman nº4 filter paper into a 50 mL screw-capped 166 tube and the residue was re-extracted in the same way with 33 mL of petroleum ether. The second filtrate was recovered in another screw-capped tube. Then, 10 mL of 1 % 167 168 (w/v) aqueous sodium chloride were added to each tube. Both tubes were gently shaken 169 and centrifuged at 400 x g for 15 min. Both petroleum ether extracts were filtered through anhydrous sodium sulfate (using a Whatman n°1 filter paper), which was then 170 171 washed twice with 10 mL of the solvent. The filtrate was recovered in a round-bottom 172 flask and the solvent was evaporated nearly to dryness in a vacuum rotatory evaporator 173 at 35°C. Solvent evaporation was completed by placing the round-bottom flask in a 174 vacuum dessicator at 10 mmHg for 30h. The flask was briefly heated at 45 °C and once the lipid extract was homogeneous it was distributed in various vials, filling the 175

176 headspace with nitrogen. Then, the vials were stored at -20°C until all the

177 determinations were carried.

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- 179 2.3. Fatty acid determination
- 180 After FA methyl ester preparation, the FA composition of the lipid extracts was
- 181 determined using GC-FID (Bou, Codony, Tres, Baucells, & Guardiola, 2005). Each
- sample was methylated in duplicate.
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- 184 2.4. Triacylglycerol determination by electrospray ultrahigh resolution mass

185 *spectrometry*

- 186 2.4.1. Sample preparation. 30 mg of fat sample were dissolved in 3 mL of 187 dichloromethane:methanol 7:3 (v/v), then diluted with the same solvent to a 188 concentration of 0.01 mg/L (w/v). Before the last dilution NaCl was added as 189 cationization agent. Each sample was injected in duplicate.
- 2.4.2. Orbitrap-Exactive Mass Spectrometry. Direct injection analysis of 5 μL of the
 samples was carried out with an Orbitrap-Exactive (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Bremen,
 Germany), according to Vichi, Cortés-Francisco, and Caixach (2012). The ionization
 was performed by an electrospray source (H-ESI II). The LC system consisted of a
 Surveyor MS Plus pump (Thermo Fisher Scientific, San Jose, California). The mobile
 phase was methanol:dichloromethane 80:20 (v/v) at 50 μL/min.
- Mass spectra were acquired in full scan positive ionization mode by applying the following parameters: spray voltage 3.00kV, capillary voltage 37V, tube lens 150V and skimmer voltage 40V. The sheath gas flow rate was set at 35 au (arbitrary units) and the aux gas flow rate was 5 au. Capillary and heater temperatures were fixed at 400 °C and 30 °C, respectively. The mass range was set to m/z 200-1200. The automatic gain

201 control was used to fill the C-trap (ultimate mass accuracy mode, 5×10^5 ions). Ultrahigh 202 resolving power defined as R: 100,000 (*m/z* 200, FWHM) was set.

203 The mass peaks considered were single positive charged sodium molecular ions with relative intensities >0.1% and absolute intensity $>10^3$. These peaks were exported to 204 205 peak lists and from these lists feasible elemental formulae were generated. In order to 206 obtain a limited list of possible candidates from a mass measurement, restrictive criteria were set to generate reliable elemental formulae: $C \le 200$, $H \le 100$, O = 6, Na=1 and 207 208 RDB (rings plus double bonds equivalents): 2.5-11.5. The molecular formulae calculation was performed with Xcalibur 2.1 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Bremen, 209 Germany) and the posterior analysis of the data was done using excel files. 210

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- 212 2.5. Differential scanning calorimetry, X-ray diffraction and thermo-optical polarized
 213 microscopy analysis
- 214 DSC analysis was conducted at atmospheric pressure using a Perkin-Elmer DSC-7 215 calorimeter, by cooling the melted lipid extracts from 65°C to -80°C at 2°C·min⁻¹ and 216 then heating them to 65°C at the same rate. Samples (9.0 to 9.4mg) were weighed into 217 50 μ L aluminium pans, and covers were sealed into place. Three independent DSC 218 measurements were made for each sample.
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220 Laboratory-scale and synchrotron radiation XRD experiments were carried out to

221 determine the polymorphic crystallization and transformation processes observed in the

222 DSC thermograms. One sample of each category was analyzed by using the two

- 223 techniques. Laboratory-scale XRD was performed by a PANalytical X'Pert Pro MPD
- 224 powder diffractometer equipped with a Hybrid Monochromator and an X'Celerator
- 225 Detector. The equipment also included an Oxford Cryostream Plus 220 V (temperature

80-500 K) that allows heat/cool the sample at 2° C·min⁻¹. The sample was introduced in 226 a 1 mm-diameter Lindemann glass capillary that was rotated around its axis during the 227 experiment to minimize preferential orientation of the crystallites. SR-XRD with 228 229 simultaneous measurements of small- and wide-angle XRD (SAXD and WAXD) were carried out at the BL-6A of the Photon Factory synchrotron radiation facility in 230 231 Tsukuba, Japan. For this beamline a double-focusing camera operated at a wavelength 232 of 0.15 nm and the X-ray scattering data were simultaneously collected by position 233 sensitive proportional counters (PSPC) (Rigaku Co., PSPC-10), SAXD and WAXD. Each temperature program was controlled by a Linkam THMSF-600 stage and a 2-mm-234 235 thick sample was placed in an aluminum sample cell with Kapton film windows. 236 237 TOM images were obtained on a Linkam THMSG-600 stage mounted to a Nikon 238 Eclipse 50iPol Microscope. The sample was placed on a 7 mm quartz coverslip and 239 encased within a pure Ag lid to ensure a uniform temperature. An LNP liquid nitrogen 240 cooling system and a TMS94 temperature controller were used. Images were captured 241 with a Nikon Digital Camera DXM1200F and Linksys32 Software. 242 243 More details of the methods used for DSC, XRD, SR-XRD and TOM analysis are given 244 elsewhere [Bayés-García, Calvet, Cuevas-Diarte, Ueno, & Sato, 2011; Bayés-García, 245 Calvet, Cuevas-Diarte, Ueno, & Sato, 2013). 246 247 2.6. Chemometrics Chemometrics was applied to the DSC, TAG and FA data independently. Software 248 249 used was SIMCA v 13.0 (Umetrics AB, Umeå, Sweden). First, principal component

analysis (PCA) was developed to explore the data in order to reveal the presence of

outliers and natural clustering of samples. No outlier samples were found, and 251 natural clustering was observed for Bellota and Cebo samples (data not shown). 252 Then, classification models were developed to discriminate the Cebo from the 253 254 *Bellota* dry-cured ham samples based on partial least squares–discriminant analysis (PLS-DA). The PLS-DA model implied that y values were set to 1 for one of the 255 categories (i.e., *Bellota*) and to 0 for the other category (i.e., *Cebo*). The cut-off 256 value was set at 0.5; thus, when the predicted value was above 0.5, the sample was 257 258 classified as *Bellota*, and when the predicted value was below 0.5, the sample was classified as *Cebo*. The models were fitted and validated by leave 10%-out cross-259 validation (analytical replicates were left out in the same cross-validation group). 260 261 Model performance was evaluated by the % of correctly identified samples and by the root mean square errors of cross-validation (RMSEcv). Prior to model 262 263 development, several data pre-treatment and pre-processing techniques were applied. Derivatives (1st and 2nd), in combination (or not) with variable centering (around the 264 265 mean, UV procedure in SIMCA software; or around 0, UVN procedure in SIMCA 266 software), and scaling to unit variance were applied with the DSC data sets. Variable centering and scaling to unit variance (UV procedure in SIMCA software) were 267 268 applied to the TAG and FA data sets.

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270 **3. Results and discussion**

Important differences between the two Iberian ham categories were revealed by the DSC cooling and heating thermograms of the lipid extracts. The variations observed were primarily based on the position and relative intensity of the corresponding exothermic and endothermic signals. These differences can be appreciated in the typical DSC cooling and heating curves of the two ham categories (Fig. 1). All samples

belonging to the same Iberian ham category exhibited the same thermal profile and the 276 DSC curves for three independent measurements for each sample were almost identical 277 in all cases. This was confirmed by further evaluation applying PLS-DA to two selected 278 data ranges of the DSC thermograms: from 25°C to -45°C (cooling thermogram) and 279 280 from -30°C to 40°C (heating thermogram). The PLS-DA revealed that after proper raw data pre-processing (1st derivative and scaling to unit variance for cooling data: 1st 281 derivative for heating data) both cooling and heating thermograms successfully 282 283 discriminated Cebo and Bellota samples (Fig. 2) with 100% of the samples correctly assigned to their category. 284

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Synchrotron radiation and laboratory-scale XRD experiments were performed, as a 286 function of temperature, on Cebo and Bellota samples, in order to clarify the 287 288 polymorphic crystallization and transformation processes observed in the DSC 289 thermograms. The results obtained via the two techniques were essentially the same and 290 Fig. 3 displays, as an example, the SR-XRD data obtained for typical Cebo (C1) and 291 Bellota (B1) samples. Long-spacing values were used to determine the chain-length structures (double, 2L or triple, 3L); while short-spacing values permitted us to identify 292 293 the polymorphic forms. In general, the most commonly encountered polymorphic forms of TAGs are the α form, which is defined by a hexagonal subcell (H), the β ' form, with 294 an orthorhombic perpendicular subcell (O \perp) and the β form with a typical triclinic 295 296 parallel subcell $(T_{//})$ (Larsson, Quinn, Sato, & Tiberg, 2006).

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The two samples exhibited highly complex but similar SR-XRD patterns when they were subjected to the same thermal program as that followed by DSC. By cooling the melted samples, both C1 and B1 showed the occurrence of an initial sub- α -2L form 301 and, soon after, a β '-3L form crystallized. These two crystallizations corresponded to 302 the first set of exothermic peaks that appeared from 20°C to -5°C in the DSC cooling 303 thermogram (Fig. 1). On further cooling, a newly formed β '-2L form was detected, which corresponded to the second set of crystallization peaks from -10°C to -40°C. 304 305 Thus, the polymorphic crystallization of the two categories became highly similar. 306 However, according to the DSC cooling curves, polymorphic crystallization occurred at 307 a higher temperature in the C1 sample than in the B1 sample, which may be related to the more saturated nature of Cebo samples, compared to Bellota samples. The results 308 309 agree with those observed by inspecting the first PLS-DA loading of DSC cooling (Fig. 4). The temperature ranges from 16.4°C to 14.5°C, from 9.3°C to 7.1°C and from -310 311 17.2°C to -26.8°C were the most significant for the identification of Cebo samples. In 312 contrast, the PLS-DA indicates that the most important ranges for identifying Bellota 313 samples were from 14.5°C to 9.3°C, from 7.1°C to -1.4°C, from -8.5°C to -17.2°C and 314 from -26.9°C to -37.7°C.

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316 As to the heating treatment, most significant differences between the two categories were detected at the last stage of the process, especially according to the SR-SAXD 317 318 data. These main variations observed were based on the sequence of melting processes of the different polymorphic forms, which again may be caused by the more saturated 319 320 composition of Cebo samples (see Tables 1 and 2 for FA and TAG composition). As shown in the enlarged image in Fig. 3, for sample C1, the first melting process 321 corresponded to sub- α -2L form (4.8 nm), and it was followed by the melting of β '-3L 322 (3.5 nm) and β '-2L (4.4 nm) forms. In contrast, for sample B1, β '-2L melted first, and 323 on further heating, sub- α -2L and β '-3L forms melted. In general, for a given TAG, 3L 324 forms exhibit higher melting point than 2L forms. In the Cebo sample, 2L forms melted 325

at higher temperatures than 3L forms, which may indicate that the 2L form comes from 326 327 more saturated TAGs than that with 3L structure. On the contrary, in the Bellota sample, the last melting form exhibited a 3L structure. Again, these results agree with 328 329 the importance of the temperature range between 30°C and 34.2°C in the PLS-DA model of DSC heating data for the discrimination of *Bellota* samples; and the ranges 330 from 22.0°C to 29.8°C and from -6.0°C to 0.2°C for the discrimination of Cebo samples 331 332 (Fig. 4). Although the cooling and heating PLS-DA models correctly classified all the 333 samples, the RMSEcv showed that the model based on heating data was the more promising approach (cooling: RMSEcv = 0.331; heating: RMSEcv = 0.287). 334

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The same thermal treatment was applied to the TOM analysis in order to visualize the 336 crystallization and melting behavior of Cebo and Bellota samples (Fig. 5). Using this 337 338 technique, it was also possible to observe some differences in the crystallization 339 behavior and crystal morphology of the lipid extracts from the two Iberian ham 340 categories. Two different crystallization steps could easily be distinguished when 341 cooling *Cebo* samples, whereas *Bellota* samples exhibited a more gradual crystallization process. As for the crystal morphology, more aggregated, larger and thicker crystals 342 343 were obtained from the melted *Cebo* lipid extract; while separated spherulites, with an average diameter of approximately 10 µm, could easily be observed in the TOM 344 345 micrographs of the *Bellota* lipid extract.

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Direct ESI-UHRMS of dry-cured ham fat allowed fast and reliable determination of
nearly fifty compounds with molecular formulae attributable to TAG species with CN
from C27 to C56, and abundances from 0.01 to 31.94 % (Table 2). Major TAGs were
C55H102O6Na (POO/PSL/PoSO), C55H104O6Na (PSO/PoSS), C55H100O6Na

(POL/PSLn/PoOO/PoSL) and C57H104O6Na (OOO/SOL/SSLn). In general, Cebo 351 Iberian dry-cured hams showed higher amounts of diunsaturated TAGs than Bellota 352 samples (44.04 \pm 0.69 % versus 42.12 \pm 1.13 %, respectively), while the latter were 353 354 richer in triunsaturated (28.45 \pm 1.5 % versus 26.32 \pm 0.80 %) and tetraunsaturated TAGs (9.18 \pm 0.87 % versus 8.33 \pm 0.56 %), as proved by Student's t-test (Table 2). In 355 addition, the detailed profiles obtained by direct ESI-UHRMS offered several signals 356 357 attributable to minor TAGs providing information to the classification model. The 358 amounts of most of them showed significant differences between Cebo and Bellota Iberian dry-cured hams (Table 2). 359

360 TAGs composition in combination with chemometrics also offered a highly promising scenario for the discrimination of Cebo and Bellota Iberian dry-cured hams (Fig. 2). The 361 RMSEcv of the TAG composition (RMSEcv = 0.236) was slightly lower than that of 362 363 the PLS-DA for the DSC heating thermogram; while that of the FA approach was even lower (RMSEcv = 0.141). The TAG and FA compositions achieved 100% correct 364 365 classification of the samples during cross-validation. Among the most important TAGs 366 to differentiate the Bellota category (Table 2) were those corresponding to the molecular formulae: C₅₇H₁₀₄O₆Na, C₅₉H₁₀₈O₆Na and C₅₇H₁₀₂O₆Na, attributable to the TAGs: 367 OOO/SOL/SSLn, OOG/OLA/SLG and OOL/SLL/SOLn, respectively (with the 368 369 abbreviations, P: palmitic (C16:0); Po: palmitoleic (C16:1n-9); O: oleic (C18:1n-9); S: stearic (C18:0); L: linoleic (C18:2n-6); Ln: linolenic (C18:3n-3); G: gondoic (C20:1n-370 371 9); and A: arachidic (C20:0)). The FAs driving the discrimination of the Bellota category were those belonging to the n-9 monounsaturated FA series, such as: C16:1n-372 9, C18:1n-9 and C20:1n-9 (Table 1). 373

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375 **4. Conclusions**

Here we show that the combination of chemometrics and fat crystallization, 376 377 transformation and melting data obtained by DSC is a promising methodology to obtain a polymorphic fingerprint that can be used to discriminate between Cebo and Bellota 378 379 dry-cured Iberian ham. The ultimate aim of this study will be to evaluate the polymorphic fingerprint and the TAG composition determined by UHRMS as tools to 380 discriminate the three Iberian ham categories, comparing their performance with that of 381 382 the FA composition. The next steps towards their full application as authentication tools will be to increase the number of samples, include samples from the third category and 383 test the performance of the models with additional sources of natural variability such as 384 385 intervear variability. Moreover, the increase in the number of samples would also allow external validation of the PLS-DA models using a set of samples that were not used in 386 387 model fitting. However, the results obtained up to now show that DSC and TAG 388 composition determined by UHRMS, in combination with chemometrics, may become 389 very useful and straightforward techniques to combat food fraud.

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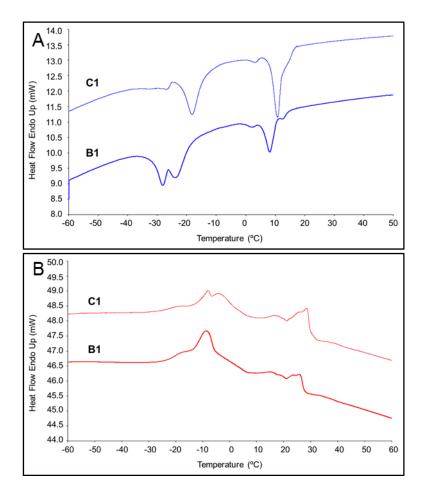
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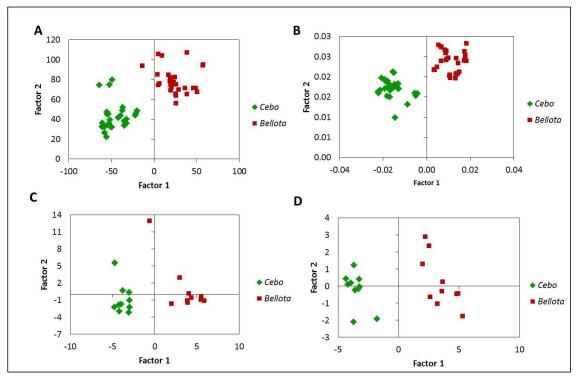


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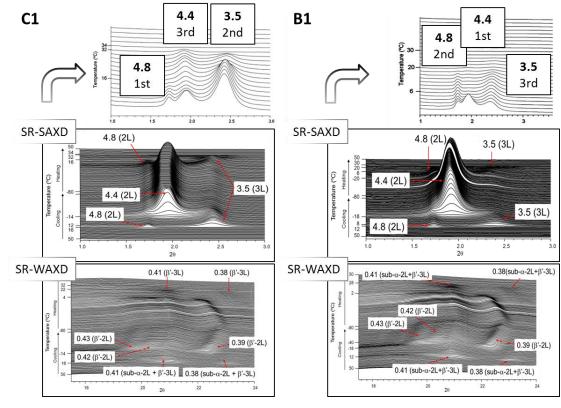
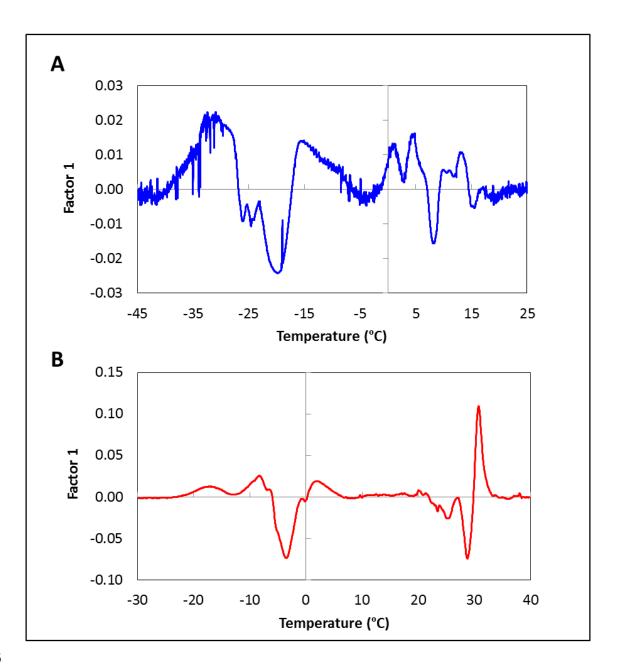


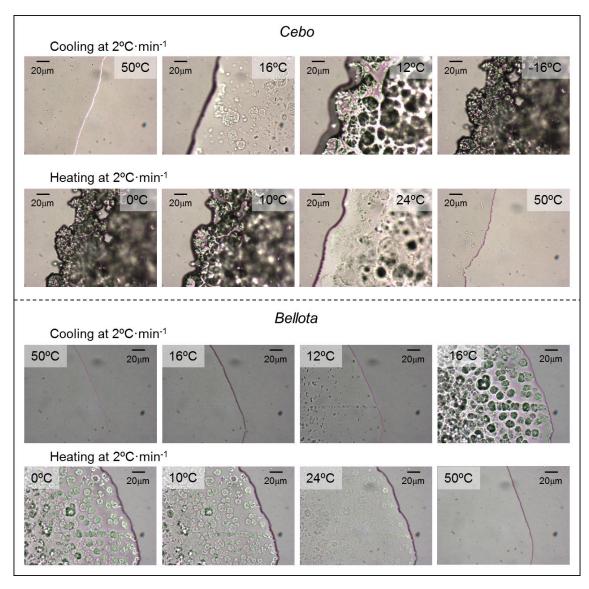
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525 Fig. 5. Thermo-optical polarized microscopy images obtained when *Cebo* and *Bellota*

⁵²⁶ samples were cooled and heated at $2^{\circ}C \cdot \min^{-1}$.

543	Table 1. Fatty	acid composition	(peak area normalization ex	xpressed in %) of <i>Cebo</i> and <i>Bellota</i>
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Fotty ogid	Cebo (n=10) ^a	Bellota	(n=10) ^a	$-p^{b}$	Looding	
Fatty acid _	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	- <i>p</i>	Loading ^c	
C10:0	0.05 0.004		0.04	0.003	0.000	-0.262	
C12:0	0.07	0.004	0.06	0.011	0.009	-0.159	
C14:0	1.46	0.060	1.22	0.097	0.000^{d}	-0.235	
C15:0	0.06	0.006	0.05	0.006	0.000	-0.228	
C16:0	23.47	0.521	20.67	0.832	0.000	-0.252	
C17:0	0.34	0.028	0.29	0.042	0.003	-0.176	
C18:0	10.88	0.504	9.64	0.711	0.000	-0.203	
C20:0	0.18	0.017	0.18	0.014	0.913	0.007	
C24:0	0.07	0.023	0.04	0.011	0.003 ^d	-0.184	
SFA	36.58	0.830	32.17	1.365	0.000		
C16:1n-9	0.34	0.017	0.42	0.021	0.000	0.251	
C16:1n-7	2.55	0.177	1.89	0.254	0.000	-0.239	
C17:1n-7	0.35	0.029	0.27	0.051	0.000	-0.200	
C18:1n-9	44.89	0.437	52.08	1.375	0.000^{d}	0.269	
C18:1n-7	3.59	0.166	2.74	0.339	0.000^{d}	-0.239	
C20:1n-9	1.20	0.108	1.36	0.127	0.006	0.164	
C24:1n-9	0.07	0.010	0.04	0.015	0.000	-0.201	
MUFA	52.99	0.687	58.81	1.045	0.000		
C18:2n-6	8.40	0.467	7.42	0.412	0.000	-0.212	
C20:2n-6	0.56	0.045	0.48	0.050	0.002	-0.180	
C20:3n-6	0.07	0.007	0.06	0.008	0.005	-0.168	
C20:4n-6	0.12	0.011	0.10	0.014	0.000	-0.205	
n-6 PUFA	9.15	0.505	8.06	0.468	0.000		
C18:3n-3	0.55	0.039	0.45	0.046	0.000	-0.217	
C20:3n-3	0.12	0.018	0.10	0.015	0.022	-0.142	
C20:5n-3	0.02	0.009	0.02	0.005	0.061	-0.119	
n-3 PUFA	0.69	0.047	0.56	0.059	0.000		
PUFA	9.84	0.550	8.62	0.519	0.000		
trans 18:1	0.59	0.092	0.40	0.079	0.000	-0.214	

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546 Abbreviations: SFA, saturated fatty acids; MUFA, monounsaturated fatty acids; PUFA,

547 polyunsaturated fatty acids.

548	^a 10 samples per group were determined in duplicate, the averages of the duplicates were used in
549	the calculations.
550	^b P values were obtained by Student's t-test (IBM SPSS statistics v.20), assuming equality of
551	variances according to Levene's test (p>0.05).
552	^c Loading in the first factor of the PLS-DA model developed with fatty acid data (SIMCA,
553	Umetrics AB).
554	^d P values were obtained by Student's t-test, assuming non-equality of variances according to
555	Levene's test ($p < 0.05$).
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Table 2. Triacylglycerol (TAG) composition (normalized ion abundances expressed in %) of *Cebo* and *Bellota*

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TAG molecular	m/z	Δ	CN/DB ^b	Cebo	$(n=10)^{c}$	Bellota	(n=10) ^c	$-p^{d}$	Loading
Formula	$[M+Na]^+$	(ppm) ^a	CIV/DD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	_ <i>p</i>	Loading
C ₃₇ H ₇₀ O ₆ Na	633.5065	-0.15	C34:0	0.10	0.021	0.12	0.047	0.144 ^f	0.094
$C_{49}H_{94}O_6Na$	801.6943	1.1	C46:0	0.11	0.092	0.11	0.132	0.866	-0.011
Saturated				0.21	0.102	0.23	0.158	0.781	
$C_{30}H_{54}O_6Na$	533.3813	-0.67	C27:1	0.04	0.022	0.02	0.023	0.078	-0.110
C ₃₆ H ₆₆ O ₆ Na	617.4752	-0.69	C33:1	0.01	0.009	0.05	0.042	0.020 ^f	0.149
C ₃₇ H ₆₈ O ₆ Na	631.4908	0.19	C34:1	0.13	0.030	0.15	0.047	0.327	0.063
C ₃₉ H ₇₂ O ₆ Na	659.5221	0.37	C36:1	0.09	0.019	0.18	0.064	0.002 ^f	0.187
C ₄₅ H ₈₄ O ₆ Na	743.616	1	C42:1	0.05	0.023	0.02	0.040	0.061	-0.116
C47H88O6Na	771.6473	0.8	C44:1	0.13	0.050	0.11	0.099	0.588	-0.035
C49H92O6Na	799.6786	0.91	C46:1	0.25	0.119	0.23	0.213	0.842	-0.013
C ₅₀ H ₉₄ O ₆ Na	813.6943	0.71	C47:1	0.12	0.143	0.15	0.241	0.730	0.022
C ₅₁ H ₉₆ O ₆ Na	827.7099	0.87	C48:1	0.91	0.129	0.78	0.271	0.202	-0.081
C ₅₂ H ₉₈ O ₆ Na	841.7256	0.84	C49:1	0.16	0.098	0.15	0.186	0.922	-0.006
$C_{53}H_{100}O_6Na$	855.7412	1.24	C50:1	4.75	0.235	4.05	0.509	0.001	-0.186
C ₅₄ H ₁₀₂ O ₆ Na	869.7569	1.69	C51:1	0.37	0.051	0.25	0.074	0.000	-0.197
$C_{55}H_{104}O_6Na$	883.7725	1.55	C52:1	11.76	0.717	11.42	1.385	0.000 ^f	-0.043
Monounsaturated	l			18.77	1.239	17.55	2.115	0.135	
C37H66O6Na	629.4752	-0.11	C34:2	0.07	0.015	0.05	0.025	0.115	-0.099
C ₃₉ H ₇₀ O ₆ Na	657.5065	0.03	C36:2	0.14	0.031	0.21	0.077	0.022 ^f	0.143
C47H86O6Na	769.6317	0.97	C44:2	0.09	0.021	0.07	0.050	0.319	-0.064
$C_{49}H_{90}O_6Na$	797.663	0.55	C46:2	0.28	0.067	0.23	0.140	0.353	-0.060
$C_{50}H_{92}O_6Na$	811.6786	-0.02	C47:2	0.09	0.106	0.10	0.183	0.813	0.015
C ₅₁ H ₉₄ O ₆ Na	825.6943	0.57	C48:2	0.62	0.123	0.52	0.253	0.245	-0.074
C ₅₂ H ₉₆ O ₆ Na	839.7099	1.21	C49:2	0.15	0.117	0.15	0.218	0.974	-0.002
C ₅₃ H ₉₈ O ₆ Na	853.7256	0.66	C50:2	5.04	0.181	4.08	0.318	0.000 ^f	-0.242
$C_{54}H_{100}O_6Na$	867.7412	1	C51:2	0.55	0.052	0.40	0.096	0.000	-0.198
$C_{55}H_{102}O_6Na$	881.7569	0.74	C52:2	31.94	0.933	31.47	0.951	0.287	-0.068
C ₅₆ H ₁₀₄ O ₆ Na	895.7725	1.09	C53:2	0.65	0.025	0.53	0.064	0.000 ^f	-0.213

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865.7256	0.77	C51:3	0.21	0.034	0.16	0.071	0.077	-0.110
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893.7569	0.4	C53:3	0.59	0.028	0.52	0.071	0.008 ^f	-0.164
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877.7256	0.7	C52:4	2.38	0.159	1.71	0.146	0.000	-0.250
891.7412	-0.14	C53:4	0.19	0.013	0.15	0.022	0.000	-0.208
905.7569	0.14	C54:4	5.04	0.351	6.56	0.722	0.000 f	0.222
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933.7882	0.88	C56:4	0.48	0.047	0.59	0.083	0.003 ^f	0.174
			8.33	0.556	9.18	0.870	0.018	
875.7099	0.69	C52:5	0.25	0.021	0.17	0.019	0.000	-0.248
903.7412	0.18	C54:5	1.42	0.143	1.56	0.205	0.100	0.103
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577 ^a Mean mass error expressed as ppm.

^b CN/DB, carbon number/double bonds of the TAG acyl chains.

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Highlights

New analytical approaches applied to lipid fraction were assayed to authenticate Iberian drycured ham

Chemometrics was applied to analytical data to discriminate Iberian dry-cured ham categories

Triacylglycerol profile determined by UHRMS is a promising approach for discrimination

Fingerprint provided by thermograms from DSC is a promising approach for discrimination

These approaches may prove extremely useful to authenticate many foods containing high to moderate amounts of lipids

Fatty acid	Cebo (n=10) ^a	Bellota	(n=10) ^a	p^{b}	Laadina ^c	
Fally actu -	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	- <i>p</i>	Loading ^c	
C10:0	0.05	0.004	04 0.04		0.000	-0.262	
C12:0	0.07	0.004	0.06	0.011	0.009	-0.159	
C14:0	1.46	0.060	1.22	0.097	0.000^{d}	-0.235	
C15:0	0.06	0.006	0.05	0.006	0.000	-0.228	
C16:0	23.47	0.521	20.67	0.832	0.000	-0.252	
C17:0	0.34	0.028	0.29	0.042	0.003	-0.176	
C18:0	10.88	0.504	9.64	0.711	0.000	-0.203	
C20:0	0.18	0.017	0.18	0.014	0.913	0.007	
C24:0	0.07	0.023	0.04	0.011	0.003 ^d	-0.184	
SFA	36.58	0.830	32.17	1.365	0.000		
C16:1n-9	0.34	0.017	0.42	0.021	0.000	0.251	
C16:1n-7	2.55	0.177	1.89	0.254	0.000	-0.239	
C17:1n-7	0.35	0.029	0.27	0.051	0.000	-0.200	
C18:1n-9	44.89	0.437	52.08	1.375	0.000^{d}	0.269	
C18:1n-7	3.59	0.166	2.74	0.339	0.000^{d}	-0.239	
C20:1n-9	1.20	0.108	1.36	0.127	0.006	0.164	
C24:1n-9	0.07	0.010	0.04	0.015	0.000	-0.201	
MUFA	52.99	0.687	58.81	1.045	0.000		
C18:2n-6	8.40	0.467	7.42	0.412	0.000	-0.212	
C20:2n-6	0.56	0.045	0.48	0.050	0.002	-0.180	
C20:3n-6	0.07	0.007	0.06	0.008	0.005	-0.168	
C20:4n-6	0.12	0.011	0.10	0.014	0.000	-0.205	
n-6 PUFA	9.15	0.505	8.06	0.468	0.000		
C18:3n-3	0.55	0.039	0.45	0.046	0.000	-0.217	
C20:3n-3	0.12	0.018	0.10	0.015	0.022	-0.142	
C20:5n-3	0.02	0.009	0.02	0.005	0.061	-0.119	
n-3 PUFA	0.69	0.047	0.56	0.059	0.000		
PUFA	9.84	0.550	8.62	0.519	0.000		
trans 18:1	0.59	0.092	0.40	0.079	0.000	-0.214	

Table 1. Fatty acid composition (peak area normalization expressed in %) of *Cebo* and *Bellota* samples.

Abbreviations: SFA, saturated fatty acids; MUFA, monounsaturated fatty acids; PUFA,

polyunsaturated fatty acids.

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Cebo (n=10)^c TAG molecular Δ Bellota (n=10)^c m/z p^{d} CN/DB^b Loading^e (ppm)^a Formula $[M+Na]^+$ Mean SD Mean SD C₃₇H₇₀O₆Na 633.5065 C34:0 0.10 0.021 0.12 0.047 0.144 0.094 -0.15 C49H94O6Na 1.1 C46:0 0.11 0.092 0.11 0.132 0.866 -0.011 801.6943 Saturated 0.21 0.102 0.23 0.158 0.781 0.078 $C_{30}H_{54}O_6Na$ 533.3813 -0.67 C27:1 0.04 0.022 0.02 0.023 -0.110 0.020 ^f 0.01 0.009 0.05 0.042 0.149 $C_{36}H_{66}O_6Na$ 617.4752 -0.69 C33:1 C37H68O6Na 631.4908 0.19 C34:1 0.13 0.030 0.15 0.047 0.327 0.063 C₃₉H₇₂O₆Na 659.5221 0.37 C36:1 0.09 0.019 0.18 0.064 0.002 ^f 0.187 743.616 1 C42:1 0.05 0.023 0.02 0.040 0.061 -0.116 C45H84O6Na 0.588 C47H88O6Na 771.6473 0.8 C44:1 0.13 0.050 0.11 0.099 -0.035 0.119 799.6786 $C_{49}H_{92}O_6Na$ 0.91 C46:1 0.25 0.23 0.213 0.842 -0.013 0.143 0.022 C50H94O6Na 813.6943 0.71 C47:1 0.12 0.15 0.241 0.730 C51H96O6Na 827.7099 0.87 C48:1 0.91 0.129 0.78 0.271 0.202 -0.081 C52H98O6Na 841.7256 0.84 C49:1 0.098 0.15 0.186 0.922 -0.006 0.16 0.001 $C_{53}H_{100}O_6Na$ 855.7412 1.24 C50:1 4.75 0.235 4.05 0.509 -0.186 $C_{54}H_{102}O_6Na$ 869.7569 1.69 C51:1 0.37 0.051 0.25 0.074 0.000 -0.197 0.000 ^f $C_{55}H_{104}O_6Na$ 883.7725 1.55 C52:1 11.76 0.717 11.42 1.385 -0.043 Monounsaturated 18.77 1.239 17.55 2.115 0.135 C37H66O6Na 629.4752 -0.11 C34:2 0.07 0.015 0.05 0.025 0.115 -0.099 0.022^{-f} C39H70O6Na 657.5065 0.03 C36:2 0.14 0.031 0.21 0.077 0.143 C47H86O6Na 769.6317 0.97 C44:2 0.09 0.021 0.07 0.050 0.319 -0.064 797.663 0.55 C46:2 0.28 0.067 0.23 0.140 0.353 -0.060 $C_{49}H_{90}O_6Na$ C47:2 0.106 0.813 0.015 C50H92O6Na 811.6786 -0.02 0.09 0.10 0.183 C48:2 0.253 0.245 -0.074 C51H94O6Na 825.6943 0.57 0.62 0.123 0.52 839.7099 C49:2 0.15 0.117 0.15 0.218 0.974 -0.002 C52H96O6Na 1.21 0.000 ^f C50:2 5.04 0.181 4.08 0.318 -0.242 C53H98O6Na 853.7256 0.66 $C_{54}H_{100}O_6Na$ 867.7412 1 C51:2 0.55 0.052 0.40 0.096 0.000 -0.198 C55H102O6Na 881.7569 0.74 C52:2 31.94 0.933 31.47 0.951 0.287 -0.068 0.000 ^f C53:2 0.025 0.064 -0.213 $C_{56}H_{104}O_6Na$ 895.7725 1.09 0.65 0.53

Table 2. Triacylglycerol (TAG) composition (normalized ion abundances expressed in %) of *Cebo* and *Bellota* samples.

C ₅₇ H ₁₀₆ O ₆ Na	909.7882	1.45	C54:2	4.42	0.207	4.31	1.529	0.816	-0.015
Diunsaturated				44.04	0.686	42.12	1.125	0.000	
C34H58O6Na	585.4126	-0.57	C31:3	0.04	0.024	0.03	0.033	0.363	-0.058
C39H68O6Na	655.4908	0.04	C36:3	0.09	0.022	0.10	0.043	0.945	0.004
$C_{49}H_{88}O_6Na$	795.6473	0.23	C46:3	0.08	0.020	0.05	0.037	0.031	-0.131
$C_{51}H_{92}O_6Na$	823.6786	0.75	C48:3	0.15	0.052	0.12	0.096	0.352	-0.060
$C_{53}H_{96}O_6Na$	851.7099	0.75	C50:3	1.35	0.075	0.98	0.125	0.000	-0.241
$C_{54}H_{98}O_6Na$	865.7256	0.77	C51:3	0.21	0.034	0.16	0.071	0.077	-0.110
$C_{55}H_{100}O_6Na$	879.7412	0.37	C52:3	13.07	0.513	10.99	0.646	0.000	-0.240
$C_{56}H_{102}O_6Na$	893.7569	0.4	C53:3	0.59	0.028	0.52	0.071	0.008 ^f	-0.164
$C_{57}H_{104}O_6Na$	907.7725	0.07	C54:3	10.08	0.353	14.63	1.288	0.000 f	0.253
$C_{58}H_{106}O_6Na$	921.7882	1.16	C55:3	0.11	0.011	0.11	0.019	0.331	0.062
$C_{59}H_{108}O_6Na$	935.8038	0.82	C56:3	0.54	0.039	0.77	0.095	0.000 ^f	0.234
Triunsaturated				26.32	0.797	28.45	1.502	0.001	
$C_{53}H_{94}O_6Na$	849.6943	0.7	C50:4	0.18	0.017	0.12	0.030	0.000	-0.219
$C_{55}H_{98}O_6Na$	877.7256	0.7	C52:4	2.38	0.159	1.71	0.146	0.000	-0.250
$C_{56}H_{100}O_6Na$	891.7412	-0.14	C53:4	0.19	0.013	0.15	0.022	0.000	-0.208
$C_{57}H_{102}O_6Na$	905.7569	0.14	C54:4	5.04	0.351	6.56	0.722	0.000 ^f	0.222
$C_{58}H_{104}O_6Na$	919.7725	0.95	C55:4	0.06	0.014	0.05	0.013	0.203	-0.081
$C_{59}H_{106}O_6Na$	933.7882	0.88	C56:4	0.48	0.047	0.59	0.083	0.003 ^f	0.174
Tetraunsaturated				8.33	0.556	9.18	0.870	0.018	
$C_{55}H_{96}O_6Na$	875.7099	0.69	C52:5	0.25	0.021	0.17	0.019	0.000	-0.248
$C_{57}H_{100}O_6Na$	903.7412	0.18	C54:5	1.42	0.143	1.56	0.205	0.100	0.103
$C_{59}H_{104}O_6Na$	931.7725	0.32	C56:5	0.35	0.037	0.36	0.055	0.445	0.049
Pentaunsaturated				2.03	0.194	2.10	0.267	0.509	
C57H98O6Na	901.7256	-0.83	C54:6	0.24	0.030	0.23	0.033	0.514	-0.042
$C_{59}H_{102}O_6Na$	929.7569	-1.33	C56:6	0.07	0.092	0.14	0.068	0.085	0.107
Hexaunsaturated				0.31	0.105	0.37	0.099	0.234	

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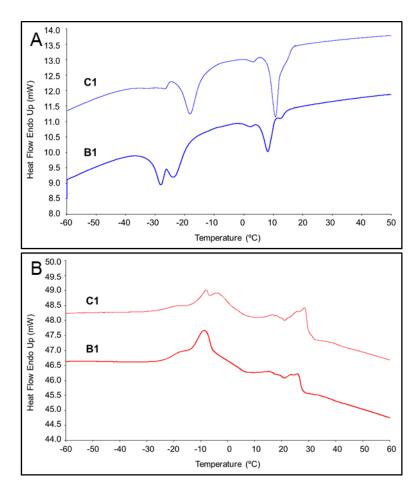


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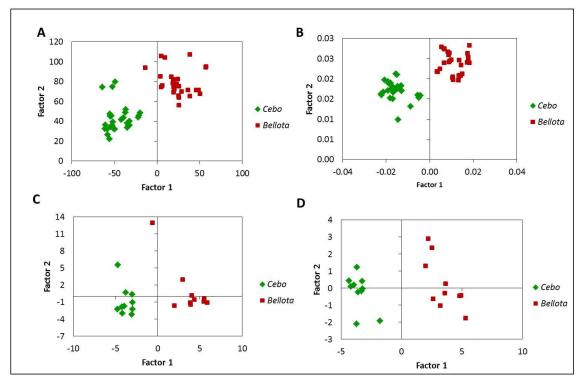


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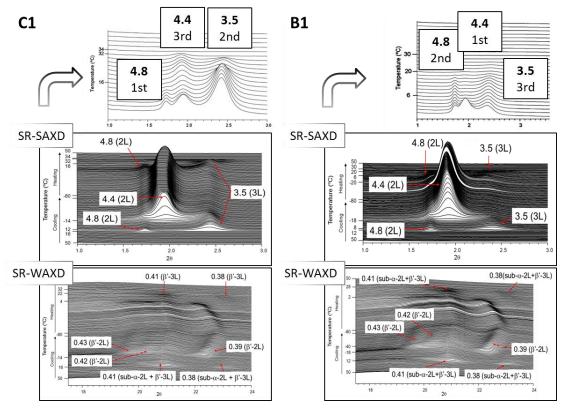


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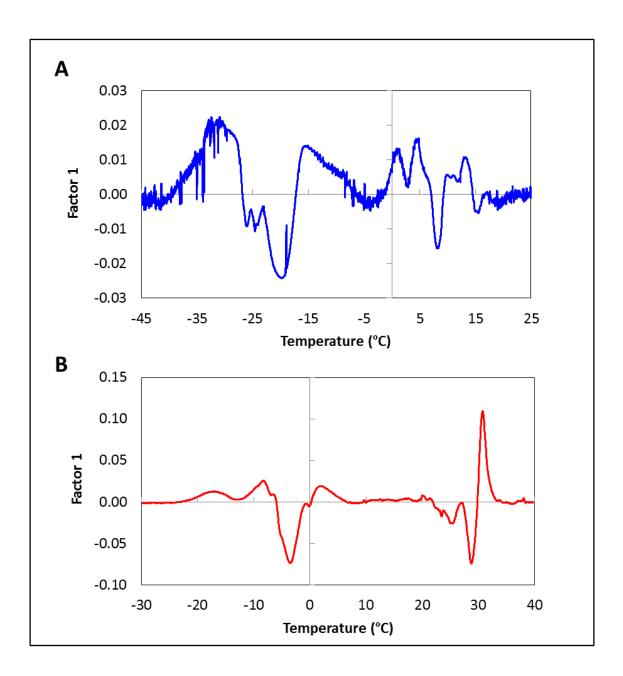


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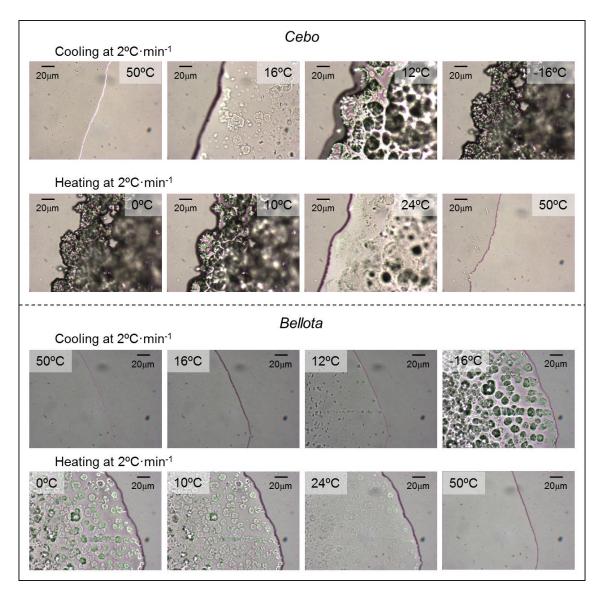


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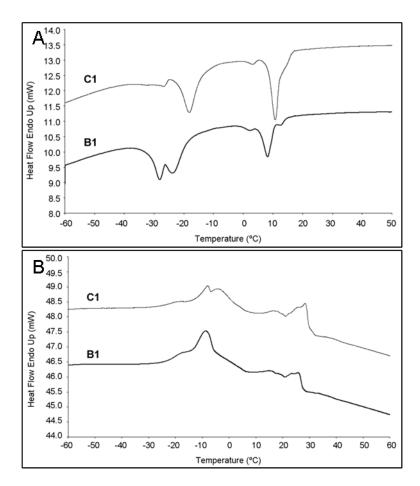


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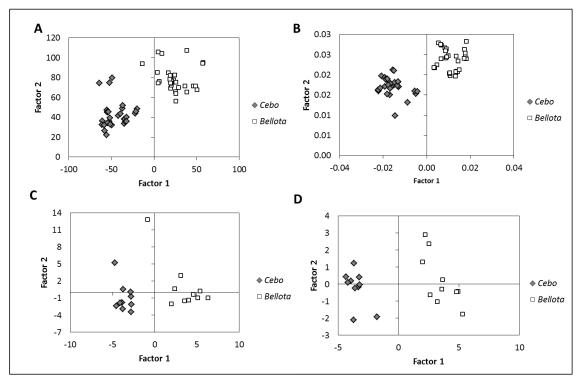


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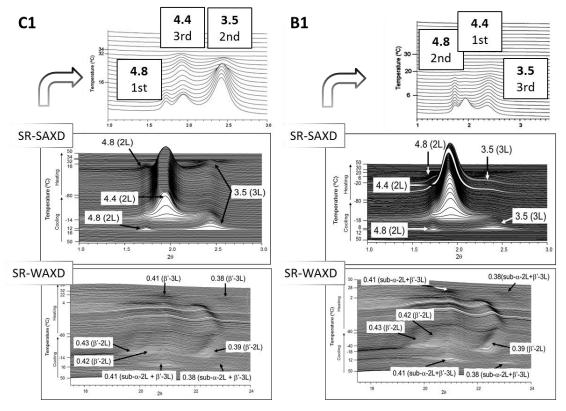


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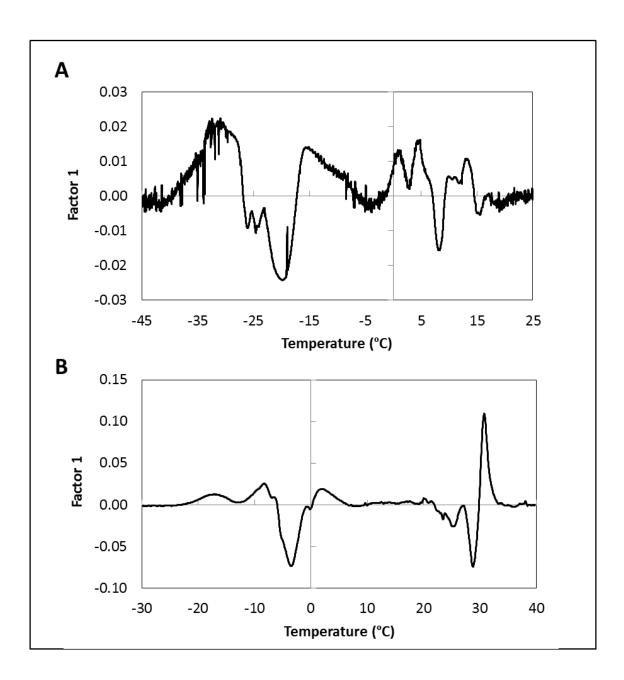


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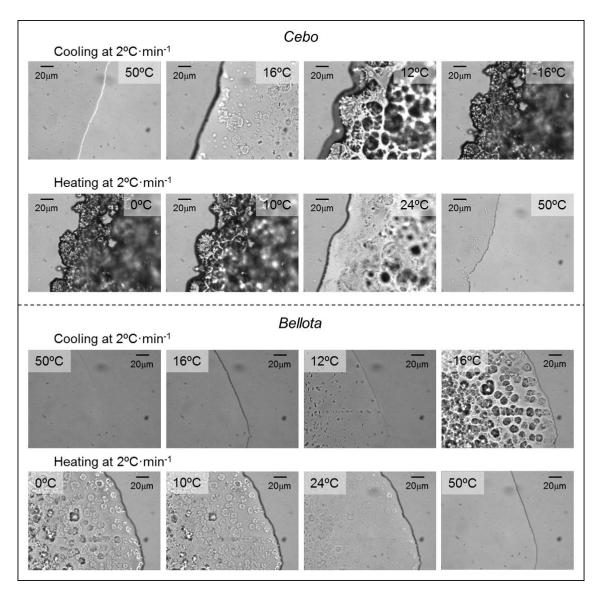


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