



SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL TO
**Serbian aromatized wine “Bermet”: Electrochemical,
chemiluminescent and spectrophotometric determination
of antioxidant activity**

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Chemicals. Folin–Ciocalteu reagent, hydrogen peroxide, ammonium peroxodisulphate, sodium carbonate, sodium acetate trihydrate, acetic acid, hydrochloric acid, iron(III) chloride hexahydrate, and iron(II) sulphate heptahydrate were of analytical grade and supplied by Merck (Darmstadt, Germany). DPPH (2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl) was supplied by Fluka (Buchs, Switzerland) and methanol (HPLC grade) was purchased from J. T. Baker (Deventer, Netherlands). Trolox (6-hydroxy-2,5,7,8-tetramethylchromane-2-carboxylic acid), TPTZ (2,4,6-tripyridyl-*S*-triazine), ABTS (2,2'-azino-bis(3-ethylbenzthiazoline-6-sulphonic acid) diammonium salt) as well as the gallic acid (GA) were obtained from Aldrich (Sigma–Aldrich Chemie, Steinheim, Germany).

Determination of total phenols by FC assay. Total phenol content (TPC) was determined spectrophotometrically according to a modified Singleton *et al.*¹ method with Folin–Ciocalteu's reagent. Briefly, 0.5 mL of the sample was added into a 50 mL volumetric flask containing 2.5 mL of Folin–Ciocalteu's reagent, 30 mL of distilled water and 7.5 mL of 20 % Na₂CO₃, and filled up to the mark with distilled water. Absorbance was measured after two hours at 765 nm, against a blank sample. Gallic acid was used as the standard and the results are expressed as mg L⁻¹ of gallic acid equivalents (GAE). All measurements were performed in triplicate.

Determination of AO capacity by DC polarographic HPMC assay. DC polarographic assay was used according to a previously reported procedure.² The current-potential (*i*–*E*) curves were recorded using PAR (Princeton Applied Research) polarographic analyzer, model 174A, equipped with a *X*–*Y* recorder (Houston Omnigraphic 2000). A dropping mercury electrode (DME) with a programmed dropping time of 1 s and a mercury flow of 1.22 × 10⁻³ g s⁻¹ was used as the working electrode, saturated calomel electrode (SCE) as the reference and a

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Pt-foil as the auxiliary electrode. Clark Lubbs's (CL) buffer (pH 9.8) was prepared by mixing 25 mL of 0.4 M H₃BO₃, 25 mL of 0.4 M KCl, and 40.8 mL of 0.2 M NaOH. Starting H₂O₂ concentration of 5 mM was obtained by adding 100 µL of 1.00 M H₂O₂ into 19.9 mL of buffer in an electrolytic cell. Samples were gradually added into the electrolytic cell with the buffered H₂O₂ solution. Before recording each *i*-*E* curve, a stream of pure nitrogen was passed through the cell solution, for 2 min before the first recording and for 30 s after the addition of each aliquot. Inert atmosphere was maintained by passing nitrogen above the cell solution. The initial potentials were 0.10 V, and potential scan rate was 10 mV s⁻¹. DME current oscillations were filtered with a low pass filter positioned at 3 s. Decrease of the anodic current of HPMC (*I*) was recorded, starting from the initial value (*I*₀), obtained by recording 5 mM H₂O₂ solution, to which the investigated samples were added, leading to a decrease in *I*. All experiments were performed in triplicate, at room temperature.

Determination of hydroxyl free radical-scavenging activity (SA_{HFR}). Chemiluminescence (CL) was measured according to Parejo *et al.*²⁴ using a Jenway 6200 fluorimeter (Jenway Ltd, Gransmore, Essex, UK), keeping the lamp off and using only the photomultiplier of the apparatus. One millilitre of borate buffer solution (0.05 M, pH 9.0), containing CoCl₂·H₂O (2 mg mL⁻¹) and EDTA (10 mg mL⁻¹) was vortexed for 15 s with 0.1 mL luminol (100 mg/mL in a buffer solution) in a test tube. 0.025 mL of diluted wine (1:100 volume ratio with 50 % ethanol in deionised water) was transferred into another test tube with 0.05 mL of a H₂O₂ aqueous solution (5×10⁻³ M). The luminol-buffer solution was added into the diluted sample and vortexed for 30 s. Immediately afterwards, the CL intensity plateau was recorded in a 1 cm path length glass cuvette. The *I*₀/*I* ratio was calculated for each wine (decrease in light intensity in the absence of wine /light intensity after sample addition). The *I*₀/*I* ratio for five different dilutions of quercetin in 50 % ethanol was plotted against concentration (µM). *I*₀/*I* ratio was extrapolated onto the calibration curve to obtain the equivalents of quercetin.

Determination of free radical scavenging ability using DPPH radical. Antioxidant capacity was determined using the DPPH radical scavenging assay described by Brand-Williams, Cuvelier & Berset,²¹ with some modifications. Briefly, 100 µL of the wine was added to 1.9 mL of 0.094 mM 2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) in methanol. Free radical scavenging capacity was evaluated by measuring the absorbance at 517 nm after 30 min. Antioxidant capacity was expressed as mmol L⁻¹ Trolox equivalents, using the calibration curve of Trolox (0–1000 µM), a water-soluble vitamin E analogue. All assays were performed in triplicate.

Determination of free radical scavenging ability using ABTS radical cation. The Trolox equivalent antioxidant capacity (TEAC) was also measured using ABTS radical cation decolorization assay.²² Stock solutions of ABTS (7 mM) and potassium peroxodisulphate (140 mM) in water were prepared and mixed to a final concentration of 2.45 mM potassium peroxodisulphate. The mixture was left to react overnight (12–16 h) in the dark, at room temperature. On the day of the analysis, the ABTS radical solution was diluted with ethanol to the absorbance of 0.70±0.02 at 734 nm. All measurements were performed as follows: 20 µL of the wine was added to 2.0 mL of the ABTS radical solution and the absorbance readings were taken after exactly 6 min against the appropriate reagent blank prepared with 20 µL of ethanol instead of the sample. These results, obtained from triplicate analyses, were expressed as Trolox equivalents derived from a calibration curve constructed using standard solutions (100–1000 µM).

Determination of ferric reducing/antioxidant power (FRAP) assay. The ferric reducing/antioxidant power (FRAP) assay was carried out according to a standard procedure by Benzie & Strain.²³ FRAP reagent was prepared by mixing acetic buffer, TPTZ and FeCl₃·6H₂O (20

mM water solution) at a ratio of 10:1:1. Briefly, 50 μL of wine was added to 950 μL of *FRAP* reagent. After 4 min, the absorbance of blue coloration was measured against a blank sample. All measurements were performed in triplicate. Aqueous solutions of $\text{FeSO}_4 \times 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (100–1000 μM) were used for the calibration and the results are expressed as mmol L^{-1} Fe(II).

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