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1 **Bioaccessibility of polyphenols associated with dietary fiber and *in vitro* kinetics**
2 **release of polyphenols in Mexican ‘Ataulfo’ mango (*Mangifera indica* L) by-**
3 **products**
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24 **ABSTRACT**

25 The biological properties of polyphenol (PP) depend on its bioaccessibility and
26 bioavailability. This means the process of releasing PP from the food matrix in the
27 gastrointestinal tract through enzymatic hydrolysis which may be at least partially
28 absorbed. The aim of this study is to determine the bioaccessibility of PP associated with
29 dietary fiber (DF) and the kinetics release of PP in mango (*Mangifera indica* L.) 'Ataulfo'
30 by-products by an *in vitro* model. Soluble and insoluble DF values were 7.99 and
31 18.56% in the mango paste and 6.98 and 22.78% in the mango peel, respectively. PP
32 associated with soluble and insoluble DF was 6.0 and 3.73 g GAE/100 g in paste and
33 4.72 and 4.50 g GAE/100 g in peel. Bioaccessibility of PP was 38.67% in pulp and
34 40.53% in peel. Kinetics study shows a release rate of 2.66 and 3.27 g PP/min in paste
35 and peel, respectively. Antioxidant capacity of paste increased as digestion reached a
36 value of 2.87 mmol TE/min at 180 min. The antioxidant capacity of peel had its
37 maximum (28.94 mmol TE/min) between 90 and 120 min of digestion; it started with a
38 value of 2.58 mmol TE/min, and thereafter increased to 4.20 mmol TE/min at 180 min.
39 The major PPs released during the digestion of paste were gallic and hydroxybenzoic
40 acids, while in the peel, they were hydroxycinnamic and vanillic acids. It was concluded
41 that these phenolics compounds are readily available for absorption in the small
42 intestine and exert different potential health benefits.

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44 **Key words:** Bioaccessibility, polyphenols, dietary fiber, *Mangifera indica*.

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47 INTRODUCTION

48 Fresh fruits are widely consumed because of their taste, high nutrients and bioactive
49 compounds that exert beneficial effects on human health.¹ These products are natural
50 antioxidants and possess other biological properties of interest.² Fruits are important
51 sources of some essential dietary micronutrients and dietary fiber (DF) and wide range
52 of phytochemicals, which individually or in conjunction may have important biological
53 activities that promote health benefits.³ DF is not defined as a chemical group; rather it
54 is a combination of chemically heterogeneous substances, with some physiological
55 functions related to postprandial blood glucose/ insulin levels, gastrointestinal and
56 cardiovascular health.⁴ In fact nowadays, is considered that DF may serve as a carrier
57 of a significant amount of polyphenols (PP) associated with food matrix through human
58 intestine.⁵

59 Most fruits like mango (*Mangifera indica* L) are consumed fresh; however, there are
60 many industrial processes that lead in products of high consumption such as juices and
61 concentrates. Processing of tropical fruit produces high amounts of by-products that are
62 not fully approached. They include ingredients used for preparing other products and
63 untreated waste in the environment that causes contamination. It has been observed
64 that by-products are a good source of DF and PP and that they could provide added
65 value to different food products.⁶ Therefore, the possibility of using these compounds as
66 additives or active ingredients in the food industry is of great interest.⁷ Mango pulp
67 generates about 50 to 55% of waste represented by seeds, peel and paste.⁸ The
68 biological properties of antioxidants found in fruits depend on their bioaccessibility and
69 bioavailability.⁴ Some reports have shown poor bioavailability of several groups of PP,

70 which are reflected, for example, in a low concentration of PP in plasma.⁹ PP
71 bioavailability depends not only on the type but in other factors, such as its release from
72 food matrix during gastrointestinal digestion (bioaccessibility), cellular uptake,
73 metabolism and further transport in the circulatory system. Substances that reach the
74 small intestine are removable¹⁰ and constitute the soluble fraction in the gastrointestinal
75 tract, whereas compounds not released (non- bioaccessible fraction) are passed out in
76 feces.¹¹⁻¹³ The nutritional values of plant foods are usually estimated based on their
77 native concentrations of nutrients, phytochemicals, and total antioxidant capacity. These
78 data are usually obtained by direct extraction with aqueous-organic solvents.^{14, 15}
79 However, these conditions are different from the physiological conditions that occur in
80 the digestive tract. Therefore, foods PP determined conventionally can have different
81 values from that which is normally absorbed and assimilated.¹⁰ The possible absorption
82 metabolism, and excretion of PP was recently discussed. The impact of food matrix,
83 nutrients, enzymes and pH in the upper gastrointestinal tract, colonic microbiota and
84 physicochemical properties of phenolic compounds on their bioaccessibility and
85 bioavailability was also discussed. However, there is a need to fully characterize
86 gastrointestinal factors that affect bioaccessibility of PCs bound tightly to the food
87 matrix.¹⁶ For this reason, the aim of this study is to evaluate the bioaccessibility of PP
88 associated with DF and determine the kinetics release of PP in mango by-products
89 (paste and peels) by an *in vitro* model.

90 **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

91 **Sample preparation**

92 'Ataulfo' mango by-products (paste and peels) from concentrate processing were
93 provided by Mexifrutas, S.A. de C.V., from Nayarit, México. Samples were freeze-dried
94 and subsequently ground, sifted with a mesh size of 0.5 microns, and stored in sealed
95 bags at -20 °C, until analysis.

96 **Total soluble polyphenols (TSP) and hydrolysable polyphenols (HP) content**

97 For the quantification of TSP, organic aqueous extraction was performed on samples
98 with acidified methanol solution (0.8 N HCl 2N 50:50 v/v) and acetone-water solution
99 (80:20 v/v). TSP contents were determined in the extracts previously obtained
100 according to Montreau¹⁷ with some modifications, using a microplate reader (BioTek ®
101 Synergy HT, USA). The absorbance was read at 750 nm against a blank, and TSP was
102 calculated using a calibration curve of gallic acid. Results were expressed as gallic acid
103 equivalents (GAE)/100 g of sample dry weight (DW).

104 The HP content was obtained based on the proposed method of Hartzfeld et al.¹⁸
105 Residue from aqueous extraction was dispersed and 20 ml of methanol and 2 ml of
106 H₂SO₄ were added. Extracts were incubated in a shaking water bath at 85 °C for 20 h.
107 They were cooled at room temperature and centrifuged at 3000 rpm for 10 min. Then
108 the supernatants were recovered. Subsequently, the residue was washed twice with 10
109 ml of distilled water and supernatants were mixed in a 50 ml volumetric flask.
110 Quantification was performed as previously, calculating the concentration of HP with a
111 calibration curve of gallic acid.

112 **Antioxidant activity**

113 ***2,2'-Diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) radical scavenging method***

114 The supernatants from aqueous extract were used to evaluate antioxidant activity with
115 the reduction of DPPH radical assay. Determination was carried out with the method
116 proposed by Prior et al.¹⁹ with some modifications. DPPH (5 mM) was dissolved in pure
117 methanol to a concentration of 190 μ M, and was kept in the dark. Trolox (6-hydroxy-
118 2,5,7,8-tetramethylchromane-2-carboxylic) was used as a standard and methanol as a
119 blank. Samples of 20 μ l of extract were added together with 200 μ l of DPPH radical and
120 incubated at room temperature in the dark for 30 min. Afterwards, absorbance was read
121 at 517 nm in a microplate reader of 300 μ l of capacity (Biotek, Synergy HT, Winooski,
122 VT, USA). The results are reported in mmol TE/100 g of sample DW.

123 ***2,20-Azinobis-3-ethylbenzotiazoline-6-sulfonic acid (ABTS) analysis***

124 The supernatants from aqueous extract were used to evaluate antioxidant activity with
125 the reduction of ABTS radical assay based on Re et al²⁰, with some modifications. For
126 this determination, ABTS (7 mM) was dissolved in potassium persulphate (2.42 mM)
127 and kept in the dark at room temperature for 14 h. The solution was adjusted with
128 phosphate buffer at an absorbance of 0.70 (\pm 0.02). Trolox (6-hydroxy-2,5,7,8-
129 tetramethylchromane-2-carboxylic) was used as a standard and methanol as a blank.
130 Samples of 10 μ l of extract were added in a microplate reader (Biotek, Synergy HT,
131 Winooski, VT, USA) of 300 μ l of capacity and 280 μ l of ABTS radical was added. Then,
132 it was incubated at 37°C in the dark and read for 6 min, at 734 nm; calibration curve
133 was prepared using an aqueous solution of Trolox as standard. The results are reported
134 in mmol TE/100 g sample DW.

135 **HPLC analysis of polyphenols (PP)**

136 Partial identification of PP was performed using a Dionex ICS-5000 HPLC-PDA (proto-
137 diode array) system. The separation was achieved using a reverse phase column
138 Acclaim C₁₈ (300 × 3.0 mm i.d., 5 µm particle size, Thermo Scientific, USA). The mobile
139 phases were: acidified water with 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) (A) and 85%
140 acetonitrile with 0.085% TFA acidified (B). Separation was carried out in 50 min under
141 the following conditions: 0 min, 92% A; 30 min, 60% A; 45 min, 35% A; 48 min, 92% A;
142 50 min, 92% A. The column was equilibrated for 5 min prior to each analysis. The
143 mobile phase flow rate was 1 mL/min and the injection volume was 50 µL. UV detection
144 was carried out from 214 to 520 nm.

145 **Analysis of total soluble polyphenols (TSP) released from food matrix and**
146 **associated with dietary fiber (DF)**

147 In order to identify and quantify TSP released by enzymatic hydrolysis and PP
148 associated with DF, aliquots of DF were taken and analyzed using the method (991.43
149 AOAC, 2000) modified by Mañas and Saura-Calixto²¹ (Figure 1). The following steps
150 were used to calculate these parameters.

151 (1) Paste and peel (500 mg) were incubated with a triple enzymatic hydrolysis with heat-
152 stable α-amylase (25 µl, pH 6, 35 min, 100°C A-3306, Sigma-Aldrich, St Louis, MO,
153 USA), protease (50 µl of 50 mg/ml solution in phosphate buffer 0.08 M, pH 6, 60°C, 35
154 min, P-5380, Sigma) and amyloglucosidase (150 µl, pH 4.5, 60°C, 35 min, A-9913,
155 Sigma).

156 (2) After *in vitro* digestion, an aliquot was taken to determine PP released from food
157 matrix by enzymatic hydrolysis. Subsequently, the samples were centrifuged for 15 min,
158 4°C at 8,000×g and the supernatant was removed and residue washed twice with

159 distilled water (10 ml). Supernatants were volumetric and transferred to dialysis tubes of
160 cellulose membrane (D9652-3 0.48 m, 12,000-14,000 Da, Sigma Aldrich) for 24 h.

161 (3) After the dialysis, an aliquot was taken in this fraction to determine PP associated
162 with soluble DF. (4) To quantify the soluble DF, dialysates were subjected to an
163 hydrolysis with concentrated sulfuric acid to determine non-starch polysaccharides
164 following the Englyst and Cummings,²² method, using glucose as standard.

165 (5) After centrifugation, residues were hydrolyzed with H₂SO₄ 12 M, 33 ml of water at
166 100 °C for 90 min to determine non-starch polysaccharides.²¹

167 (6) To identify and quantify the PP associated with insoluble fiber, the residue
168 underwent a double organic extraction to evaluate the content of PP after the sulfuric
169 acid hydrolysis. In order to identify PP released from food matrix and PP associated
170 with soluble DF, aliquots obtained in previous steps were analyzed by HPLC-PDA, and
171 compared to known standards. At the same time, TSP, ABTS and DPPH antioxidant
172 activity was performed. All tests were carried out at least by triplicate.

173 **Bioaccessibility of the polyphenols associated with dietary fiber**

174 Bioaccessibility assessment was performed by difference based on the content of PP
175 released by enzymatic hydrolysis, and the content of PP associated with soluble and
176 insoluble DF. The following equation (1) describes the bioaccessibility considering that
177 the difference of PP released after enzymatic hydrolysis and PP associated to soluble
178 DF are the potential bioaccessible PP.

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$$\text{Bioaccessibility (\%)} = \frac{(\text{PREH} - \text{PASF})}{(\text{PREH} + \text{PAIF})} \times 100 \quad (1)$$

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181 where PREH = PP released by enzymatic hydrolysis, PASF = PP associated with
182 soluble DF, PAIF = PP associated with insoluble DF.

183 **Kinetics release of polyphenols (PP) from food matrix, in 'Ataulfo' mango by-**
184 **products (paste and peel)**

185 Kinetics release of PP in food matrix was determined according to the *in vitro* digestion
186 method of Granfeldt,²³ with some modifications. Dried sample (300 mg) was weighed
187 into 50 ml centrifuge tubes, 10 ml of phosphate buffer (0.05 M pH 1.5) was added, then
188 0.2 ml of pepsin solution (from porcine pancreas, powder, ≥ 250 units / mg, 300 mg /
189 mL, P-7000, Sigma) was added and incubated at 37°C for 1 h. Afterwards, phosphate
190 buffer (4.5 ml, 0.05 M, pH 6.9) was added and transferred to cellulose dialysis bags
191 (D9652-30.48 m, 12,000 - 14,000 Da, Sigma Aldrich). One milliliter of pancreatic α -
192 amylase (110 U Sigma/ml, 40 μ l/7 ml, A6255, Sigma) was added to each dialysis bag
193 and sample was adjusted to a volume of 30 ml and dialysis tube was sealed. The tubes
194 were placed in a glass vessel with 200 ml of phosphate buffer (0.05 M, pH 6.9),
195 previously stabilized at 37°C. Samples were incubated for 3 h with continuous stirring.
196 At 30 min intervals, 1 ml of external liquid containing the dialyzed compounds was taken
197 and TPS compounds and antioxidant capacity were analyzed in triplicate. Samples
198 were injected in an HPLC to determine the kinetic release of PP during incubation. Data
199 were used to calculate the release rates. A linear regression model was used to obtain
200 values of the slope, which correspond to the rates of PP released, and the changes in
201 antioxidant capacity.

202 **Data analysis**

203 A completely randomized design was used. All analyses were performed in triplicate;
204 means and standard deviations from each determination were calculated.

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206 **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

207 **Total soluble phenols (TSP), hydrolysable polyphenols (HP), HPLC polyphenols** 208 **profile and antioxidant activity in 'Ataulfo' mango by-products**

209 In general, PP is an important parameter in the study of fruits and their by-products due
210 to its high content and contribution to antioxidant activity. The results obtained for TSP
211 values were 9.51 ± 1.72 g GAE/100 g sample in paste and 7.22 ± 1.80 g GAE/100 g
212 DW in peel (Table 1). Kim et al.²⁴ reported similar values in mango peels in the same
213 cultivar. These values are higher than those reported for whole mango pulps, for which
214 values have been reported as 0.2 g GAE/100 g.²⁵ The major phenolic compounds found
215 in mango paste were gallic, hydroxycinnamic and hydroxybenzoic acids. It was
216 previously reported that the major phenolics of mango pulp were gallic, chlorogenic,
217 vanillic and protocateic²⁶ similar to those found in the pulp and the peel by-products
218 studied, however other glycosylated compounds or some other flavonoids identified in
219 other works²⁷ were not identified in the present study, this may be due to the purification
220 that takes place in other studies or the sensitivity of identification and quantification
221 methods, which are more accurate than those made in the present work. Meanwhile, in
222 the case of peels, the major phenolic compounds were chlorogenic and vanillic acids. It
223 has been reported that chlorogenic acid participates in lignin biosynthesis that is related
224 as possible responses to different stresses, such as, mechanical damage and fungal
225 attack.²⁸ HP contents are usually ignored in PP analyses, even their biological relevance

226 as anti-atherogenic on cellular cholesterol metabolism and uptake, protection of
227 lipoproteins against oxidation²⁹, anti-thrombotic on the development of atherosclerotic
228 plaque³⁰ and anti-inflammatory decreasing PGE₂ levels in macrophages effect,³¹ HP in
229 mango peels had 5.54 ± 0.40 g GAE/100 g DW, while in paste it was 2.6 ± 0.22 g
230 GAE/100 g DW. It has been reported that mango peel contains gallotannins from 5 to
231 13 units which are normally presented in HP fraction.³² The major PP identified in HP
232 fraction in paste was hydroxycinnamic, caffeic, coumaric, gallic, chlorogenic and vanillic
233 acids, as well as naringerine. However, the main PPs found in the HP of the peel were
234 hydroxycinnamic acid, ellagic acid, hydroxybenzoic acid, caffeic acid, coumaric acid and
235 naringerin. HP is the result of a strong acidic treatment that may degrade some PPs;
236 however, it allows high recovery of PP and can be considered as a good alternative
237 method to evaluate HP.⁵ Whole fruits are generally a good source of TSP, such as
238 apple that contains close to 1.81 g GAE/100 g DW;³³ pink guava, 0.61 g GAE/100 g
239 DW;³⁴ mango, 0.34 g GAE/100 g DW.³⁵ However, these values are lower than those
240 obtained in this study. Most fruits have higher contents of PP in their edible portion as
241 well as in their by-products. Phenolic acids or their derivatives are usually bound
242 covalently to polysaccharides in the plant cell wall, forming ester bonds with arabinose
243 in hemicellulose or with lignin.³⁶

244 Antioxidant capacity has been evaluated in food products using various methodologies
245 with different mechanisms.³⁷ ABTS assay is generally recommended for measuring the
246 antioxidant activity of hydrophilic compounds, while DPPH method is commonly used
247 for aqueous/organic extracts with hydrophilic and lipophilic compounds.³⁸ The
248 antioxidant activities of TSP and HP in paste and peels are shown in Table 1, the

249 reported values for both by-products are much higher than those reported for whole
250 pulps, which are in a range of between 3.87 ± 0.01 to 4.01 ± 0.09 mmol Trolox/100 g
251 determined by ABTS.² It is important to address that DPPH assay showed higher values
252 in antioxidant capacity (approximately 50%) compared to ABTS assay. This result
253 agrees with that of Arnao³⁴ and Almeida et al.³⁹, where they argue that colored
254 compounds such as anthocyanins and carotenoids present in the sample might have a
255 spectrum, which overlaps DPPH at 515 nm, and thus interferes with the measurements.
256 This phenomenon is influenced by the chemical structure, distribution and number of
257 OH groups in the molecules. Therefore, the small molecules can interact greatly with
258 the radical and apparently possess greater antioxidant capacity with this method.¹⁹
259 Reversible reactions of DPPH with certain phenols, such as eugenol and its derivatives,
260 result in low values of antioxidant activity.⁴⁰ The major polyphenols in mango are
261 phenolic acids, which are small molecules, and therefore can react with the radical and
262 be more reactive, resulting in higher DPPH values. Paste and peel of 'Ataulfo' mango
263 by-products are an excellent source of PP (between 790 and 118 mg GAE/100 g DW)
264 with a considerable antioxidant capacity between 303.04 and 790.79 mmol TE/100 g
265 DW.

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267 **Dietary fiber content, polyphenols (PP) released by enzymatic hydrolysis, and**
268 **polyphenols associated with soluble dietary fiber (SDF) and insoluble dietary**
269 **fiber (IDF) in 'Ataulfo' mango paste and peel**

270 Fruits and many by-products are sources of DF that can embed different compounds
271 such as PP which are able to interact chemically and physically with food matrix.⁴ PP

272 has hydrophobic aromatic rings and hydrophilic hydroxyl groups that can be linked to
273 polysaccharides and proteins at several sites on the cell wall (cellulose, hemicellulose
274 and lignin)⁴¹. Some of them can exert antioxidant activity once they are hydrolyzed and
275 released by enzymatic reaction. Table 2 shows the total dietary fiber (TDF), soluble
276 dietary fiber (SDF) and insoluble dietary fiber (IDF) in 'Ataulfo' mango by-products
277 (paste and peel). Our results coincided with those reported by García-Magaña et al.⁴²
278 for mango by-products (6.22% SDF and 17.67% IDF in paste and 11.11% SDF and
279 16.53% IDF in peel). Previous investigation reported values of 1.0% in TDF in mango
280 pulp and 28.0% in TDF in mango peel.⁴³ These differences may be due to the cultivars
281 and maturity stage. Other conditions include exposed food matrix such as heat
282 treatment, enzymatic hydrolysis and chemical processing during the industrialization of
283 mango.

284 PP released by the enzymatic hydrolysis is shown in Table 2. In paste, TSP released
285 content was 12.77 g GAE/100g and major PPs identified were gallic, hydroxycinnamic,
286 hydroxybenzoic, caffeic and ferulic acids (Figure 2). While in peel, TSP released content
287 was 9.34 g GAE/100 g, where ellagic, hydroxybenzoic, caffeic, ferulic and gallic acids
288 (Figure 2) were identified as the major compounds. It appears that these compounds
289 are potentially bioaccessible. After the gastric phase, pepsin digestion and low pH favor
290 the inseparable PP, which may release the diffusion from the food matrix to the
291 aqueous phase due to reduced ionic interactions.⁴⁴ It is well known that PP biological
292 properties depends on their release-absorption process and the release rate from food
293 matrix in the upper gastrointestinal tract.⁴⁵ TSP values obtained by enzymatic hydrolysis
294 were higher than those quantified by aqueous organic extraction (Tables 1 and 2).

295 Perez-Jimenez et al.³⁷ and Saura-Calixto⁴⁶ showed that boiled rice extracted under
296 simulated gastric digestion conditions had 15% more TSP than that extracted in an
297 aqueous organic solvent. This could be due to the partial release of PP bounded to the
298 cell wall material of the endosperm fraction of the grain.⁴⁷ After dialysis process the PP
299 linked to SDF in paste was 6.01 g GAE/100g, being ellagic, hydroxycinnamic, and gallic
300 acids (the major phenolic compounds identified) (Figure 2). It is important to highlight
301 that in this stage only few compounds were detected. In the case of ellagic acid, which
302 was not identified in the previous step, the paste has ellagitannins, consisting of mainly
303 ellagic acid, which could be released during the dialysis process by enzymatic
304 hydrolysis.⁴⁸

305 These compounds linked to SDF in the paste are not accessible in the small intestine
306 and thus they cannot be absorbed; although they can reach the colon and be fermented
307 by microbiota releasing a significant amount of phenolics that can create an antioxidant
308 environmental and prevent oxidative stress of membranes.¹⁰ Almost all SDFs are
309 fermentable and it has been proven that increase in the microbiota fermentation of
310 some polyphenols enhances the bioavailability of aglycons increasing rates of
311 deglycosylation, but reduces the bioavailability of native polyphenols.⁴⁹

312 On the other hand, PP linked to SDF in peel has values of 3.73 g GAE/100 g, being
313 caffeic acid, naringerin and chlorogenic acid (the major phenolics identified). Other
314 phenolic compounds in lower concentrations were identified in the peel (Figure 2). Two
315 phenolic acids and naringenin which is a flavanone are not identified in the previous
316 stage of dialysis. This may be due to a possible glycosylation process linked to
317 disaccharide⁵⁰ that reduces its release during the early stages of *in vitro* digestion.

318 However, they probably be released by the action of amyloglucosidase used in DF
319 determination process and this allows that PP be more available and be detected in
320 more extent during the HPLC assay. A clear decrease in certain compounds such as
321 gallic acid, hydroxybenzoic acid, caffeic and ferulic was observed before and after
322 dialysis (Figure 2). This could be a good indicator that these compounds have the
323 possibility of being absorbed by passive transport in the small intestine.⁵¹ However,
324 further analyses involving other methodologies such as line cells as Caco-2 commonly
325 used in different studies are necessary to validate this asseveration.¹¹

326 The value of PP linked to IDF in paste was 4.73 g GAE/100 g DW. Compounds
327 identified were ferulic and coumaric acids with major percentage; also chlorogenic and
328 vanillic acids were identified (Table 2). While in the peel, PP in IDF was on average,
329 4.51 g GAE/100 g. The major compounds identified were hydroxycinnamic,
330 hydroxybenzoic and ferulic acids (Table 2). It has been reported that PP, generally
331 hydroxycinnamic acid derivatives such as gallic, sinapic, p-coumaric and ferulic acids,
332 can be found in the fiber fractions forming cross links with the polysaccharides of the
333 cell wall, as those reported in lemon, orange and grapes.⁷ The compounds related to
334 the IDF, but not released from food matrix, apparently are not absorbed in the small
335 intestine. It has been observed that these compounds have various biological effects,
336 including inhibition of *in vitro* and *in vivo* oxidation of LDL and protection against
337 oxidative DNA damage, showing antithrombotic, anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial,
338 anticarcinogenic and antimutagenic properties.⁵²

339 Antioxidant capacity of the studied samples decreased during the digestion process.
340 This is consistent with that reported by Bermudez-Soto et al.⁵³ that observed a reduction

341 of various PP following similar digestion simulation of various fruit juices, which
342 displayed high increase of PP content after the gastric phase of digestion (similar to the
343 current study), but lower levels after the duodenal phase. Bioaccessibility was calculated
344 according to Equation 1, where paste showed about 38.67% of PP potentially
345 bioaccessible, whereas peel showed about 40.53% of PP potentially bioaccessible. This
346 indicates that both by-products have around 40% of PP contents that are apparently
347 available for absorption in the small intestine, and possibly may have beneficial effect
348 on the organism.

349 ***In vitro* polyphenols kinetics release**

350 It is widely recognized that not all components present in food matrix are completely
351 bioaccessible.^{12, 54} This bioaccessibility is a function of several parameters including the
352 initial concentration of the components and composition of the food matrix, physiological
353 factors, such as enzyme concentrations and pH of the gastrointestinal environment.³⁶
354 Bioaccessibility analysis performed in this study revealed that a large number of
355 compounds, released from the food matrix, could be available and absorbed in the
356 small intestine. PP can be present in the matrix as an individual molecule bound to cell
357 organelles or entrapped in complex macromolecular matrices with other macronutrients
358 such as carbohydrates or proteins. Food matrices affect many aspects of PP
359 bioaccessibility, bioavailability, and bioactions.⁵⁵ However, the information in this regard
360 is scarce. This fact is of great importance. The released kinetics of PP could give good
361 information about the bioaccessibility of PP in this type of matrix. Figure 3 shows the PP
362 kinetics released which showed average release rates of 2.66 g of PP/min in the paste
363 and 3.27g of PP/min in the peel. This showed in both cases an apparent rapid release

364 of PP from the food matrix by enzymatic action. However, this could be attributed to the
365 possible interference of the free sugars present in the samples analyzed. The major
366 PPs released during the kinetics in the paste were gallic and hydroxybenzoic acids
367 (Figure 4), whereas in the peel, they were vanillic and hydroxycinnamic acids (Figure 5).
368 These results not only reveal the potential bioaccessibility of PP linked to DF, but the
369 ratio with which these compounds could be released and absorbed in the small intestine
370 by passive transport mechanism; as well as their different health benefits. These results
371 indicate that these phenols apparently interact in less extent than other phenols present
372 in the DF of peel and pulp. In the same way, aliquots were taken during the experiment
373 to determine the antioxidant activity, which increases with values of 2.87 mmol TE/min
374 in the paste. However, for the case of peel, the kinetic shows three stages, in which the
375 speed was different over time: a) stage 1, an average increase rates of 2.58 mmol
376 TE/min, from 0 to 90 min; b) stage 2 between 90 and 120 min, a pronounced increase
377 occurred, reaching an antioxidant capacity rate of 28.94 mmol TE/min; c) stage 3, at
378 180 min, an average rate increase in antioxidant capacity of 4.20 mmol TE/min was
379 found. PPs released were mainly phenolic acids, which due to their low molecular
380 weight, can easily pass through the dialysis membrane by a passive transport
381 mechanism. These phenolics acids apparently are weakly linked to DF, and this allows
382 release during the digestion simulation. It is important to notice that gallic acid as well as
383 hydroxybenzoic acids present in mango pulp and peel demonstrated the highest
384 antioxidant capacity.⁵⁶ However, during the dialysis process some other compounds,
385 such as carotenoids and lipids, which contribute to the antioxidant capacity measured in
386 this experiment may be released.⁵⁷ These lipophilic compounds are being studied in a

387 separate experiment to confirm the possible additive effect they could have with PP to
388 determine the individual contribution to the antioxidant activity of these groups of
389 antioxidants. An increase in the antioxidant activity of the external compounds that
390 passed through the membrane of dialysis was observed, which can be an indicator of
391 the amount of PP released during the kinetics study.

392 **Conclusion**

393 Major phenolic compounds found in soluble and insoluble DF in the paste and the peel
394 of mango were ellagic, gallic, caffeic, chlorogenic and hydroxycinnamic acids. According
395 to our results, 38.67 and 40.53% of the PP found in the paste and peel are potentially
396 bioaccessible. The current methods for determining PP could be underestimation of the
397 actual content of PP compounds, which may be available for absorption in the gut. The
398 study of *in vitro* release kinetics of PP could contribute to learning more about *in vivo*
399 digestion and absorption of the PP in fruits. This would provide a scientific basis for
400 further studies on bioaccessibility and bioavailability of PP and their possible
401 mechanisms of action in the different metabolic pathways that are involved. The high
402 contents of PP with good antioxidant activity of mango by-products are factors to
403 consider for their integral approach. The knowledge of PP stability under certain
404 physiological conditions facilitates development of new PP-rich functional foods and
405 consequently the reduction of contamination to environment.

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511 **Table 1.** Total soluble polyphenols (TSP) hydrolysable polyphenols (HP), and antioxidant capacity, on mango 'Ataulfo' by-
 512 products (paste and peel)¹.
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Parameter	Paste	Peel
TSP (g GAE/100 g sample)	9.51 ± 1.72	7.22 ± 1.80
Polyphenols profile (%)		
Gallic acid	76	n.d ²
Hydroxycinnamic acid	12.67	n.d
p-hydroxybenzoic acid	9.26	n.d
Chlorogenic acid	n.d	82
Vanillic acid	n.d	17
Antioxidant activity (mmol TE/100 g)		
DPPH	303.04 ± 5.66	790.79 ± 11.57
ABTS	35.32 ± 6.60	116.01 ± 7.15
HP (g GAE/100 g)	2.60 ± 0.22	5.54 ± 0.40
Polyphenols profile (%)		
Hydroxycinnamic acid	44.2	45.26
Caffeic acid	22.08	12.42
Coumaric acid	13.72	6.05
Gallic acid	10.08	n.d
Ellagic acid	n.d	19.07
p-hydroxybenzoic acid	n.d	14.25
Antioxidant activity (mmol TE/100 g sample)		
DPPH	118.04 ± 2.17	154.58 ± 4.39
ABTS	63.6 ± 4.8	109.8 ± 7.9

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 515 ¹Data are means of three repetitions ± standard deviation.² n.d: Not detected.

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517 **Table 2.** Dietary fiber (DF), polyphenols (PP) released by enzymatic hydrolysis, PP associated to soluble and insoluble DF
 518 and antioxidant capacity in 'Ataulfo' mango by-products (paste and peel).
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Parameter	Paste	Peel
Dietary fiber		
Total dietary fiber ¹	14.97	41.34
Soluble dietary fiber	7.99 ± 0.50	18.56 ± 1.33
Insoluble dietary fiber	6.98 ± 1.29	22.78 ± 2.30
Polyphenols released in enzymatic hydrolysis		
TSP (g GAE/100 g DW)	12.77 ± 1.38	9.35 ± 2.15
Polyphenols profile (%)		
Gallic acid	40.0	8.1
Hydroxycinnamic acid	21.0	n.d. ²
p-hydroxybenzoic acid	15.0	24.7
Caffeic acid	10.0	16.7
Ferulic acid	8.0	13.8
Ellagic acid	n.d.	36.0
Antioxidant capacity (mmol TE/100 g DW)		
DPPH	83.5 ± 0.4	91.0 ± 1.1
ABTS	29.4 ± 1.4	54.0 ± 0.8
Polyphenols associated to soluble DF		
TSP (g GAE/100 g DW)	6.01 ± 0.58	3.37 ± 0.08
Polyphenols profile (%)		
Ellagic acid	47.0	n.d.
Hydroxycinnamic acid	43.0	n.d.
Gallic acid	10.0	n.d.
Caffeic acid	n.d.	71.0

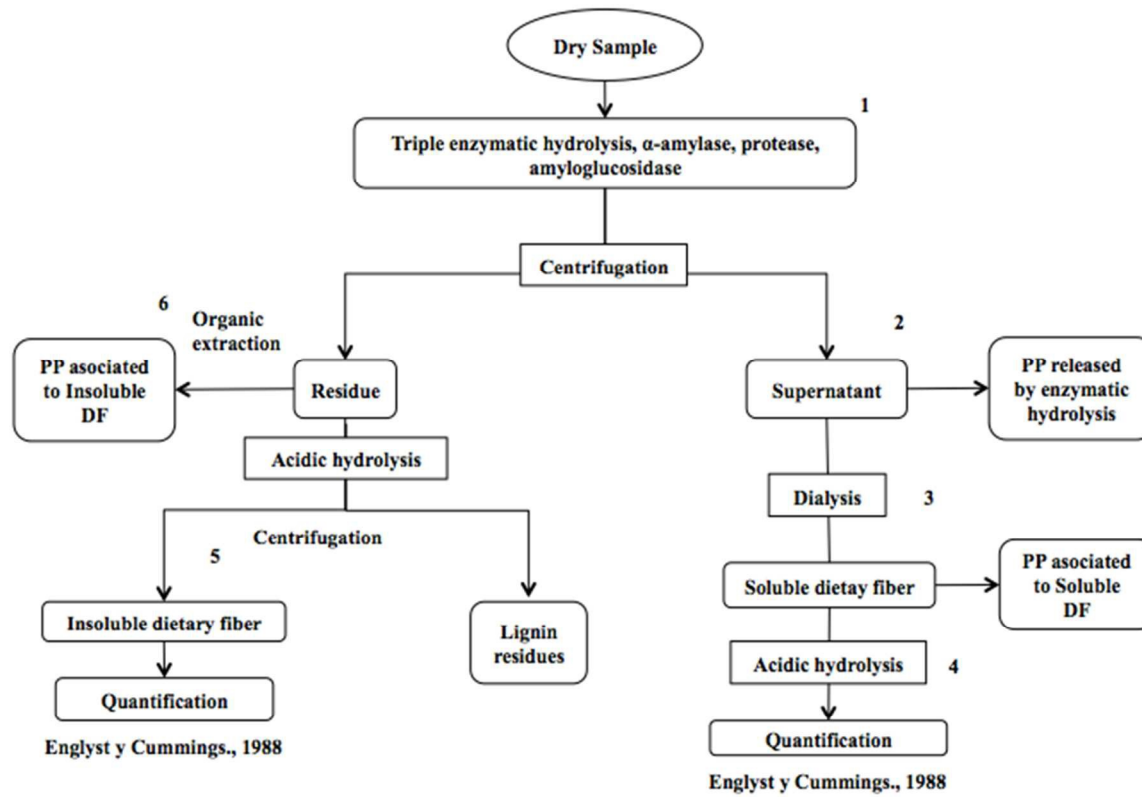
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Chlorogenic acid	n.d	7.0
Antioxidant capacity (mmol ET/100 g DW)		
DPPH	34.2 ± 0.4	39.1 ± 1.2
ABTS	9.5 ± 0.02	11.4 ± 0.8
Polyphenols associated to insoluble DF		
TSP (g GAE/100 g DW)	4.73 ± 0.67	4.51 ± 0.34
Polyphenols profile (%)		
Ferulic acid	45.0	18.26
Coumaric acid	45.0	n.d
Chlorogenic acid	7.38	n.d
Vanillic acid	1.54	n.d
Hydroxycinnamic acid	n.d	46.9
p-hydroxybenzoic acid	n.d	32.4
Antioxidant capacity (mmol TE/100 g DW)		
DPPH	61.5 ± 0.04	57.8 ± 0.23
ABTS	9.1 ± 0.48	5.40 ± 0.34
Polyphenols bioaccessibility percentage (%)	38.67	40.53

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521 ¹Total dietary fiber as a sum of soluble DF+ insoluble DF; data are means of three replicates ± standard deviation. ²n.d: not
 522 detected.

523 ³Bioaccessibility (%) = $\frac{(\text{PREH}-\text{PASF})}{(\text{PREH}+\text{PAIF})} \times 100$; PREH = PP released by enzymatic hydrolysis, PASF = PP associated to soluble DF, PAIF
 524 = PP associated to insoluble DF.

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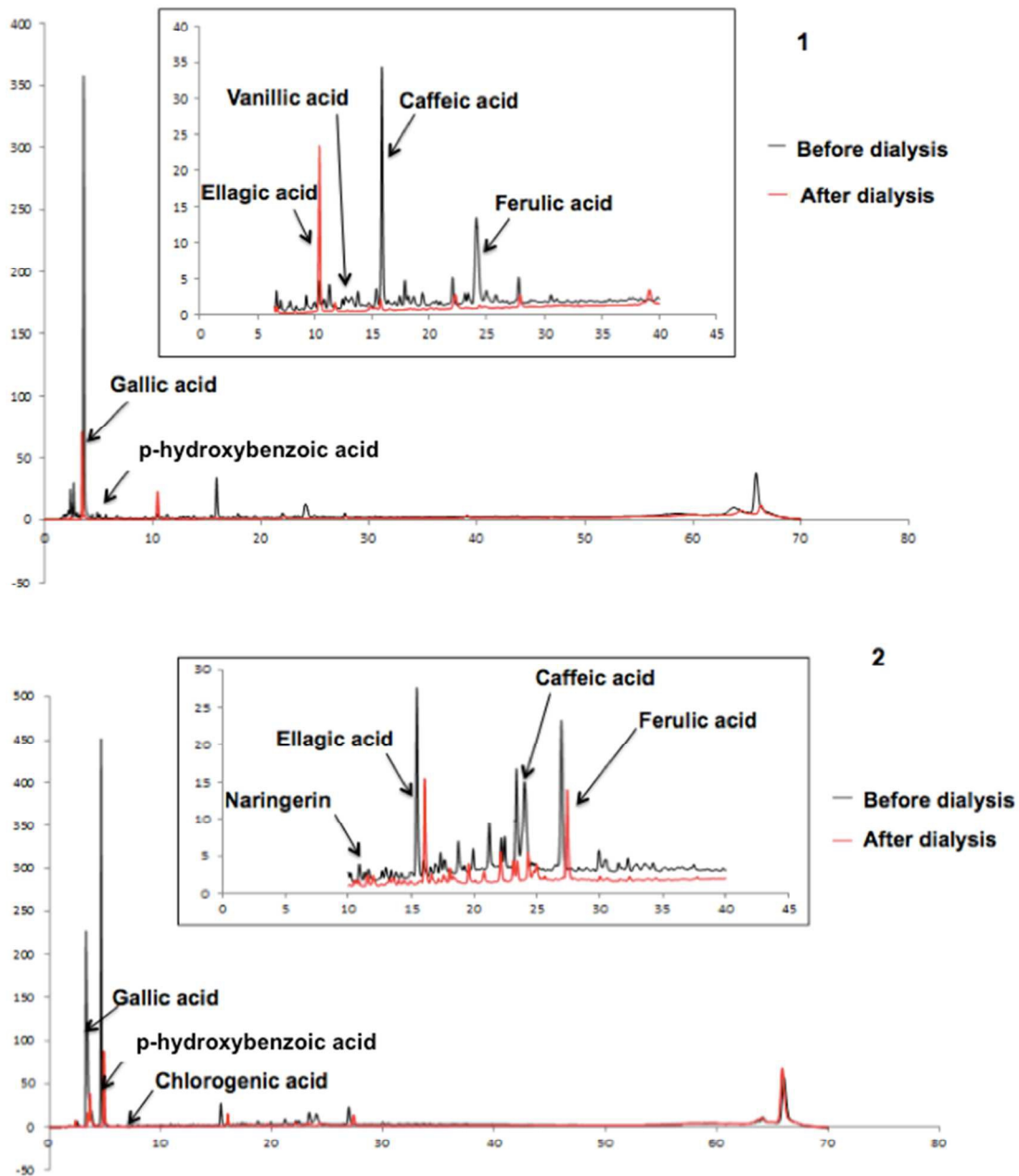


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527 **Figure 1.** Total soluble polyphenols (PP) released from food matrix and associated to dietary fiber: 1) Triple enzymatic
 528 hydrolysis, 2) Identification of PP released by the enzymatic hydrolysis, 3) PP associated to soluble dietary fiber, 4) Soluble
 529 dietary fiber quantification, 5) Insoluble dietary fiber quantification, 6) PP associated to insoluble dietary fiber.

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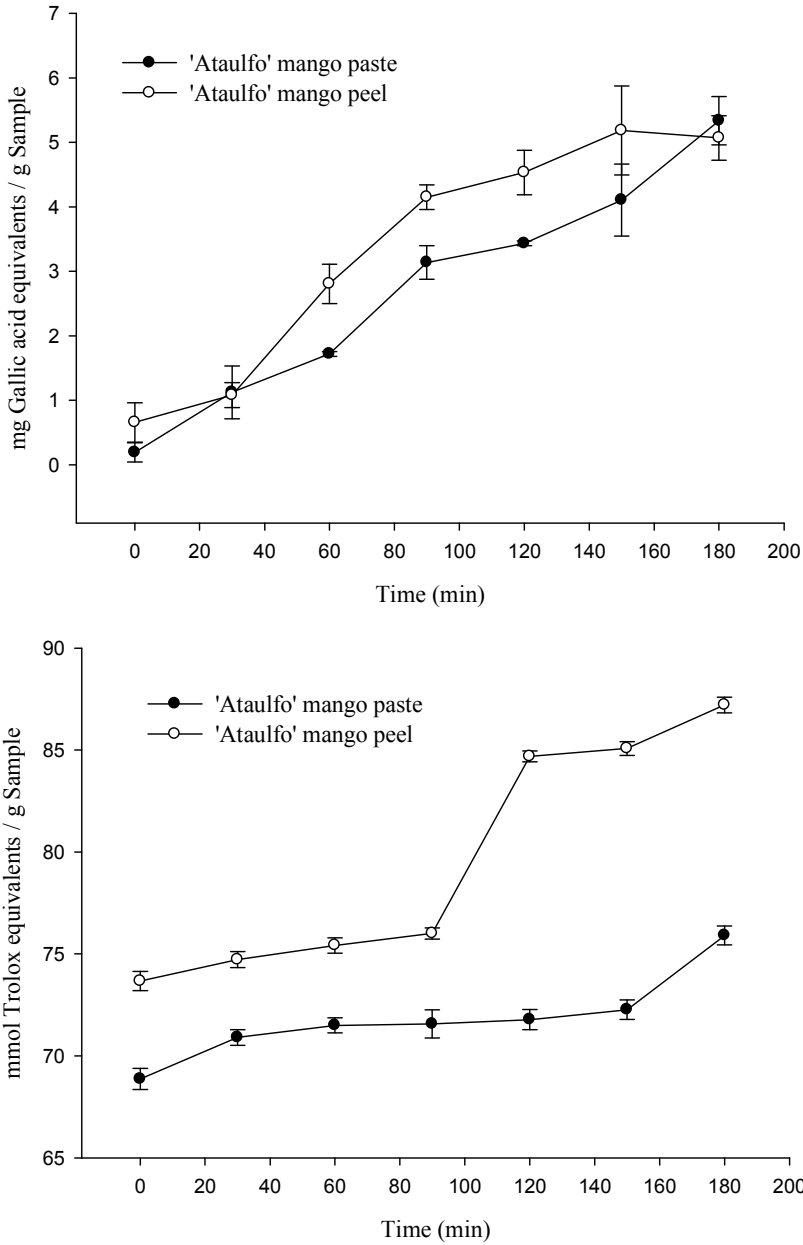
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532 **Figure 2.** HPLC-PDA chromatogram of polyphenols (PP) before and after dialysis process in 'Ataulfo' mango paste (1) and

533 peel (2) in dietary fiber analysis. Screening on 280-320 nm.

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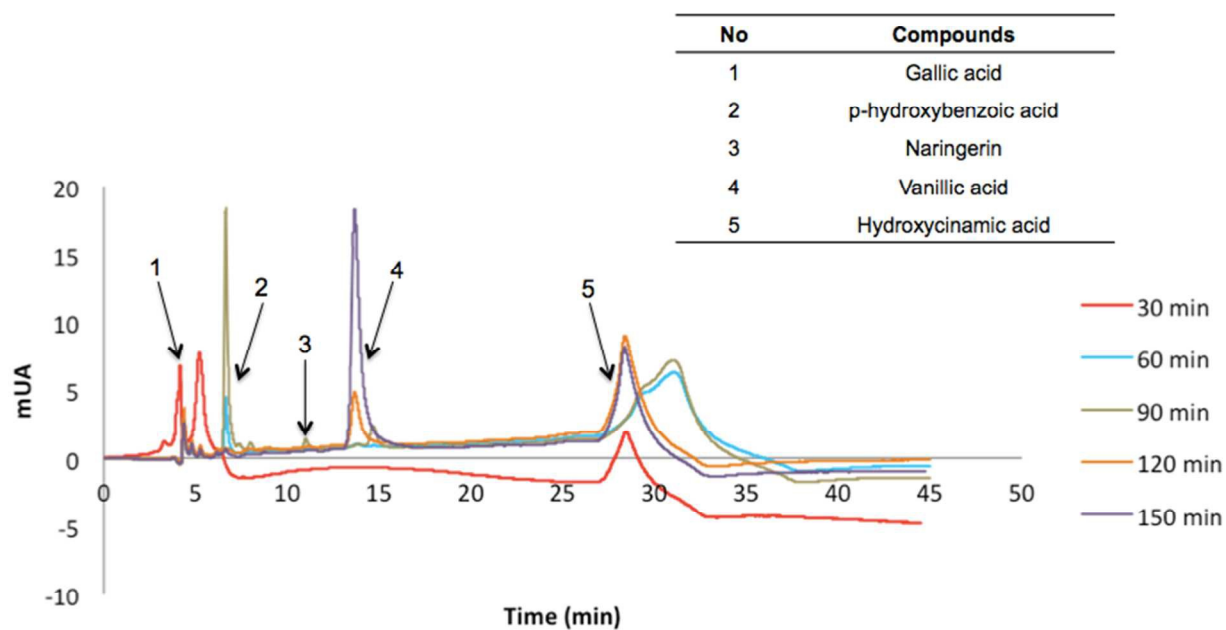
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538 **Figure 3.** Kinetics of the release of polyphenols and antioxidant capacity in paste and peel in 'Ataulfo' mango.

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542 **Figure 4.** HPLC-PDA chromatogram of polyphenols in kinetic release in 'Atafulfo' mango paste. Screening on 280-320 nm.

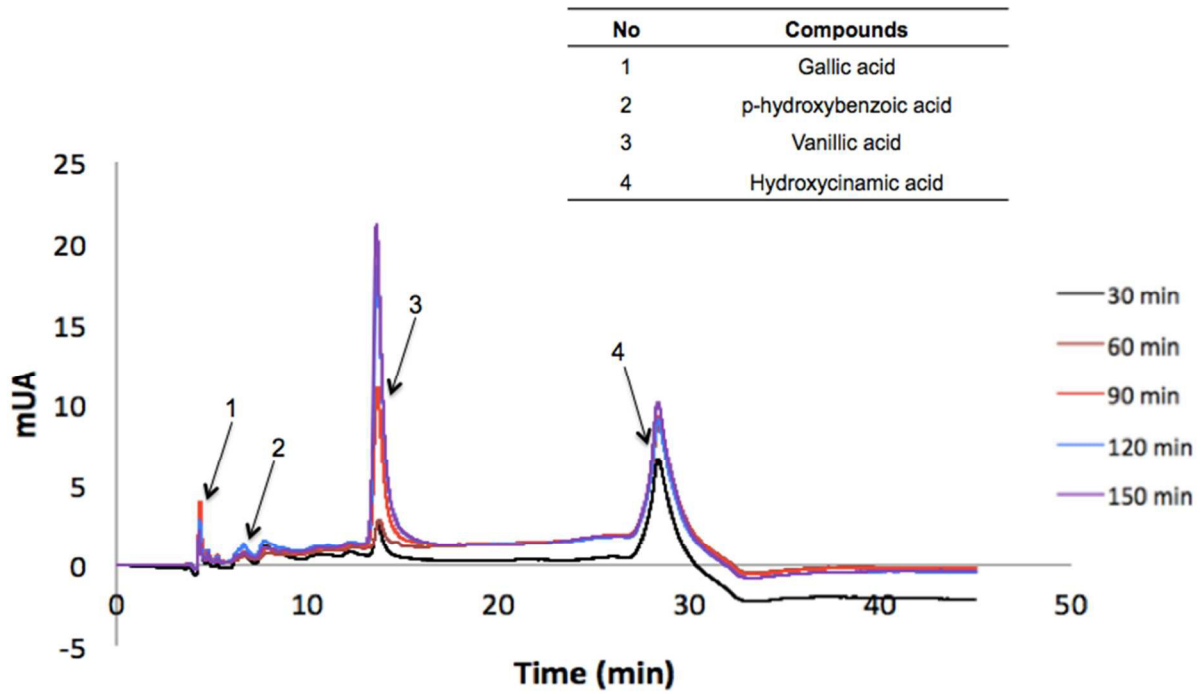
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549 **Figure 5.** HPLC-PDA chromatogram of polyphenols in kinetic release in 'Atafulfo' mango peel. Screening on 280-320 nm.

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