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4 **Abstract**
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7 Tempranillo grapes were immersed in solutions of pyrimethanil, metalaxyl,
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9 dichlofluanid and penconazol fungicides at different concentrations for several different
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11 times. Determinations of the fungicide residues was carried out by GC-NPD, with an
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13 additional confirmation by GC-MS. The percentage absorption was determined as well
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15 as the distribution between surface, skin and pulp of the grapes. The percentage
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17 absorption ranged from 7.2 to 85.5 %. These values depended on the time which grapes
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19 were in contact with the fungicide solutions. Residues were mainly found in skins, with
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21 percentages in skins ranged from 66.3 to 90.3 % of total residues. In pulp, these values
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23 were ranged from 3.5 to 31.0 %. The overall methodology was applied to the
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25 determination of pyrimethanil in Tempranillo grapes treated with the recommended
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27 doses, respecting the safety period. Pyrimethanil residues found in treated grapes were
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29 higher in the skin. In grapes collected within the safety period (21 days), the levels
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31 found for fungicide residues were below Maximum Residues Levels.
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40 **Keywords:** Pesticides;; grapes; absorption; distribution; penetration
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40 Introduction

41 Fungicides are widely used in the treatment of grape diseases for winemaking such us
42 grey mold (*Botrytis cinerea*), powdery mildew (*Uncinula necator*) and downy mildew
43 (*Plasmopara viticola*). Although the correct use of these phytosanitary products does
44 not have adverse effects for public or environmental health, indiscriminate treatment
45 applied without respect for safety periods or recommended doses can entail a risk the of
46 residues remaining in grapes used for winemaking. These fungicides may be transmitted
47 to the must and then to the wine during fermentation (Cabras et al. 2000; Fernández
48 González et al. 2003; Nozal et al. 2005) and affect not only the fermentation process but
49 also the final quality of the product, giving rise to off-flavors (Cuinier 1996). Moreover,
50 there may also be a risk for consumer health (Stavropoulos et al. 2001; Navarro et al.
51 2005). Therefore, rapid and reliable analytical techniques must be developed to control
52 residue levels in grapes, in order to verify their compliance with the Maximum Residue
53 Levels (MRLs) (Teixeira et al. 2004).

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55 Numerous analytical methods have been described for determining the presence of
56 fungicides in winemaking grapes. Determinations are generally carried out by GC with
57 different detectors (NPD, ECD, MS) (Sherma 1999; Fernández et al. 2002; Tadeo et al.
58 2004; Angioni et al. 2005) or HPLC with UV-VIS or MS detection (Melo et al. 2004;
59 Nozal et al. 2005; de Melo et al. 2006; Vaquero-Fernández et al. 2008). The MS
60 detector is commonly used as confirmatory method (de Melo et al. 2006; Likas et al.
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5 63 In GC analysis, the response of the system to certain pesticides may be affected by the
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7 64 presence of co-extractives from the matrix. Recent related papers in different fields of
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9 65 pesticide analyses report the matrix effect in calibration, and therefore carry out
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11 66 preparation of the calibration solution using extracts from blank samples (matrix-
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13 67 matched calibration) (Likas et al. 2007; Zhu et al. 2007).
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19 69 Numerous studies on the determination of certain pesticides in grapes at residual levels
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21 70 have been published (Navarro et al. 2000; Rial Otero et al. 2003). The method
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23 71 commonly used is solid-liquid extraction, as a prior isolation step, with solvents such as
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25 72 acetonitrile, hexane, acetone, dichloromethane, ethyl acetate or solvent mixtures as
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27 73 dichloromethane/acetone (Sala et al. 1997; Cabras et al. 2000b; Angioni et al. 2005; de
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29 74 Melo et al. 2006; Likas et al. 2007). Some studies also consider the use of solid phase
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31 75 extraction (SPE) as a further purification process (Fernández González et al. 2003; Rial
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33 76 Otero et al. 2003; Teixeira et al. 2004).
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40 78 The different effects of the application of fungicides to vines may explain the different
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42 79 locations and concentrations of fungicide residues in grapes. While systemic products
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44 80 penetrate the pulp, those in contact may be found in the skin. The adjuvants used in
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46 81 commercial formulations are important in the penetration of fungicides in tissues
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48 82 (Cabras et al. 2000a; Teixeira et al. 2004). In previous studies, different penetration of
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50 83 pesticides into the pulp has been observed in fruits like apples (Pérez-Clavijo et al.
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52 84 1996; Sanz-Asensio et al 1999).
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5 86 This study was designed to determine the residue levels of four fungicides widely used
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7 87 in grapevines of DOCa Rioja (pyrimethanil, metalaxyl, dichlofluanid and penconazol)
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9 88 in different fractions of grape. In this paper, results of a study of distribution of the
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11 89 target fungicides with simulated uptake from solution and in field studies are reported.
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13 90 Different concentrations were tested, equal or higher than the MRLs fixed by European
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21 **Experimental**

22 *23 Materials and chemicals*

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25 95 Pesticide analytical standards of pyrimethanil, metalaxyl, dichlofluanid and penconazol
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27 96 were purchased from Riedel-de-Haën (Seelze, Germany). Standards were certified and
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29 97 at least at >99% pure (Pestanal grade).. Metribuzin (a herbicide not used for vineyards)
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31 98 from Riedel-de-Haën (Seelze, Germany) with a purity of 99.8% was used as Internal
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33 99 Standard (IS). Scala[®] (37.4 % pyrimethanil formulated as suspension concentrate) was
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35 100 supplied by BASF Española S.A. (Barcelona, Spain) for vines treatment. The standards
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37 101 were stored at – 20°C. HPLC grade ethyl acetate, sodium sulfate anhydrous for GC
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39 102 residue analysis and washed glass wool were obtained from Scharlau (Barcelona,
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41 103 Spain), Ultrapure water was obtained in a Milli–Ro plus system together with a Milli–Q
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43 104 system from Millipore (Bedford, MA, USA).
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53 107 (Hamburg, Germany) were used to process samples in the developed method. A
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55 108 Zymark TurboVap[®] II (Hopkinton, USA) was used to evaporate extracts of ethyl acetate
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57 109 under nitrogen stream and a Büchi rotavapor R-200 to evaporate washing extracts.
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5 110 The extraction of the skin with water and ethyl acetate was carried out with a Branson
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7 111 5510 Ultrasonics (Barcelona, Spain).
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11 113 For solid phase extraction, octadecylsilane 200 mg (LiChrolut RP-18) cartridges were
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14 114 supplied by Merck (Darmstadt, Germany). A Visiprep SPE vacuum manifold from
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16 115 Supelco (Bellefonte, PA, USA) was used to simultaneously process 12 tubes. The
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18 116 system was equipped with a pressure controller (20 mm Hg) to force the sample through
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23 118 ***Standard solutions***

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26 119 Stock standards solution (ca. 1000 mg L⁻¹) of each fungicide was prepared in methanol
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28 120 by weighing approximately 0.0250 g of the analyte into a 25 mL volumetric flask and
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30 121 diluting to volume. An intermediary mixed standard solution was prepared by dilution
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32 122 in methanol of the stock standard solution to give a concentration of ca. 100 mg L⁻¹ for
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34 123 each compound. Stock and intermediary standard solutions of IS, metribuzin, were
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36 124 prepared in the same way. All standard solutions were stored at -20°C.

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39 125 ***Sampling and processing***

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42 126 In 2005 and 2006, grapes of Tempranillo variety were harvested in the winemaking area
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44 127 of La Rioja. These vines had not been treated with phytosanitary products and collected
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46 128 grapes were considered as control grapes in order to carry out the study of the
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48 129 compounds. The selected treated and control grapes from each bunch (top, middle and
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50 130 bottom) were frozen at -20°C in 150 mL flasks containing 75 grapes each.

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4 132 Before using the grapes, they were defrosted in a refrigerator at 4°C for 24 hours. They
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7 133 were kept at room temperature for one hour before handling. The grapes were weighed ,
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9 134 spiked and processed as follows:

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11 135 a) *Washing procedure*: tap water (50 ml) was added to 25 g of grapes in a 250 mL
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14 136 glass until they were completely covered to dissolve the pesticide residue
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16 137 remaining on the exterior of the fruit. The glass was placed in an ultrasound bath
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18 138 and shaken for 30 minutes to dissolve the residues located on the surface of the
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21 139 grapes. The removed water was concentrated in rotavapor to 5 mL for
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23 140 subsequent SPE analysis. SPE cartridges containing 200 mg of C18 sorbent
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26 141 were used. The C18 cartridge was activated with 5 mL methanol and then 3 mL
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28 142 ultrapure water. Volume sample was 5 mL. A washing step with 2 mL of
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30 143 water/methanol (9/1) was carried out. The extract retained in the solid phase was
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32 144 eluted with 2+2 mL of ethyl acetate. (Method 1).

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35 145 b) *Solvent extraction of fungicides in grape skin*: Once the grapes had been washed
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37 146 with water and the washing water had been removed, they were left to dry on
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39 147 filter paper at room temperature for 10 min. The washed and dried grapes were
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42 148 placed in 50 mL of ethyl acetate in a 250 mL glass in order to extract the
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44 149 fungicide residues absorbed on the grape skins. The glass was placed in the
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47 150 ultrasonic bath for 30 min. To ensure full extraction of the skin, four consecutive
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49 151 extractions of 30 min were carried out in the ultrasonic bath for spiked grapes.
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52 152 No signal of fungicides was observed in the third and fourth extracts. The
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54 153 method proposed for grape skin includes two extractions with 50 ml ethyl
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56 154 acetate for 30 min in the ultrasonic bath. The two extracts were combined, dried
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5 155 with sodium sulfate anhydrous and filtered through glass wool and concentrated
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7 156 in Turbo Vap[®] to 5 mL (Method 2).
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9 157 *c) Solvent extraction of fungicides in the whole grape:* Grapes were crushed after
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11 158 removal of ethyl acetate for skin extraction. Ethyl acetate 25 mL was added. The
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13 159 grapes were homogenized with the crusher for 2 minutes and then centrifuged at
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15 160 6000 rpm for 15 min. The liquid phase was dried with sodium sulfate anhydrous
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17 161 and filtered through glass wool. The extract was concentrated at 5 mL in the
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19 162 Turbo Vap[®] (Method 3).
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26 164 The quantification for GC analysis was performed using metribuzin as internal standard
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28 165 at a concentration of 1 mg L⁻¹. Confirmation was performed by GC-MS.
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33 167 ***Instrumentation and chromatographic conditions***

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35 168 An Agilent Technologies GC 6890 N equipped with an NPD Nitrogen-Phosphorus
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37 169 Detector system, an autosampler 7683 (Agilent) and a split-splitless injector connected
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39 170 to a HP ChemStation (Hewlett-Packard) were used for determining the fungicides
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41 171 dichlofluanid, metalaxyl, penconazole and pyrimethanil. The capillary column was a
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43 172 HP-5MS (30m x 0.25 mm i.d. with 0.25 µm of cross-linked 5% phenylmethyl siloxane).
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45 173 Injector and detector temperatures were 200°C and 325°C, respectively. Oven
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47 174 temperature was programmed as follows: 80°C for 0.9 min, increased to 225°C (70°C
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49 175 min⁻¹) for 5 min, to 275°C (70°C min⁻¹) for 3 min. Helium was the carrier and make-up
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51 176 gas at 1.5 mL min⁻¹ and 3 mL min⁻¹, respectively. Flow ratios for the NPD detector were
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53 177 3 mL min⁻¹ for hydrogen and 70 mL min⁻¹ for air. Injection was performed in splitless
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55 178 mode with a purge time of 0.9 min and the injection volume was 2 µL.
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180 The confirmation of the studied compounds was carried out on an Agilent 7890A GC
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182 were the conditions above mentioned for GC-NPD system. The volume of sample was 1
183 μL , injected in splitless mode with splitless time of 1 min. The mass spectrometer was
184 operated in electron impact (70 eV of ion energy), with 3.50 min solvent delay, the
185 interface temperature was kept at 285°C and the ion source temperature was kept at 230
186 °C and the dwell time was 100 ms per ion. Selected monitoring ion (SIM) mode was
187 used (198, 199, and 200 m/z for pyrimethanil; 103, 144, and 198 m/z for metribuzin;
188 132, 160, and 206 m/z for metalaxyl; 123, 167, and 224 m/z for dichlofluanid; 159, and
189 248 m/z for penconazol).

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191 *Study of absorption and distribution in grapes*

192 The absorption of the fungicides was studied by soaking 25 g of untreated grapes in 50
193 mL of aqueous solution spiked with three fungicide concentration levels (1.00, 5.00 and
194 10.00 mg L^{-1} , corresponding to 2, 10 and 20 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, respectively), in a 250 ml
195 beaker. The samples were kept in the dark at 4 °C for 1, 3, 7, 13 and 21 days (the longest
196 safety period for all compounds). The spiking concentrations were similar or higher
197 than MRLs fixed by European Union (10 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ for dichlofluanid, 1 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ for
198 metalaxyl, 0.2 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ for penconazol and 5 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ for pyrimethanil). Three replicates
199 were carried out. The fungicide absorption in the whole grape was calculated as the sum
200 of the three parts: surface, skin and pulp.

201 *Study in field*

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4 202 Tempranillo grapevines in Rioja Baja were treated with Scala[®] (37.4 % Pyrimethanil) at
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7 203 the recommended doses (2 L ha⁻¹). Scala[®] is a very widely-used product against *Botrytis*
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9 204 *cinerea*. Samples were collected seven and twenty-one days after treatment.
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207 208 *Analytical Method Efficiency*

209 There were no interferences in the extracts obtained from red grapes in GC-NPD
210 chromatogram. The proposed conditions generated narrow and reproducible
211 chromatographic peaks. Clean chromatograms were obtained with only peaks of interest
212 in fortified blank matrix. The GC-MS method allowed confirmation of the fungicides
213 with good resolution and did not show interfering peaks.
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215 Matrix standard calibration were performed for washing water and ethyl acetate from
216 skins, and a matrix matched calibration were carried out for pulp. Linear range, limits of
217 detection (LODs), limits of quantification and repeatability were determined for the 3
218 methods and 4 fungicides. Linear range were from 10 to 1400 µg kg⁻¹. Good linearity
219 was obtained for all fungicides and for the entire range of studied concentrations with
220 correlation coefficients better than 0.997. LODs were ranging from 0.04 to 1.67 µg kg⁻¹
221 in surface (washing water); from 0.01 to 1.05 µg kg⁻¹ in skin (ethyl acetate); and from
222 2.46 to 5.64 µg kg⁻¹ in pulp. Repeatabilities expressed as RSD were below 11.4 %. The
223 methods were adequate for determining these fungicides.
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6 226 method. In the range from 2.0 to 2000 $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$ in grape and water extracts, and in ethyl
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13 229 $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$ for all compounds, values considerably below the fixed MRLs.
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18 231 Recovery and accuracy were determined with spiked grapes at the three concentration
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20 232 levels and were analyzed in triplicate. The analytical methods presented had recoveries
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22 233 $> 90.1\%$ and precisions (repeatability) $< 7.6\%$ and they were within the acceptable
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24 234 range: 70-110% with relative standard deviation (RSD) $< 10\%$ ($n=3$). (Document N°
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34 238 differences ($p < 0.05$) between the assayed levels of spiking.
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40 ***Study of fungicides absorption***

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42 241 Grapes in contact with solutions containing the fungicides at three concentration levels
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44 242 were analyzed. The amount of residues present in whole grapes was determined by the
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46 243 proposed methods and the percentage absorption of fungicide relative to its
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48 244 concentration in the solution was calculated. Table 1 shows the results for each
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50 245 compound in all the concentration and time situations.
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9 251 Metalaxyl was the most absorbed fungicide, followed by pyrimethanil, penconazol and
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16 254 To ascertain the fungicide absorption rate at each studied concentration, the
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18 255 experimental data have been fitted to the following mathematical model (Oliva et al.
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$$C_t = C_0 e^{-Kt} \text{ (a)}$$

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$$\ln C_t = \ln C_0 - Kt \text{ (b)}$$

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28 259 In eq a C_t is the residue concentration at time t ($\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$), C_0 is the theoretical initial
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30 260 residue concentration at $t = 0$ ($\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$), K is the fungicide absorption constant, and t is
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32 261 the time that grapes have been in contact with solutions. This type of analysis, a first
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34 262 order kinetics, allows the behavior of fungicide residues during the time to be known,
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36 263 by showing the correlation that exists between the absorbed residues and the time. It is
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38 264 also possible to study if the correlation existing between variables is more or less
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42 266 number of pairs of values used in the coefficient calculus. The following equation is
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$$t = |r| \sqrt{(n - 2) / (1 - r^2)} \text{ (c)}$$

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50 269 In eq c, r represents the correlation coefficient and $(n - 2)$ the degrees of freedom. From
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4 272 As can be seen from these data, the linear correlation between $\ln C_t$ and time was good
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9 274 coefficients $r > 0.906$. Penconazol did not show a linear correlation, with low
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11 275 correlation coefficients $r < 0.853$. However, this compound presented a linear fit from 1
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13 276 to 7 days. The Student-*t* test performed to compare the slopes (K values) revealed that
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15 277 there were no significant differences at 95 % confidence level for the three studied
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17 278 concentrations. For the constant values, we can establish an absorption rate for the
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19 279 fungicides as follows: metalaxyl > pyrimethanil > dichlofluanid.
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281 *Study of fungicides distribution*

282 The amount of residues in the three parts of the grapes (surface, skin and pulp) was
283 determined using the proposed methods and the percentage distribution relative to the
284 total absorbed residues was calculated. Figure 1 shows this distribution of the fungicide
285 residues in the different parts of the grape as a function of time for the three studied
286 concentrations. The highest content was found in the skin for all the compounds,
287 regardless of the fungicide concentration in contact with grapes, with > 66.3 % of the
288 residues for all the fungicides. In pulp, the residue amounts ranged from 3.5 to 31.0 %.

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290 A study of fungicide penetration in pulp was performed by calculating the ratio between
291 pulp and skin concentrations (Q) for all the assays. There was no significant difference
292 at 95 % confidence level between concentrations at the same time. The penetration did
293 not depend on the initial solution concentration. The average values for all
294 concentrations are shown in Table 3. Penconazol and dichlofluanid had the highest Q
295 values. Metalaxyl and pyrimethanil had a similar behavior, but different from the other

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4 296 compounds. The statistical analysis performed for all times showed that metalaxyl and
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7 297 pyrimethanil Q values did not differ at 95 % confidence level from 7 to 21 days.
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9 298 Dichlofluanid presented no significant differences in Q values for 1 to 7 days.
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11 299 Penconazol had higher Q values for the highest contact time.
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16 301 *Analysis of red grapes from La Rioja*

18 302 The overall methodology was applied to determine pyrimethanil in Tempranillo
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20 303 grapevines. The selected treated grapes from different clusters from the vineyard (top,
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22 304 middle and bottom of the cluster) were frozen at -20°C in 150 mL flasks containing 75
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25 305 grapes each during one week for further analysis. The results are shown in Table 4.
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30 307 The amount of pyrimethanil determined in the three parts of the fruit was higher in the
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32 308 grapes collected after seven days of treatment. A high reduction in pyrimethanil
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34 309 residues were observed over time. This decrease was ca. 99 % from 7 to 21 days. The
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36 310 reduction was due to dissipation and/or a degradation by environmental conditions.
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38 311 Pyrimethanil residues were mainly found in the skin (78.2% and 64.5% in grapes
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40 312 collected after 7 days and 21 days, respectively). Penetration in pulp was higher for
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42 313 grapes collected after 21 days, 15.5% of the residues vs. 10.1% in grapes collected after
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44 314 7 days. Pyrimethanil penetration observed in field studies was comparable to that
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54 317 **Conclusions**

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4 320 methodology involved three procedures for each different part of the berry: surface, skin
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7 321 and pulp. The method gave good recoveries, linearity, precision and accuracy and was
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435 Table 1: Fungicide residues and absorption percentage (%) in grapes samples
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Days	Pyrimethanil					
	2 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$		10 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$		20 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$	
	$\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ (RSD,%)	%	$\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ (RSD,%)	%	$\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ (RSD,%)	%
1	0.43 (6.2)	21.6	1.82 (2.2)	18.2	3.36 (2.8)	15.8
3	0.56 (5.3)	28.1	2.46 (7.6)	24.6	4.47 (6.4)	22.9
7	0.96 (2.5)	48.1	4.49 (7.0)	44.9	8.48 (2.6)	42.4
13	1.14 (4.9)	57.1	5.47 (3.8)	54.8	10.7 (5.2)	53.6
21	1.44 (6.2)	72.3	7.14 (7.7)	71.4	14.7 (2.8)	73.5

Days	Metalaxyl					
	2 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$		10 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$		20 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$	
	$\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ (RSD,%)	%	$\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ (RSD,%)	%	$\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ (RSD,%)	%
1	0.23 (9.9)	11.4	0.92 (2.4)	9.2	1.44 (1.8)	7.2
3	0.34 (8.2)	16.8	1.57 (4.6)	15.7	3.10 (3.4)	15.5
7	0.55 (10.0)	27.8	2.89 (4.6)	28.9	6.43 (1.8)	32.2
13	1.08 (5.2)	53.8	5.29 (9.3)	52.9	11.3 (1.7)	56.7
21	1.78 (3.9)	89.0	8.50 (5.8)	85.0	17.9 (5.8)	89.5

Days	Dichlofluanid					
	2 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$		10 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$		20 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$	
	$\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ (RSD,%)	%	$\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ (RSD,%)	%	$\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ (RSD,%)	%
1	0.18 (1.9)	9.2	1.55 (1.1)	15.5	2.96 (2.1)	14.8
3	0.22 (8.4)	11.2	1.72 (3.9)	28.9	3.14 (6.0)	15.7
7	0.31 (2.3)	15.5	2.07 (5.0)	20.7	3.50 (3.6)	17.5
13	0.41 (7.5)	20.4	2.33 (5.4)	23.3	4.17 (4.5)	20.8
21	0.54 (10.3)	27.1	2.69 (9.6)	26.9	5.07 (4.1)	25.3

Days	Penconazol					
	2 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$		10 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$		20 $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$	
	$\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ (RSD,%)	%	$\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ (RSD,%)	%	$\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ (RSD,%)	%
1	0.54 (5.0)	27.1	2.00 (3.8)	20.0	3.32 (4.3)	17.5
3	0.73 (4.8)	36.7	2.97 (6.6)	29.7	6.21 (4.8)	31.1
7	1.12 (5.1)	56.5	4.91 (6.9)	23.3	12.0 (6.2)	60.1
13	1.16 (3.3)	58.1	5.66 (8.3)	56.5	12.7 (7.3)	63.4
21	1.22 (3.0)	61.0	6.65 (8.8)	66.5	13.6 (3.0)	68.1

452 Table 2: Statistical parameters derived from the linear fit of the data for the fungicides absorption during time.

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Concentration ($\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$)	Pyrimethanil			Metalaxyl			Dichlofluanid			Penconazol		
	r	k	t	r	k	t	r	k	t	r	k	t
2	0.906	0.058	3.696*	0.988	0.101	11.31*	0.969	0.033	6.807*	0.757	0.046	2.009
10	0.908	0.065	3.747*	0.966	0.108	6.526*	0.962	0.027	6.105*	0.852	0.054	2.827
20	0.923	0.070	4.158*	0.938	0.121	4.685*	0.999	0.027	39.69*	0.731	0.060	1.854

455 ^a r = correlation coefficient ; k = constant rate ; t = calculated value of Student-t distribution for P < 0.05 ; significance of the correlation

456 between variables * P < 0.05

457 Table 3 : Average ratios ($Q \pm$ standard deviation*) between pulp and skin concentrations for fungicides during time

Days	Pyrimethanil	Metalaxyl	Dichlofluanid	Penconazol
1	0.056 ± 0.006^a	0.057 ± 0.002^a	0.175 ± 0.025^a	0.157 ± 0.015^a
3	0.123 ± 0.011^b	0.078 ± 0.003^b	0.202 ± 0.021^a	0.169 ± 0.010^b
7	0.162 ± 0.006^c	0.117 ± 0.010^c	0.226 ± 0.012^{ab}	0.215 ± 0.011^b
13	0.184 ± 0.031^c	0.119 ± 0.014^c	0.254 ± 0.021^b	0.273 ± 0.022^c
21	0.220 ± 0.028^c	0.142 ± 0.006^c	0.312 ± 0.023^c	0.410 ± 0.045^d

458 * n = 9

459 ^{a b c d} Different letters in the same column means significant differences ($P < 0.05$)

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461 Table 4: Pyrimethanil residues in grapes from La Rioja

Sample	Pyrimethanil $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$ (RSD, % ^a)		
	Surface	Skin	Pulp
2006 (7 days)	443 (6.9)	2955 (11.3)	382 (8.6)
2006 (21 days)	4.55 (6.3)	14.7 (13.0)	3.54 (6.5)

462 ^an = 3

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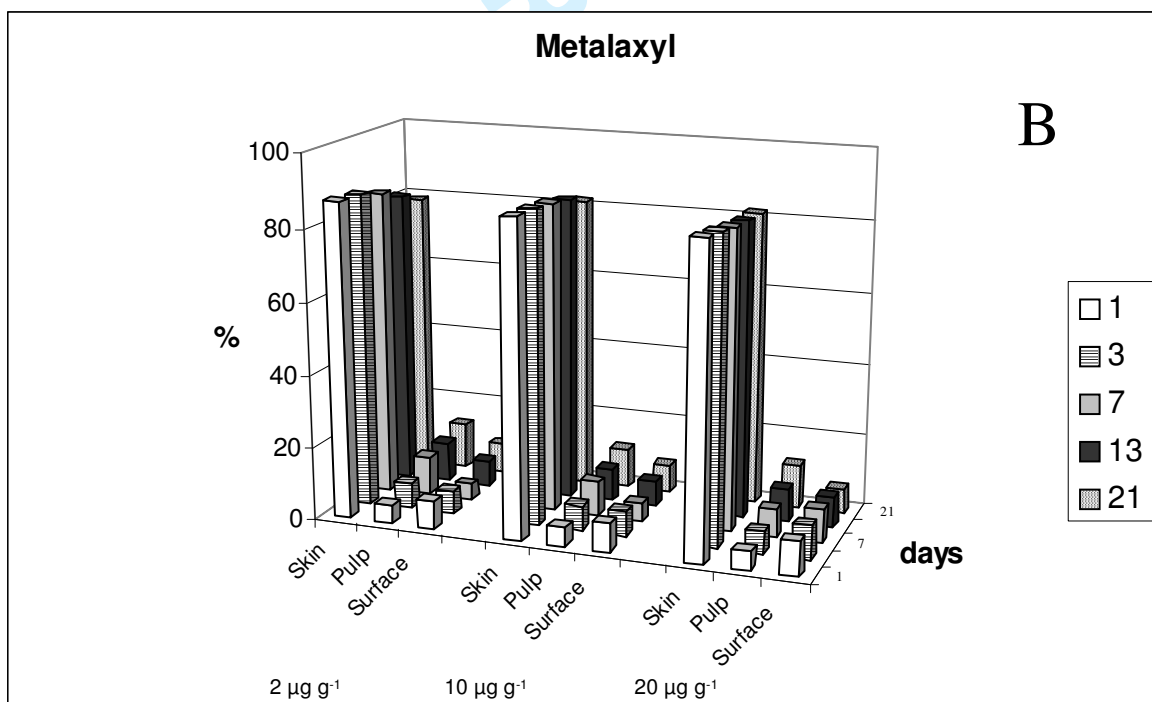
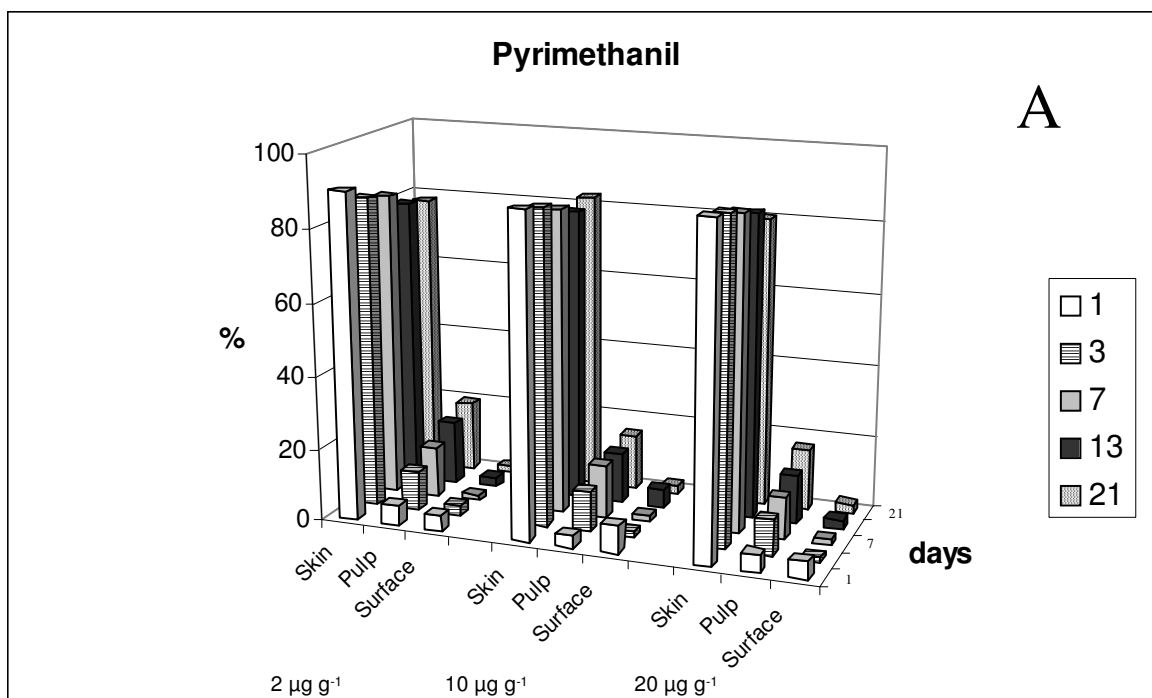
463 FIGURE CAPTIONS

464 Figure 1. Distribution of fungicides in surface, skin and pulp in grapes which have been
465 in contact with three spiked solutions ($2 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, $10 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$, $20 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$) during 1, 3, 7, 13
466 and 21 days A) Pyrimethanil B) Metalaxyl C) Dichlofluanid D) Penconazol

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