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2 **close to that of apple flesh**

25 **1. Abstract.**

26 Apple fruit is well known for its health properties, ascribed to its content in both 27 phenolics and fibres. As more and more apples are consumed after processing, there is a 28 need to understand the impact of the conventional process on the nutritional potential of 29 applesauce. We have investigated the variation in composition between fresh and 30 processed apples of 12 cultivars, focussing on polysaccharides and polyphenols. The 31 polysaccharide content estimated in the alcohol insoluble solid (AIS) of the apple flesh 32 varied from 17 (cv. Greensleeves, obtention TMR 7 A 82) to 25 (cv. Jolyne) mg/g fresh 33 weight. The AIS contents varied from 15 to 32 mg/g fresh weight in applesauce. The 34 applesauces were fractionated into serum, containing low concentrations (< 5 mg/g) of 35 soluble fibers, and particles concentrating the fibers (40-60 mg/g) and the cellulose (> 30% 36 of the AIS). Total phenolic concentrations varied in the flesh from 578 (cv. Golden 37 Delicious) to 1596 mg/kg fresh weight (cv. 3535), and in the peel from 1658 (cv. 38 Greensleeves) to 7658 mg/kg fresh weight (cv. Sinta). The applesauces contained 39 flavonols, coming from the skin, and slightly higher concentration of dihydrochalcones 40 coming from the pips than the flesh. A dihydrochalcone oxidation product was also 41 detected. The concentration of hydroxycinnamic acids and flavan-3-ols were decreased in 42 proportions depending on the cultivar. The flavan-3-ols were concentrated in the particles 43 of the applesauce. The composition of applesauce thus appeared to be very close to that of 44 apple flesh.

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48 **2. Introduction.**

49 The health effects of apples, especially their cholesterol-lowering properties, are 50 ascribed to the combined fiber and polyphenol fractions. Aprikian et al., (2003) found that 51 apple pectin and polyphenol fractions are more effective together than are either apple 52 pectin alone or apple polyphenol alone for lowering plasma and liver cholesterol and 53 triglycerides. Thus the beneficial effect of apple on health may be better achieved in 54 products which are rich in fiber and phenolics. An example of this kind of product is 55 applesauce.

56 Both fiber and phenolic compositions of apple are fairly well known in termes of 57 structure (Renard, Voragen, Thibault, & Pilnik, 1990; Renard & Thibault, 1991; Nicolas, 58 Richard-Forget, Goupy, Amiot, & Aubert, 1994; Massiot, Baron & Drilleau, 1994; Massiot 59 & Renard, 1997; Guyot, Marnet, Laraba, Sanoner, & Drilleau1998; Sanoner, Guyot, 60 Marnet, Molle, & Drilleau, 1999; Guyot, Le Bourvellec, Marnet, & Drilleau, 2002; van der 61 Sluis, Dekker, de Jager, & Jongen, 2001; Tsao, Yang, Young, Zhu, 2003; Vrhovsek, Rigo, 62 Tonon, & Mattivi, 2004; Renard, 2005a; Marks, Mullen, & Crozier, 2007; Khanizadeh, 63 Tsao, Rekika, Yang, Charles, & Rupasinghe, 2008). Five classes of phenolic compounds 64 are present in apple fruit : hydroxycinnamic acids derivatives, monomeric and oligomeric 65 flavan-3-ols named procyanidins, dihydrochalcones, flavonols and anthocyanins only 66 present in the peel of some red varieties (Nicolas et al., 1994; Guyot et al., 1998; Sanoner 67 et al., 1999; Guyot et al., 2002; van der Sluis et al., 2001; Tsao et al., 2003; Vrhovsek et 68 al., 2004; Marks et al., 2007; Khanizadeh et al., 2008). Apple cell wall is mainly composed 69 of cellulose, highly methylated pectins relatively rich in xylogalacturonans, the 70 hemicelluloses fucogalactoxyloglucan and mannan (Renard et al., 1990; Renard & 71 Thibault, 1991 ; Massiot et al., 1994; Massiot & Renard, 1997; Renard, 2005a). However,

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72 the effects of the whole processing for production of apple applesauce on fiber and 73 phenolic are not well known.

74 In industrial apple applesauce production, the fruits are either crushed, refined and 75 cooked in a cold-break process or cooked then refined in a hot-break process. There are 76 thus three potential mechanisms for modification of the phenolic and fiber compositions: 77 oxidation, selectivity at refining, and heat treatment.

78 Oxidation can occur during crushing step, during which polyphenols, polyphenol 79 oxidase, oxygen and cell walls, initially segregated, come into contact and may react 80 (Nicolas et al., 1994, Renard, Baron, Guyot, & Drilleau, 2001). Effects of these reactions 81 are well known for apple juice: oxygenation of the juice or crushed apples during 82 processing result in a significant decrease of phenolic compounds variable depending on 83 the phenolic class and the variety (Guyot, Marnet, Sanoner, & Drilleau, 2003). Catechins 84 and procyanidins are particularly affected by oxidation, whereas 5'-caffeoylquinic acid is 85 partly preserved suggesting the involvement of a coupled oxidation mechanism (Cheynier 86 & Ricardo da Silva, 1991). As oxidation can lead to browning, it is usually palliated by 87 addition of ascorbic acid at crushing.

88 A major cause for loss of polyphenols and fibers is the refining step, which 89 eliminates the peel and pips. Concerning polyphenols, interest has been focused on 90 flavonols, concentrated in peels (Guyot et al., 1998; Sanoner et al., 1999; Guyot et al., 91 2002; Tsao et al., 2003; Marks et al., 2007; Khanizadeh et al., 2008). Peel elimination is 92 thus a major cause of losses (Oszmianski & Wojdylo, 2008). Apple peel and carpels also 93 contain more cell walls, and thus more fibers, than apple flesh (Massiot et al., 1994; 94 Massiot & Renard, 1997). Moreover, apple flesh contains a higher content in pectic 95 components while carpels are richer in xyloglucans and glucans. Colin-Henrion,

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96 Mehinajic, Renard, Richomme, & Jourjon (2009) thus recorded a highly significant 97 decrease in the insoluble fibre content of a hot-break applesauce after the refining step.

98 Last, heating may also be detrimental for polyphenol and polysaccharide content. 99 On pear, Renard (2005a) shows that after 1 hour of cooking, 65% of the original flavan-3- 100 ols and 40% of the original 5'-caffeoylquinic acid are still detectable in the pear tissue. 101 During cooking the pectic fractions are degraded becoming more soluble and of lower 102 molecular weight (Renard, 2005a, Colin-Henrion et al., 2009), while xylans and cellulose 103 are not affected (Renard, 2005a).

104 The objectives of the present study were to evaluate the impact of conventional 105 cold-break process production of apple applesauce on the nutritional properties. To reach 106 this aim polysaccharide and polyphenol profiles (qualitative and quantitative) of twelve 107 apple varieties were investigated focussing on their variation between fresh apples and 108 applesauce produced using a cold-break process.

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110 **3. Materials and methods**

111 **3.1. Standards and chemical**

112 Chlorogenic acid, (+)-catechin, (-)-epicatechin were obtained from Sigma-Aldrich 113 (Deisenhofen, Germany). 4-coumaric acid and quercetin were obtained from Extrasynthese 114 (Lyon, France). Phloridzin was obtained from Fluka (Buchs, Switzerland). Sugar standards 115 were from Fluka (Buchs, Switzerland). d3-methanol was from Acros organics (Geel, 116 Belgium). NaBH4, N-methyl imidazole, acetic anhydride, toluene-α-thiol were from 117 Sigma-Aldrich (Deisenhofen, Germany). Acetonitrile was analytical grade and from Fisher 118 Scientific (Fair Lawn, New Jersey, USA).

119 **3.2. Plant material**

120 Apple fruits (*Malus domestica* Borkh.) of the 2007 crops were obtained from the 121 experimental orchard of INRA in Angers (49, France) as part of an investigation of the 122 French Association of Fruit and Vegetables Processing (AFIDEM), into the potential of 123 various varieties for applesauce production. 12 cultivars were used: Baujade, Chanteline, 124 Freiberg, Golden Delicious, Greensleeves, Granny Smith, Jolyne, New Gold, Newton 125 Pippin, Sinta, TMR 7 A 82, 3535. Three triplicates of 10 apples were constituted. Each 126 apple was peeled and cored (**Figure 1a**) and then divided as follows: each apple was cut 127 vertically into 12 equal portions (**Figure 1b** and **Figure 1c**). Portions 2, 5, 8 and 11 were 128 discarded (**Figure 1d**). Each of the other 8 portions was cut in two vertically giving 16 129 pieces per apple (**Figure 1e**). The 16 portions were divided in two containers A and B in 130 such a way that container A received 2 left and 2 right quarters from portions 1, 4, 7 and 10 131 and container B received 2 left and 2 right quarters from portions 3, 6, 9 and 12 (**Figure** 132 **1f**). The two containers were freeze-dried but only container A was used.

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133 **3.3. Industrial processing and sample preparation**

134 Applesauce processing was carried out by the Cenre Technique de la Conservation 135 des Produits Agricoles (CTCPA), using a cold-break process. The process was composed 136 of several steps, summarized in **Figure 2**. The fruits were washed, and crushed. A solution 137 of ascorbic acid at 250 g/l was then added to the crushed apple (1 liter for 50 kg). Crushed 138 apples were refined (sieve opening 1.25 mm) before cooking (95°C, 2 min). A saccharose 139 syrup was then added in order to obtain a Brix degree of 16° +/- 0.5°. Applesauce was hot 140 conditioned and pasteurised (90°C, 5 min) then cooled (water at 20 °C, 20 min). For each 141 apple variety two cans of applesauce were collected.

142 Serum and particles were separated by centrifugation. 80 g of applesauce were 143 centrifuged at 13 600 g for 10 minutes. The supernatant was removed and filtered in a G3 144 sintered glass filter. Serum and particles were frozen and stored at -20°C before use.

145 **3.4. Alcohol insoluble solid (AIS)**

146 AIS were prepared according to Renard et al., (1990) and Renard (2005b).

147 Approximately 2 g of freeze-dried apple powder, in a 50 ml empty Sep-pack 148 column (Interchim, France) equipped with a sinter of porosity 20 µm, were suspended in 149 30 ml of boiling 96% ethanol and left 20 minutes. The supernatant was removed by 150 filtration. The material was resuspended in 70% ethanol and extracted at room temperature 151 still absence of sugars as shown by negative reaction in the phenol sulfuric test (Dubois et 152 al., 1956). Samples were then washed twice with acetone : water : acetic acid (v/v/v 60 : 39 153 : 1), then twice with acetone: water solution $(v/v 80 : 20)$, then with pure acetone until 154 discolouration of the supernatant. The residue was dried at 40°C during 24 hours and 155 weighed (AIS). For each apple variety three replicates were performed.

156 For each apple variety AIS were prepared from each of the two cans for applesauce, 157 serum and particles. Approximately 20 g of fresh applesauce or fresh particles were 158 suspended in 80 ml of 96% ethanol and left 24 hours. The supernatant was removed by

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159 filtration and a portion of 70% ethanol was added. The same washing and drying 160 procedures were used as for apple. For each apple variety AIS from applesauce were 161 performed on each of the two cans.

162 40 ml of serum were poured in 120 ml of 96% ethanol and left to stand at 4°C 163 during 24 hours. Samples were first centrifuged at 4200 g for 20 minutes, the supernatant 164 was removed and a portion of 70% ethanol was added. The samples were then centrifuged 165 at 8900 g for 10 min. The washings were continued till absence of sugars as shown by 166 negative reaction in the phenol sulfuric test (Dubois, Gilles, Hamilton, Rebers, & Smith, 167 1956). The same drying procedure was used as for apple.

168 **3.5. Analytical**

169 Polyphenols were measured by HPLC after thioacidolysis as described by Guyot et 170 al., 2001. The average degree of polymerisation was measured by calculating the molar 171 ratio of all the flavan-3-ol units (thioether adducts plus terminal units) to (-)-epicatechin 172 and (+)-catechin corresponding to terminal units. Polyphenols were separated in an Agilent 173 1050 separation system (Agilent Technologies) including a quaternary pump coupled to a 174 diode array detector and controlled by Chemstation A.10.02 software. Separations were 175 achieved using a $(250 \times 4 \text{mm} \text{ i.d.})$ Licrospher PR-18 5 μm column (Merck, Darmstadt, 176 Germany) with a guard column (Licrospher PR-18 5 μm column, Merck, Darmstadt, 177 Germany) operated at 30 °C. The mobile phase consisted of water/acetic acid (97.5:2.5, 178 v/v) (eluent A) and acetonitrile (eluent B). The flow rate was 1 ml/min. The elution 179 programme was as follows: 3–9% B (0–5 min); 9–16% B (5–15 min); 16–50% B (15– 180 45 min); 50–90% B (45–48 min); 90–90% B (48–52 min); 90–3% B (52–55 min); 3–3% B 181 (55–60 min). For apple the three batches were analysed and for applesauce, serum and 182 particles each of the two cans were analysed. Samples were injected at a level of 20 µl. The

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183 column effluent was monitored at 280, 320 and 350 nm. Quantification was achieved by 184 injection of standard solutions of known concentrations.

185 UPLC-MS analyses were performed on the Acquity Ultra performance LC^{TM} 186 (UPLCTM) apparatus from Waters (Milford, MA, USA), equipped with an UV-visible 187 diode array detector and coupled with a Brucker Daltonics (Bremen, Germany) HCT ultra 188 ion trap mass spectrometer with a negative electrospray ionization mode. Separations were 189 achieved using a (150 × 2.1 mm i.d.) 1.7 μm Acquity UPLC HSS T3 column (Waters, 190 Milford, MA, USA) operated at 30 °C. The mobile phase consisted of water/formic acid 191 (99.95:0.05, v/v) (eluent A) and acetonitrile (eluent B). The flow rate was 0.6 ml/min. The 192 elution programme was as follows: 3–9% B (0–1.4 min); 9–16% B (1.4–4 min); 16–50% B 193 (4–15 min); 50–97% B (15–15.5 min); 97–97% B (15.5-18 min). Samples were injected at 194 a level of 2 µl. The column effluent was monitored at 280, 320 and 365 nm. The mass 195 spectra were generated in the Ultrascan mode in the m/z range 100-900. Nitrogen was used 196 as the nebulising gas. The ion source parameters were : nebuliser pressure, 40 psi; drying 197 gas flow, 10 L/min; drying gas temperature, 365°C; capillary voltage, 2 kV. Helium was 198 used as the damping gas. Data were collected and processed using Bruker Compass Data 199 Analysis software.

200 Neutral sugars, galacturonic acids and methanol were analysed as described by 201 Renard & Ginies (2009). Dry matter was estimated by the loss of weight recorded after 202 freeze-drying.

203 **3.6. Statistical analysis**

204 Results are presented as mean values, and the reproducibility of the results was 205 expressed as pooled standard deviation. Pooled standard deviations were calculated for 206 each series of replicates using the sum of individual variances pondered by the individual 207 degrees of freedom (Box, Hunter & Hunter, 1978). The variability of the composition

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- 208 between varieties was expressed calculating the average of the mean values for each
- 209 variety and the standard deviation of the mean.
- 210 Two-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) by Fisher 's test (F) was used to compare
- 211 the means and performed using the Excelstat package of Microsoft Excel. Differences
- 212 were considered to be significant at $P < 0.05$.

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215 **4.1. Cell wall characterisation**

216 **Table 1** summarized the yields and compositions of the AIS of apple flesh. The 217 AIS content of apple flesh varied from 17 mg/g (cv Greensleeves) to 25 mg/g (cv Jolyne) 218 fresh weight (FW), which was consistent with previously published works (15-24 mg/g of 219 fresh weight) (Renard & Thibault, 1991; Massiot & Renard, 1997; Renard, 2005b; Colin-220 Henrion et al., 2009). The sugar composition of the AIS of the different apple varieties 221 were very close (**Table 1**). They reflected the macromolecular composition of the apple 222 cell wall (Renard et al., 1990; Massiot et al., 1994; Massiot & Renard, 1997; Renard, 223 2005b): cellulose, highly methylated pectins relatively rich in xylogalacturonans, 224 fucogalactoxyloglucan and mannan. The two main sugars were glucose (from 233 mg/g 225 (cv. Freiberg) to 349 mg/g (cv. Golden Delicious)) and galacturonic acid (from 209 mg/g 226 (cv. Freiberg) to 273 mg/g (cv. Granny Smith and TMR 7 A 82)). Glucose came essentially 227 from cellulose (Renard et al., 1990). Pectic substances were present in high amount as 228 shown by the high galacturonic acid content, and were highly methylated (from 71% (cv. 229 Granny Smith, New Gold and Sinta) to 80% (cv. Jolyne)). In previous work (Voragen et 230 al., 1980; Renard et al., 1990; Renard, 2005b), degrees of esterification from 63 to 75% 231 were obtained in the AIS preparations from apple. Besides glucose and galacturonic acid, 232 the neutral sugars arabinose (from 68 mg/g (cv. Greensleeves) to 133 mg/g (cv. Sinta)), 233 xylose (from 50 mg/g (cv. Newton Pippin) to 66 mg/g (cv. New Gold)) and galactose 234 (from 45 mg/g (cv. Greensleeves) to 80 mg/g (cv. Freiberg)) dominated. Arabinose and 235 galactose enter in the composition of the side chains of the hairy region of the pectic 236 substances (de Vries, Rombouts, Voragen, & Pilnik, 1982), while xylose, together with 237 fucose (from 7 mg/g (cv. Newton Pippin) to 11 mg/g (cv. Golden Delicious)), part of the

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238 galactose and glucose, constitute fucogalactoxyloglucan, which is the main hemicellulose 239 of apple cell wall (Renard et al., 1990, Renard, Voragen, Thibault, & Pilnik, 1991). 240 Mannose (from 10 mg/g (cv. new Gold) to 22 mg/g (cv. Sinta)) enter in the composition of 241 mannan (Renard et al., 1991).

242 The yields and the composition of the AIS of applesauces are summarised in **Table** 243 **2**. After processing into applesauce the AIS contents varied from 15 to 32 mg/g FW and 244 were either higher (Freiberg, Golden Delicious, Greensleeves, Jolyne, New Gold and 245 Sinta) or lower (Newton Pippin, Chanteline, Granny Smith, 3535, TMR 7 A 82) than for 246 the corresponding raw apple. Few studies report the polysaccharide content of applesauces, 247 yet values obtained here were slightly higher than those reported by Marlett & Wollendorf 248 (1994) (14 mg/g) or contained that reported by Colin-Henrion et al., (2009) (18 mg/g). 249 During processing into applesauce, four main mechanisms may affect the AIS content :

250 - a dilution during addition of sugar and ascorbic acid,

251 - the temperature applied $(90^{\circ}C)$ may have contributed to the solubilization by 252 depolymerisation of pectins (Ng & Waldron, 1997; Renard, 2005b; Colin-Henrion et al., 253 2009) by acid hydrolysis and β-elimination (Sajjaanantakul, van Buren, & Dowling, 1989; 254 Fraeye, de Roeck, Duvetter, Verlent, Hendrickx, van Loey 2007),

255 - the presence of particles coming from skin and pips, both containing more AIS 256 material than parenchyma (Massiot et al., 1994; Massiot & Renard, 1997),

257 - co-precipitation of proteins and polyphenols from the apple fruit (Colin-Henrion 258 et al., 2009). Cutting and crushing could favour the formation of processing-induced 259 complexes between polyphenols, especially procyanidins, and cell wall polysaccharides 260 (Renard et al., 2001, Le Bourvellec, Guyot, & Renard, 2004). Renard (2005a) reported a 261 similar effect of cooking on AIS content of boiled pear wedges. As here the Brix chosen

262 for the puree was very close to that obtained for most of the apples, there was no dominant 263 dilution effect.

264 AIS from applesauce mainly contained less galacturonic acid and rhamnose and 265 more galactose than those of the apple flesh (**Table 2**). The applesauces were fractionated 266 into serum and particles. The serum contained low concentrations $(< 5 \text{ mg/g FW})$ of 267 soluble fibers mainly containing galacturonic acid, rhamnose, arabinose and galactose, i.e. 268 primarily pectic polymers. Particles concentrated the fibers (40-60 mg/g FW) and the 269 major component was glucose coming from cellulose (> 30% of the AIS), but high 270 amounts of galacturonic acid were also detectable. Glucose and xylose content were higher 271 than in apple flesh, coming probably from carpel zone (Massiot et al., 1994; Massiot & 272 Renard, 1997). The same trends for AIS and soluble and insoluble fibres of applesauce has 273 also been reported by Colin-Henrion et al. (2009).

274 Two-ways ANOVAs (variety and "type of product" effects, with interactions) were 275 performed on apple flesh and applesauce AIS compositions. The variety effect was 276 significant (P<0.0001) for all variables, except degree of methylation and the "type of 277 product" for all variables except degree of methylation, mannose and galacturonic acid 278 (**Table 3**). The variety effect was more important for arabinose, mannose, glucose, and 279 galacturonic acid whereas the 'type of product" effect was more important for rhamnose, 280 fucose, xylose, galactose and methanol.

281 **4.2. Polyphenol characterisation**

282 **Apple peel and flesh**

283 Composition and concentrations of the major phenolics found in the peel and in the 284 flesh of the 12 apple varieties are shown in **Table 4** and **5** respectively. Five major 285 phenolic groups with a total of fourteen identified individual compounds were quantified. 286 The sum of phenolics determined by HPLC ranged from 1658 mg/kg (cv. Greensleeves) to 287 7658 mg/kg FW (cv. Sinta) in the peel. For all varieties, in the flesh, the total polyphenols

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288 were significantly lower than in the peel, ranging from 539 mg/kg (cv. Newton Pippin) to 289 1596 mg/kg FW (cv. 3535). In our study, total polyphenols in the flesh were slightly 290 higher, but in the range of previous works for dessert and cider apples (228-6999 mg/kg 291 FW)(Sanoner et al., 1999; van der Sluis et al., 2001; Guyot et al., 2002; Tsao et al., 2003; 292 Vrhovsek et al., 2004, Khanizadeh et al., 2008). The different varieties of apples studied 293 come from a collection of INRA Angers and are intended for different use and therefore 294 have significant biodiversity.

295 Among the five major groups, procyanidins were the predominant class in both the 296 skin (73%) and the flesh (69%) (**Table 4** and **5**). These data are in agreement with other 297 authors (Guyot et al., 1998; Sanoner et al., 1999; Guyot et al., 2002; Tsao et al., 2003; 298 Vrhovsek et al., 2004; Khanizadeh et al., 2008). For all varieties, in the flesh, the 299 procyanidins' average degrees of polymerisation $(\overline{DP} n)$ were significantly lower than 300 those of the peel, ranging respectively from 2.9 (cv. Baujade) to 3.8 (cv. Chanteline) and 301 from 1.4 (cv. Sinta) to 5.6 (cv. Granny Smith) as observed in previous work (Sanoner et 302 al., 1999; Guyot et al., 2002). However, \overline{DP} n in the flesh were slightly lower than the 303 DP n observed by Sanoner et al., (1999) and Guyot et al., (2002) in the flesh of dessert 304 variety with DP n from 5.7 to 6.0. The flavan-3-ols monomers were detected as (-)- 305 epicatechin and (+)-catechin, the former being highly preponderant and the later sometimes 306 only in traces amounts (**Table 4** and **5**).

307 Hydroxycinnamic acids accounted for only 4% of the total polyphenols in the peel 308 while they constituted the second polyphenol class in the flesh where they accounted for 309 circa 20% of the total polyphenols. Hydroxycinnamic acids were lowest in Granny Smith 310 and particularly concentrated in the peel and flesh of TMR 7 A 82with about half a g per 311 kg FW. The main hydroxycinnamic acid was always 5'-caffeoylquinic acid. The highest 312 concentrations of *p*-Coumaroylquinic acid were only circa 50 mg/kg FW (**Table 4** and **5**).

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313 For all varieties, dihydrochalcones were a minor group which accounted for an 314 average of 3% and 1.5% of the total polyphenols in the peel and in the flesh, respectively 315 (**Table 4** and **5**). Higher concentration were found in the peel, up to about 300 mg/kg FW, 316 than in the flesh (up to 40 mg:kg FW). Phloridzin and phloretin-2-xyloglucoside were the 317 major constituent of this class, and in all the cultivar tested here, phloridzin was 318 preponderant.

319 For all variety no compounds of the flavonol class could be detected in the flesh. 320 Flavonols represented the second highest class in apple peel with 14% of the total 321 polyphenols (**Table 5**). Six quercetin glycosides were found and quantified in quercetin 322 equivalent : quercetin 3-galactoside > quercetin 3-arabinopyranoside > quercetin 3- 323 rhamnoside > quercetin 3-glucoside > quercetin 3-xyloside > quercetin 3-rutinoside. 324 Depending on the variety, total flavonols ranged from 300 mg/kg (cv. Golden Delicious) to 325 901 mg/kg FW (cv. TMR 7 A 82) in the peel.

326 All these concentrations and relative composition of each class are consistent with 327 previons works. Previous studies have also shown a wide variation in the phenolic content 328 of different cultivars (Guyot et al., 1998; Sanoner et al., 1999; Guyot et al., 2002; Tsao et 329 al., 2003; Vrhovsek et al., 2004; Marks et al., 2007; Khanizadeh et al., 2008). These 330 different works deal with the characterization of phenolic profiles of dessert apples (Guyot 331 et al., 2002; Tsao et al., 2003; Vrhovsek et al., 2004), of selected apple genotypes for 332 processing with high polyphenol content (Khanizadeh et al., 2008) while having, however, 333 less extreme concentrations than those achieved by cider apple (Guyot et al., 1998; 334 Sanoner et al., 1999; Marks et al., 2007).

335 **Applesauces**

336 Composition and concentrations of the major phenolics found in the apple 337 applesauces are shown in **Table 6.** The composition and concentrations of phenolics

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338 compounds in the applesauce were closely related to their contents in the raw material 339 (Oszmianski, Wolniak, Wojdylo, & Wawer, 2008; Oszmianski & Wojdylo, 2008). The 340 total phenolics ranged from 182 mg/kg (cv. Greensleeves) to 1334 mg/kg FW (cv. 3535) 341 and were significantly lower than in the flesh as previously shown by Dragovic-Uzelac, 342 Pospisil, Levaj, & Delonga (2005). Total native polyphenols in the applesauce accounted 343 for 37% (cv. New Gold) to 94% (cv. Golden Delicious) of those in the initial flesh. The 344 applesauce polyphenol retention was mainly related to those of flavan-3-ols. As in apple 345 flesh, most of the flavan-3-ols of the applesauce were procyanidins (**Table 6**). The total 346 procyanidins ranged from 72 mg/kg (cv. Greensleeves) to 814 mg/kg FW (cv. Granny 347 Smith). They represented from 18% (cv. New Gold) to 90% (cv. Granny Smith) of the 348 procyanidins initially present in the flesh. \overline{DP} n of the procyanidins essentially did not 349 change from apple to applesauce, ranging respectively from 2.3 (cv. Newton Pippin) to 3.7 350 (cv. Jolyne). (-)-Epicatechin was the preponderant flavan-3-ol monomer, but also the least 351 stable. (-)-Epicatechin retention ranged from 27% (cv. Greensleeves) to 90% (cv. Granny 352 Smith) and applesauce concentrations ranged from 12 mg/kg (cv. Greensleeves) to 93 353 mg/kg FW (cv. Granny Smith). (+)-Catechin retention ranged from 41% (Baujade) to 78% 354 (cv. Jolyne) and applesauce concentrations ranged from traces (cv. Freiberg, Golden 355 Delicious, Greensleeves, New Gold, Newton Pippin) to 93 mg/kg FW (cv. Granny Smith).

356 Total hydroxycinnamic acids content of applesauces decreased, compared to that of 357 the flesh, only by a small amount for most varieties except for cultivars Freiberg, Golden 358 Delicious and Granny Smith where total hydroxycinnamic acids content increased. 359 Concentrations ranged from 45 mg/kg (cv. Greensleeves) to 433 mg/kg FW (cv. 3535) 360 (**Table 6**). The increase in hydroxycinnamic acids content may be due to facilitating the 361 diffusion of phenolic compounds favorized by cooking. As in apple flesh, among 362 hydroxycinnamic acids, the main compound in applesauce was always 5'-caffeoylquinic

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363 acid, the retention of which ranged from 53% (cv. Greensleeves) to 125% (cv. Granny 364 Smith) .*p*-Coumaroylquinic acid concentrations represented from 33% (cv. New Gold) to 365 108% (cv. 3535) of those in the flesh (**Table 6**).

366 Total dihydrochalcones content of applesauces increased compared to that of the 367 flesh, with concentration ranging from 9 mg/kg (cv. Granny Smith) to 57 mg/kg FW (cv. 368 TMR 7 A 82) and representing from 98% (cv. New Gold) to 844% (cv. Chanteline) of 369 those in the flesh (**Table 6**). The increase observed was mainly due to an increased 370 phloridzin content. During applesauce processing dihydrochalcones, abundant in peel and 371 seeds (Sanoner et al., 1999; Guyot et al., 2002), may have diffused before refining. 372 Oszmianski & Wojdylo (2008) have shown that applesauce prepared from peeled apple 373 slices devoid of seeds had lower content of phloretin derivatives than applesauce prepared 374 from non-peeled apples. The main dihydrochalcone in applesauce was always phloridzin 375 which retention ranged from 98% (cv. Granny Smith) to 192% (cv. Jolyne) of those in the 376 flesh.. Phloretin-2-xyloglucoside retention ranged from 64% (cv. New Gold) to 168% (cv. 377 Greensleeves)) of those in the flesh. (**Table 6**).

378 Quercetin derivatives were detected in applesauce (**Table 6**) whereas they were not 379 present in apple flesh. Quercetin derivatives, abundant in peel (Sanoner et al., 1999; Guyot 380 et al., 2002), may have diffused during applesauce processing and before refining or could 381 be trapped within small peel particles. Like in apple peel six quercetin glycosides were 382 found in applesauce and quantified in quercetin equivalent. The same order of importance 383 was observed : quercetin 3-galactoside > quercetin 3-arabinopyranoside > quercetin 3- 384 rhamnoside > quercetin 3-glucoside > quercetin 3-xyloside > quercetin 3-rutinoside. 385 Depending on the variety, total flavonols ranged from 9 mg/kg (cv. 3535) to 35 mg/kg FW 386 (cv. TMR 7 A 82). The concentrations of flavonols in applesauce were not directly 387 correlated to those in the flesh of the corresponding apples. This phenomenon might be

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388 explained by differences in the skin of apples, and notably different structures, mechanical 389 resistance and cuticle thickness.

390 Two-ways ANOVAs (variety and "type of product" effects, with interactions) were 391 performed on apple flesh and applesauce phenolic compositions. The variety and type of 392 product effect were always highly significant (P<0.0001) (**Table 7**) except for phloretin-2- 393 xyloglucoside for which the type of product effect was not significant ($F = 0.38$ and $P = 0.38$) 394 0.54). There was more variability with variety for hydroxycinnamic acids (5'- 395 caffeoylquinic acid and *p*-coumaroylquinic acid) whereas for other phenolic classes and 396 total phenolics the variability was more important with "type of product". This 397 phenomenon might be explained by the decrease in flavan-3-ols between apple flesh and 398 applesauce and by the increase in dihydrochalcones coming from the peel and seeds and 399 flavanols coming from the peel.

400 At the beginning of the applesauce chromatograms (**Figure 4**) the onset of a new 401 compound was observed. This component was assigned to the dihydrochalcone group 402 because of its UV-spectra, which maximum absorbance was 292 nm. This compound was 403 further analysed by HPLC-DAD/ESI-MS. It had a deprotonated molecular ion [M-H] at 404 $m/z = 467$ which fragmented upon MS² to yield a major ion at $m/z = 305$. The loss of 162 405 mass units on $MS²$ experiment correspond to the glucose moiety. The $MS³$ fragmentation 406 of the 305 aglycon ion showed a main fragment at $m/z = 261$ that corresponded to the loss 407 of the carbonyl group (44 mass units). This compound was identified as the colourless 408 compound resulting from the oxidation of phloridzin named POPi (colourless phloridzin 409 oxidation product) (Guyot, Serrand, Le Quéré, Sanoner, & Renard,2007; Le Guernevé, 410 Sanoner, Drilleau, & Guyot, 2004). Its amount was expressed in phloridzin equivalent and 411 its concentration ranged from 13 mg/kg (cv. Freiberg) to 30 mg/kg FW (cv. Baujade) in 412 applesauce. presence of POPi and absence of further compounds in the oxidation chain of

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413 phloridzin, i.e. primarily POPj, the coloured compounds (Guyot et al., 2007; Le Guernevé 414 et al., 2004) indicated that a limited enzymatic oxidation had occurred during processing.

415 The decrease in phenolic content was probably a result of the processing 416 technology and more specifically of oxidation of polyphenols by polyphenoloxidase. Thus, 417 the phenolic composition of apple applesauce depends first on the initial composition of 418 the fruit and second on the processing conditions of the applesauce and the response of 419 each variety to the technology used. Oxidation of polyphenols during applesauce 420 processing, despite the addition of ascorbic acid, led to the formation of new phenolic 421 compounds not, one of which (POPi) was identified on the chromatogram.

422 A linear relationship was obtained (**Figure 3**) between hydroxycinnamic acids 423 retention and procyanidin retention in applesauces. The more hydroxycinnamic acids were 424 consumed by oxidation, the more procyanidins were also. Two groups were observed: a 425 group relatively protected from oxidation with procyanidin concentration in the applesauce 426 ranging from 71% (cv. Jolyne) to 90% (cv. Granny Smith) of those in the flesh and one 427 other without protection where this ratio applesauce to flesh ranged from 29% (cv. 428 Greensleeves) to 57% (cv. Baujade). Only New Gold variety did not follow this trend with 429 a an applesauce to flesh ratio for hydroxycinnamic acids of 90% and of 18% for 430 procyanidins. This close relationship between the concentrations of the hydroxycinnamic 431 acids and procyanidins in apple flesh and apple sauce is probably related to secondary 432 oxidation reactions. In apple, the main substrate of PPO is caffeoylquinic acid (Janovitz-433 Klapp, Richard, & Nicolas, 1989). It is first enzymatically oxidised to its highly reactive *o-*434 quinones, with the simultaneous consumption of oxygen, the second substrate of PPO 435 (Mayer & Harel 1979; Mayer, 1987). Then, *o-*quinones react following different pathways 436 according to their electrophilic and/or oxidant character with nucleophilic compounds 437 present in the medium such as polyphenols - or proteins, to produce secondary products by

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438 covalent interactions (Jervis & Pierpoint 1989). Procyanidins are not substrates of PPO 439 (Goodenough & Lea 1979), but they can be converted into corresponding *o-*quinones by 440 coupled oxidation/reduction involving primary *o-*quinones formed by PPO catalysis. 441 During this reaction the primary *o-*quinones are reduced back to their *o*-diphenol form 442 (Cheynier & Ricardo da Silva, 1991). During applesauce processing the *o-*quinone of 5'- 443 caffeoylquinic acid may react with an *o*-diphenol like 5'-caffeoylquinic acid or flavan-3-ol 444 monomers to yield a condensation product by a mechanism analogous to a Michael 1,4 445 nucleophilic addition (Oszmianski & Lee, 1990) or with a procyanidin by a coupled 446 oxidation/reduction (Cheynier & Ricardo da Silva, 1991). This mechanism may explain the 447 correlation between 5'-caffeoylquinic acid and procyanidins consumption. The existence of 448 two groups, one protected from oxidation and the other not may be due to a higher PPO 449 activity in the second group.

450 **Particles and serums**

451 The polyphenols were not equally distributed between particles and serum, they 452 were mainly concentrated in the solid part of the applesauce (**Table 8 and 9**) with different 453 proportions between the different classes. Total phenolics in the particles ranged from 228 454 mg/kg (cv. Greensleeves) to 2690 mg/kg FW (cv. 3535) and in the serum from 123 mg/kg 455 (cv. Greensleeves) to 863 mg/kg FW (cv. 3535). Flavan-ols in particular were concentrated 456 in the particles of the applesauce (**Table 9**). This could be explained as particles 457 concentrate the fibers (4-6 mg/g FW) (**Table 2**), which are able to absorb selectively 458 procyanidins (Renard et al., 2001; Le Bourvellec et al., 2004). A selective partition of the 459 procyanidins between the particles and the serum was observed both in concentration and 460 in degree of polymerisation. The concentration of of procyanidins in the particles ranged 461 from 1757 mg/kg FW (3535) to 99 mg/kg FW (Newgold), and those in the serum from 366 462 mg/kg FW (Granny Smith) to 19 mg/kg FW (Newgold). The \overline{DP} n of the procyanidins of

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463 the particles (**Table 8**) ranged from 2.4 to 3.8 and were for each individual variety higher 464 than those of the procyanidins of the serum (**Table 9**), ranging from 2.3 to 3.1. By studying 465 the adsorption of procyanidins on cell wall material, Renard et al., (2001) and Le 466 Bourvellec et al., (2004) have also shown a selective partition of procyanidins between the 467 soluble phase and the insoluble material: the \overline{DP} n of the bound procyanidins were higher 468 than those of the initial fraction and of the free procyanidins. Unlike procyanidins, which 469 were selectively distributed between particles and serum, flavan-3-ols monomers were 470 distributed equally over particles and serum (**Table 8** and **9**). The same was observed for 471 hydroxycinnamic acids, flavonols and dihydrochalcones. For example, (-)-epicatechin 472 concentrations ranged from 11 mg/kg (cv. Greensleeves) to 95 mg/kg FW (cv. Granny 473 Smith) in the particles and from 4 mg/kg (cv. Greensleeves) to 82 mg/kg FW (cv. Sinta) in 474 the serum.

475 Like the other polyphenol classes flavanols were distributed equally between 476 particles and serum (**Table 8** and **9**). Flavonols concentrations ranged from 9 mg/kg (cv. 477 3535) to 42 mg/kg FW (cv. Baujade) in the particles and from trace mg/kg (cv. 3535) to 24 478 mg/kg FW (cv. Baujade) in the serum.

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480 **5. Conclusions**

481 We have investigated here the polysaccharidic and phenolic composition of 12 482 apple varieties and their applesauces. Fiber composition varied little between apple 483 cultivars and processing to applesauce induced little modification, with however a 484 solubilisation of pectins in the serum. The polyphenol compositions were much more 485 variable, so that variety was the main determinant of phenolic composition in applesauces. 486 Though applesauce phenolic compositions were still very close to those of apple flesh, 487 there were significant increases in dihydrochalcones and flavonols. In spite of added 488 ascorbic acid during processing, there could be marked losses in hydroxycinnamic acids 489 and procyanidins between the fresh apple and the applesauce. Further in the applesauce the 490 procyanidins were concentrated in the particles while the smaller molecules were more 491 equally distributed between serum and particles.

492 The phenolic compound concentrations in applesauce were results of their content 493 of raw materials and the diffusion and enzymatic oxidation reactions which phenolics 494 undergo during applesauce processing. On average concentration of phenolics in the 495 applesauce represented 70% of those in the flesh. Processing of apples into applesauces 496 caused limited changes in phenolic content compared to processing into juices where only 497 42% of fruit total phenolics were found in juices (Guyot et al., 2003). The nutritional 498 properties of applesauce can therefore be expected to be close to those of apple flesh.

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1 **Figure Captions**

2 Figure 1 : Scheme of fractionation of apples into twelve sample, with a systematic 3 repartition of right and left faces.

4 Figure 2 : Applesauce processing

5 Figure 3 : Comparison of the relative variations in the concentrations of 5'- 6 caffeoylquinic acid and procyanidins between the fruit and the applesauce.

7 Figure 4 : Typical RP-18 chromatograms at 280 nm of apple flesh (Var. 3535, A) and 8 applesauce (Var. 3535, B). Peak identification : 1, POPi; 2, (+)-catechin; 3, 5'-caffeoylquinic 9 acid; 4, procyanidin B2; 5, (-)-epicatechin, 6, para-coumaroylquinic acid; 7, phloretin-2- 10 xyloglucoside; 8, phloridzin.

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1 **Tables**

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- 3 **Table 1 :** Yields from fresh weight (mg/g fresh weight) and compositions (mg/g
- 4 dry matter) of the different apple flesh AIS.

5 AIS, alcool insoluble solid. Rha, rhamnose. Fuc, Fucose. Ara, arabinose. Xyl, xylose. Man, mannose. Gal,

6 galactose. Glc, glucose. Gal A, galacturonic acid. MeOH, methanol. DM, degree of methylation. SDM,

7 standard deviation of the mean $n = 72$, except for the yields $n = 24$.

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- 3 **Table 2 :** Yields from fresh weight (mg/g fresh weight) and compositions (mg/g
- 4 dry matter) of the AIS of applesauces, particles and serum.

1 AIS, alcool insoluble solid. P. : Product. AS. : Applesauce. Pl. : Particles. S : Serum. Rha, rhamnose. Fuc,

2 Fucose. Ara, arabinose. Xyl, xylose. Man, mannose. Gal, galactose. Glc, glucose. Gal A, galacturonic acid.

3 MeOH, methanol. DM, degree of methylation. Values in italic correspond to the standard deviation of the

4 mean n= 24, except for the yields $n = 12$.

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- 2 **Table 3** : Fishers' F-values and *p*-values associated with two-way ANOVAs (type
- 3 of product and variety effects, with interactions) performed on apple flesh and applesauce
- 4 AIS compositions (mg/g dry matter).

5 AIS, alcool insoluble solid. Rha, rhamnose. Fuc, Fucose. Ara, arabinose. Xyl, xylose. Man,

6 mannose. Gal, galactose. Glc, glucose. Gal A, galacturonic acid. MeOH, methanol. DM, degree of

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Table 4 : Polyphenol composition and concentrations (mg/kg of fresh weight) and \overline{DP} n in the peel of the twelve apple varieties.

3 CAT : (+)catechin, EC : (-)-epicatechin, PCA : procyanidins, DP_n : average degree of polymerisation of flavanols (catechins + procyanidins), , XPL : phloretin-2-

4 xyloglucoside, PLZ : phloridzin, TotalFl : total flavonols, CQA : 5'-caffeoylquinic acid, pCoQA : para-coumaroylquinic acid, Total : total polyphenols, SD : standard

5 deviation, $n= 24$, SDM : standard deviation of the mean, $n = 12$, $t =$ traces. a : quantified as phloridzin, b : quantified as quercetin c : quantified as p-coumaric acid. ..

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Table 5 : Polyphenol composition and concentrations (mg/kg of fresh weight) and \overline{DP} n in the flesh of the twelve apple varieties.

3 CAT : (+)catechin, EC : (-)-epicatechin, PCA : procyanidins, \overline{DP} n : average degree of polymerisation of flavanols (catechins + procyanidins), XPL : phloretin-2-

4 xyloglucoside, PLZ : phloridzin, CQA : 5'-caffeoylquinic acid, pCoQA : para-coumaroylquinic acid, Total : total polyphenols, SD : standard deviation, n = 24, SDM :

5 standard deviation of the mean, n=12, t : traces. a : quantified as phloridzin, b : quantified as *p*-coumaric acid.

Table 6 : Polyphenol composition and concentrations (mg/kg of fresh weight) and \overline{DP} n in the applesauce of the twelve apple varieties.

2 CAT : (+)-catechin, EC : (-)-epicatechin, PCA : procyanidins, \overline{DP} n : average degree of polymerisation of flavanols (catechins + procyanidins), XPL : phloretin-2-

3 xyloglucoside, PLZ : phloridzin, POPi : colourless phloridzin oxidation product, TotalFl : total flavonols, CQA : 5'-caffeoylquinic acid, pCoQA : para-coumaroylquinic acid, ,

4 Total : total polyphenols, SD: standard deviation, $n = 24$, SDM : standard deviation of the mean, $n=12$, t : traces. a : quantified as phloridzin.. b : quantified as quercetin. c :

5 quantified as *p*-coumaric acid.

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- 2 **Table 7 :** Fishers' F-values and *p*-values associated with two-way ANOVAs (type
- 3 of product and variety effects, with interactions) performed on apple flesh and applesauce
- 4 phenolic compositions (mg/kg of fresh weight).

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5 DP n : average degree of polymerisation of flavanols (catechins + procyanidins).

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Table 8 : Polyphenol composition and concentrations (mg/kg of fresh weight) and \overline{DP} n in the particles of the twelve apple varieties.

3 CAT : (+)-catechin, EC : (-)-epicatechin, PCA : procyanidins, DP n : average degree of polymerisation of flavanols (catechins + procyanidins), XPL : phloretin-2-

4 xyloglucoside, PLZ : phloridzin, POPi : colourless phloridzin oxidation product, TotalFl : total flavonols, CQA : 5'-caffeoylquinic acid, pCoQA : para-coumaroylquinic acid,

5 Total : total polyphenols, SD: standard deviation, $n = 24$, SDM : standard deviation of the mean, $n=12$, t : traces. a : quantified as phloridzin.. b :. quantified as quercetin. c :.

6 quantified as *p*-coumaric acid.

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Table 9 : Polyphenol composition and concentrations (mg/kg of fresh weight) and \overline{DP} n in the serum of the twelve apple varieties.

3 CAT : (+)-catechin, EC : (-)-epicatechin, PCA : procyanidins, DP n : average degree of polymerisation of flavanols (catechins + procyanidins), XPL : phloretin-2-

4 xyloglucoside, PLZ : phloridzin, POPi : colourless phloridzin oxidation product, TotalFl : total flavonols, CQA : 5'-caffeoylquinic acid, pCoQA : para-coumaroylquinic acid,

5 Total : total polyphenols, SD: standard deviation, $n = 24$, SDM : standard deviation of the mean, $n=12$, t : traces. a : quantified as phloridzin. b : quantified as quercetin. c :.

6 quantified as *p*-coumaric acid.