



A comparative study of mid-infrared, UV–Visible and fluorescence spectroscopy in combination with chemometrics for the detection of adulteration of fresh olive oils with old olive oils

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ABSTRACT

The work aimed to detect and quantify adulteration of fresh olive oils with old olive oils from the previous harvest year by using different spectroscopic approaches in combination with chemometrics. Adulterated samples prepared in varying concentrations (10–50% (v/v)) were analyzed with fluorescence, Fourier transform-infrared (FT-IR), and ultraviolet–visible (UV–vis) spectroscopic methods. Orthogonal partial least square-discriminant analysis (OPLS-DA) and partial least squares (PLS) regression techniques were used for the differentiation of adulterated oils from the pure oils and prediction of adulteration levels, respectively. After the application of various pre-treatment methods, all of the OPLS-DA classification models generated for every spectroscopic technique successfully differentiated adulterated and non-adulterated oils with over 90% correct classification rate. FT-IR + UV–vis and fluorescence spectral data were also successfully used to predict adulteration levels with high coefficient of determinations for both calibration (0.94 and 0.98) and prediction (0.91 and 0.97) models and low error values for calibration (4.22% and 2.68%), and prediction (5.20% and 2.82%), compared to individual FT-IR and UV–vis spectroscopy were obtained. Therefore, FT-IR + UV–vis and fluorescence spectroscopy as being fast and environmentally friendly tools have great potential for both classification and quantification of adulteration practices involving old olive oil.

1. Introduction

Olive oil is a highly demanded product by the consumers in global scale due to its unique sensory characteristics, high nutritional value as well as its proven health benefits. These positive characteristics are mainly associated with the unique chemistry of olive oil which is mainly composed of monounsaturated fatty acids (mainly oleic acid) and minor components (phenolic compounds, α -tocopherol and carotenoids) (Li & Wang, 2018). Some of these constituents in olive oil are present in the highest level immediately after the extraction and there could be dramatic changes in their quantity during the storage mostly due to oxidative processes. As a result, “best before” date is critical for the quality of olive oil (Tena, Aparicio, & García-González, 2018). An update in European Union regulation was done about olive oil labelling requirements in 2012 (EU, 2012). According to this regulation, harvest year can be placed on the label only if 100% of the product was obtained from the olives harvested in the same year. Therefore, mixing of the olive oils from the previous harvest with freshly extracted olive oils is regarded as an adulteration if the label indicates harvest year and a

need arises to determine this type of adulteration to prevent unfair profit and to protect the consumers. However, detection methods which aim to differentiate old oils in fresh oils have not been thoroughly studied in the literature.

Detection of lower price seed and/or vegetable oils such as corn, sunflower and soybean oils (Jiménez-Carvelo, Osorio, Koidis, González-Casado, & Cuadros-Rodríguez, 2017; Sun, Lin, Li, Shen, & Luo, 2015) and lower quality olive oils (refined or pomace olive oil) (Merás, Manzano, Rodríguez, & de la Peña, 2018) in high quality olive oils have already been investigated by non-targeted fingerprinting techniques. In addition, classical targeted approaches which are based on wet chromatographic techniques of mainly gas chromatography (GC) (Jabeur, Drira, Rebai, & Bouaziz, 2017; Jabeur, Zribi, & Bouaziz, 2016) and high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) (Carranco, Farrés-Cebrián, Saurina, & Núñez, 2018) and their combination (Jabeur et al., 2014) have been also used for the determination of these adulterants. Main disadvantages of these wet methods are their time consuming and waste producing nature. Rapid, simple, environmentally friendly and relatively cheap spectroscopic methods have been commonly used as

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alternatives to wet chemical methods in adulteration detection studies (Valli et al., 2016).

There is a growing interest of olive oil analysis by using fluorescence spectroscopy since it has comparably low detection limits with respect to other spectroscopic methods (Danezis, Tsagkaris, Camin, Brusica, & Georgiou, 2016). Recently, this technique was used in the detection of different types of adulterants such as sunflower oil, (Ali et al., 2018), corn oil (Öztürk, Ankan, & Özdemir, 2010), soybean oil (Tan et al., 2018), and lower quality olive oil (Dankowska & Małeczka, 2009; Merás et al., 2018) in extra virgin olive oil.

Fourier-transform infrared (FT-IR) spectroscopy was also used successfully along with chemometric methods in many different adulteration studies such as differentiation of olive oils from soybean oil, sunflower oil, rapeseed (canola) oil, corn oil, peanut oil, sesame oils, camellia oil, walnut oil and grapeseed oils (Jiménez-Carvelo et al., 2017; Sun et al., 2015; Rohman, Che Man, Ismail, & Hashim, 2017).

Ultraviolet–visible (UV–vis) spectroscopy comes forward as a quite easy to use technique. However, there are relatively few studies in the literature about the detection of adulteration with UV–vis spectroscopy. This technique was used to quantify lower grade olive oil in extra virgin olive oil (Torrecilla, Rojo, Domínguez, & Rodríguez, 2010) as well as different blends of olive oil with corn, soybean, and sunflower oils (Jiang, Zheng, & Lu, 2015).

Although there are several successful examples of olive oil adulteration detection studies using different spectroscopic methods, differentiation of mixtures of olive oils such as mixtures from different olive varieties, mixtures of refined and extra virgin olive oils or mixtures of fresh and old olive oils is generally a more challenging task. Therefore, it is important to test the capabilities of these techniques for these cases. To the best of our knowledge there is a few preliminary studies in the literature about the detection of adulteration concerning mixing of old olive oils with fresh olive oils. FT-IR was used to detect limited number of adulterated samples in one study (Hirri et al., 2015) and laser diode-based fluorescence spectroscopy was also used in another research (Torreblanca-Zanca et al., 2019). In addition, a recent study employed different classification methods in analyzing fluorescence spectra to determine freshness of olive oils as expired or non-expired (Dankowska & Kowalewski, 2019). However, there is not any study which compares the performances of different spectroscopic approaches about this emerging issue.

Hypothesis of this research is that fresh olive oil could be differentiated from old olive oil in a mixture by using fluorescence, FT-IR and UV–vis and the combination of FT-IR and UV–vis spectroscopies; moreover, quantification of different levels of adulterant is also possible with these spectroscopic methods when they are used along with multivariate statistical approaches. Therefore, it was aimed to investigate the effectiveness of different spectroscopic techniques individually and also in combination to detect this type of fraud in a fast way with minimal chemical waste.

2. Materials and methods

2.1. Olive oil samples

Fresh olive oil samples obtained in 2016 harvest year were analyzed immediately after the production whereas olive oils from 2015 harvest year were used as old olive oil samples after one year of storage. Olive oils were from the different regions (14 different locations for fresh olive oils and 5 different locations for old olive oils) of Turkey. Twenty different fresh and 5 different old oils were used in the analyses and 4 fresh and 5 old olive oils were mixed with each other in cross combinations and the rest of the fresh samples (16 samples) were independently used. As a result, 100 adulterated samples in five different concentrations from 10% to 50% level with 10% increments (20 samples for each level) were prepared with a total volume of 10 mL by mixing samples with a vortex.

2.2. Determination of free fatty acid content, K values and fatty acid profile

Basic quality parameters, free fatty acid (FFA) and specific extinction coefficients (K232 and K270) as well as fatty acid profile of the olive oil samples were determined according to European Official Methods of Analysis (EEC, 1991).

FFA value was determined by titrating dissolved 20 g of olive oil sample in 150 mL diethyl ether-ethanol solution (1:1) with standardized 0.1 mol L⁻¹ solution of potassium hydroxide until a change in indicator color (phenolphthalein). Results were expressed in terms of % oleic acid.

Absorbance values of 0.25 g of the olive oil samples diluted to 25 mL with cyclohexane were measured at 232 and 270 nm with a spectrophotometer (Shimadzu UV-2450 Spectrophotometer, Japan) using the pure cyclohexane as the blank.

Fatty acid profile of the methyl esterified olive oil samples was determined by a GC with flame-ionization detector (FID) (Agilent 6890, Agilent Technologies, USA) possessing an auto-sampler (Agilent 7863) with a split/splitless inlet. As a capillary column, HP-88 with dimensions of 100 m × 0.25 mm ID × 0.2 mm (Agilent, USA) was used. Experimental conditions were as follows; 1 mL eluent were injected with a split ratio 1/50, helium was used as a carrier gas at constant 2 mL m⁻¹ flow, injection and detector temperature were set to 250 °C and 280 °C, respectively. Temperature program of oven was kept at 120 °C for 10 min and then increased to 220 °C with a rate of 3 °C m⁻¹ and maintained at the same temperature for 5 min. The sample chromatogram peaks were compared with the retention times of fatty acid methyl ester (FAME) mix standards. The results including major individual fatty acids, total saturated fatty acids (SFA), total mono-unsaturated fatty acids (MUFA), and total polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFA) were given as the relative percentage of FAME. Three replicates of each measurement were recorded.

2.3. Spectroscopic methods

2.3.1. FT-IR spectroscopy

Mid-infrared spectra between 4000 and 650 cm⁻¹ of the olive oil samples were recorded by using PerkinElmer Spectrum 100 FT-IR spectrometer (PerkinElmer Inc., USA) equipped with a deuterated triglycine sulphate detector (DTGS). As a sampling technique horizontal attenuated total reflectance (HATR) accessory with ZnSe crystal was used. Scan speed, resolution, and number of scans for each spectrum were adjusted as 1 cm s⁻¹, 4 cm⁻¹, and 64 respectively. The spectra for each sample was taken twice. After each analysis, the sampling crystal was cleaned with hexane, ethanol and deionized water.

2.3.2. UV–vis spectroscopy

UV–visible spectrophotometer (Shimadzu UV-2450 Spectrophotometer, Japan) was used to obtain the spectra of olive oil samples between 200 and 800 nm. Absorbance was measured with fast scan speed in a macro type polystyrene cuvette (12.5 × 12.5 × 45 mm) having 10 mm light path by using air as the blank. Sampling interval and slit width were set to 2.0 nm and 5.0 nm, respectively. Duplicated spectra were obtained for each olive oil sample.

2.3.3. Fluorescence spectroscopy

Fluorescence spectra of the olive oil samples were acquired with the LS-55 fluorescence spectrometer (PerkinElmer Inc., USA) equipped with a pulsed xenon lamp. The slit width was adjusted to 5 nm for both excitation and emission. Data interval for scan and integration time was set to 0.5 nm and 0.2 s, respectively. These parameters were selected to obtain the best resolution with optimal signal-to-noise ratio.

For each excitation wavelength (320, 330, 340 and 350 nm) fluorescence emission spectra were recorded twice for each sample between 300 and 800 nm simultaneously by using a quartz cell. An excitation wavelength at 350 nm was selected both in the construction of

classification and prediction models.

2.4. Multivariate statistical analysis

In order to handle the large data clusters obtained from the spectroscopic measurements, multivariate statistical tools were utilized in both classification and prediction. SIMCA 14.0 software (Umetrics, Sweden) was used for the data analyses. The whole spectra from FT-IR (4000–650 cm^{-1}), UV–vis (200–800 nm), and fluorescence (300–800 nm) spectroscopy measurements were used in the analyses. In addition, low level data fusion was applied to FT-IR and UV–vis spectroscopic data to obtain a single matrix and this combined form was also used in both classification and prediction models. Low level data fusion is a basic combination method relied on concatenating data sets obtained from different instruments into a large single matrix and could be used in generating classification or prediction models. Rows and columns of the matrix correspond to samples and signals (variables), respectively (Borràs et al., 2015).

Prior to the model development, replicated spectroscopic data were averaged and then appropriate pre-processing techniques were used to remove the undesirable instrumental and experimental variations (Engel et al., 2013). Pre-processing techniques could be divided into two main categories as signal enhancement and signal correction methods (Moros, Garrigues, & de la Guardia, 2010). Mean-centering and unit variance scaling were applied as a signal enhancement strategy in the construction of all models. Advanced signal correction algorithms such as first derivative (FD), second derivative (SD), Savitzky-Golay (S-G), wavelet denoising techniques (WDTs), multiplicative scatter correction (MSC), and orthogonal signal correction (OSC) were used individually and in appropriate combinations (S-G:MSC, FD:S-G:MSC, and WDTs:OSC) for the development of the specific models. FD and SD of the spectroscopic data were calculated from moving quadratic sub-models with 15 data point long and the distance between each data point is set to 1 excluding the edge effects. As a wavelet function Daubechies-10 was chosen, and confidence interval was selected as 99.5%. Selection of the suitable pre-processing technique was accomplished with the trial and error method. For this purpose, different pre-processing techniques were applied and the best performing one was selected with respect to their classification and prediction efficiencies in terms of the statistical parameters provided in Tables 1 and 2, respectively (Engel et al., 2013).

For the classification and quantification, pre-treated data set of each spectroscopic technique was randomly divided into calibration and validation sets comprising 2/3 and 1/3 number of the data set,

Table 1
OPLS-DA models of different spectroscopic methods in classification of adulterated and fresh samples (the number of samples are shown in parenthesis).

Method	Pre-treatment ^a	LVs	R_{cal}^2	R_{cv}^2	%CC _{cal} ^b (n = 80)	%CC _{pred.} ^c (n = 40)
FT-IR	FD	1 + 3	0.98	0.53	100	93
	WDTs:FD	1 + 3	0.97	0.58	100	85
	SD	1 + 2	0.97	0.42	100	90
UV–vis	FD	1 + 3	0.98	0.98	100	83
	WDTs:FD	1 + 3	0.98	0.97	100	83
	SD	1 + 4	0.99	0.98	100	100
FT-IR + UV–vis	FD	1 + 4	0.99	0.66	100	98
	WDTs:FD	1 + 3	0.98	0.65	100	85
	SD	1 + 2	0.97	0.58	100	88
Fluorescence	FD	1 + 8	0.95	0.70	100	90
	WDTs:FD	1 + 8	0.98	0.71	100	95
	SD	1 + 7	0.90	0.68	100	89

^a FD: first derivative, SD: second derivative, WDTs:FD combination of wavelet denoising techniques and first derivative.

^b Average correct classification rate for calibration.

^c Average correct classification rate for prediction (external validation).

respectively. The calibration data set was used to generate the corresponding model. An optimal model with respect to the latent variables (LVs) was chosen by internal validation (cross validation) which was applied as leave-one-out cross validation (LOO-CV) to avoid over and/or under fitting of the model (Riedl, Esslinger, & Fauhl-Hassek, 2015). The optimal number of LVs obtained from 7-fold cross validation revealed the model complexity and the percentage of correct classification for the optimized number of LVs provides the classification accuracy (Engel et al., 2013).

In classification studies, orthogonal partial least square-discriminant analysis (OPLS-DA) was used to visualize the separation of adulterated and fresh olive oil samples by using pre-treated data. In OPLS-DA analysis, a dummy Y matrix (variable vector) consisting of class 1 and class 2 (adulterated and non-adulterated (fresh) samples, respectively) was correlated with X matrix (spectral data) (Sen & Tokatli, 2016). The results of the OPLS-DA analysis are given in the form of a misclassification table. Both cross and external validation techniques were used to determine correct classification and misclassification (known as rejection or error) rate (Riedl et al., 2015). The correct classification rate (%CC) was determined when an examined oil sample from a defined olive oil class (as adulterated or non-adulterated) have a prediction value between 0.5 and 1.5; otherwise, it was considered as a misclassification (Hirri, Bassbasi, Platikanov, Tauler, & Oussama, 2016). In addition, other performance parameters such as number of latent variables (LVs), coefficient of determination for calibration (R_{cal}^2) and goodness of prediction Q^2 (R_{cv}^2) were determined for each classification model constructed with different spectroscopic data. These values were evaluated by automatic fitting function available in the SIMCA software.

Prediction for the quantification of the varying levels of adulteration (0–50% v/v) were conducted with partial least squares (PLS) regression. Basically, PLS regression was used to correlate spectroscopic absorbance of each adulterated and non-adulterated sample (X block) with the percentages of adulterant and non-adulterant olive oil (Y block) (Gurdeniz & Ozen, 2009). The prediction ability of the generated PLS models were investigated with several performance parameters such as R_{cal}^2 for calibration, R_{cv}^2 for cross validation, R_{pred}^2 for external validation. Error values as root mean square error of prediction (RMSEP), root mean square error of calibration (RMSEC), root mean square value of cross-validation (RMSECV) were also used in the performance evaluation. R^2 values should be close to 1 while error values should be small and close to each other in order to minimize error as low as possible by sustaining balance between generated error values in terms of magnitude and to obtain a robust prediction model (Uncu & Ozen, 2015). Additional parameters such as residual predictive deviation (RPD) for external validation and slope of the calibration models were also used to evaluate the model. The RPD value stands for the ratio of standard deviation of predicted values to RMSEP values revealing the predictive ability of the corresponding model (Riedl et al., 2015). The RPD values were calculated according to formula provided in the literature (Ozturk, Yucesoy, & Ozen, 2012). In RPD evaluation, values lower than 2.0 are considered to be insufficient for prediction while values between 2.0 and 2.5 are used for approximate quantitative predictions. Values between 2.5 and 3.0 and values higher than 3.0, on the other hand, indicate good and excellent predictions, respectively (Tamaki & Mazza, 2011).

3. Results and discussion

3.1. Chemical characteristics of olive oil

Free fatty acid and specific extinction (K232 and K270) values of the olive oil samples were determined to evaluate the general quality of the samples. Average acidity (%), K232, and K270 values of fresh olive oil samples used in mixing studies were 0.40 ± 0.12 , 2.18 ± 0.21 , and 0.20 ± 0.01 , respectively while the same parameters for the old olive

Table 2
Statistical parameters of PLS regression models for prediction of adulteration by different spectroscopic methods.

Method	Pre-treatment ^a	LVs	R ² cal.	R ² cv.	R ² pred.	RMSEC	RMSECV	RMSEP	RPD	Slope
FTIR	FD	3	0.90	0.58	0.54	5.44	12.02	11.53	1.5	0.90
	S-G:MSC	4	0.67	0.45	0.46	10.14	12.62	13.34	1.3	0.67
	FD:S-G:MSC	4	0.97	0.48	0.57	2.97	13.95	11.64	1.5	0.97
	WDTs:OSC	9	0.96	0.77	0.84	3.45	10.19	7.01	2.5	0.96
UV-vis	FD	6	0.73	0.61	0.66	9.35	10.56	10.06	1.7	0.73
	S-G:MSC	5	0.69	0.59	0.60	9.93	10.89	11.03	1.5	0.69
	FD:S-G:MSC	4	0.72	0.62	0.57	9.30	10.36	11.44	1.6	0.72
	WDTs:OSC	6	0.86	0.80	0.80	6.78	8.02	7.76	2.2	0.86
FTIR + UV-vis	FD	3	0.92	0.63	0.62	5.10	11.33	10.56	1.6	0.92
	S-G:MSC	5	0.77	0.49	0.64	8.57	12.45	10.29	1.7	0.77
	FD:S-G:MSC	6	0.99	0.70	0.61	1.49	10.91	10.70	1.6	0.99
	WDTs:OSC	5	0.94	0.85	0.91	4.22	6.96	5.20	3.2	0.94
Fluorescence	FD	4	0.73	0.32	0.37	9.15	16.61	13.61	1.3	0.73
	S-G:MSC	10	0.79	0.44	0.49	8.31	13.07	12.28	1.4	0.79
	FD:S-G:MSC	5	0.72	0.40	0.29	9.43	13.82	15.05	1.1	0.72
	WDTs:OSC	9	0.98	0.95	0.97	2.68	6.52	2.82	6.2	0.98

^a FD first derivative, S-G:MSC combination of Savitzky-Golay and multiplicative scatter correction, FD:S-G:MSC combination of first derivative with Savitzky-Golay and multiplicative scatter correction, WDTs:OSC combination of wavelet denoising techniques and orthogonal signal correction.

oil samples were 0.92 ± 0.29 , 2.30 ± 0.32 , and 0.19 ± 0.10 , orderly.

Average major fatty acids values (%) of fresh olive oil samples were determined as follows; palmitic acid 13.79 ± 0.97 , stearic acid 3.04 ± 0.34 , oleic acid 69.63 ± 1.83 , linoleic acid 10.74 ± 1.46 , linolenic acid 0.76 ± 0.11 , SFA 17.56 ± 1.46 , MUFA 70.94 ± 2.10 , and PUFA 11.50 ± 1.57 . While the same parameters for old olive oil samples were determined as $14.09 \pm 2.05\%$ palmitic acid, $2.68 \pm 0.13\%$ stearic acid, $68.94 \pm 3.16\%$ oleic acid, $11.56 \pm 3.24\%$ linoleic acid, $0.74 \pm 0.07\%$ linolenic acid, $17.41 \pm 2.30\%$ SFA, $70.29 \pm 3.39\%$ MUFA, and $12.30 \pm 3.31\%$ PUFA.

All the studied samples were in the limits of quality standards of European Union regulation on olive oil (EU, 2016). Fresh olive oil samples were graded as extra virgin olive oils while old olive oil samples were at lower grades.

3.2. Spectral evaluation

Typical spectra of all the studied olive oil samples obtained with different spectroscopic techniques are shown in Fig. 1. The FT-IR spectra of the samples (Fig. 1a) are dominated by the peaks at distinct wavelengths of 2924, 2852, 1743, 1463, 1377, 1238, 1163, 1114, 1099 and 721 cm^{-1} (Sinelli, Cosio, Gigliotti, & Casiraghi, 2007). Absorbances at 2924 and 2852 cm^{-1} wavelengths are due to $-\text{CH}_2$ asymmetric and symmetric stretching vibrations, respectively. The major peaks at 1743 cm^{-1} followed by 1463 and 1377 cm^{-1} are associated with C=O stretching, CH_2 and CH_3 scissoring vibrations, respectively. The rest of the peaks at 1238, 1163, 1114, 1099 cm^{-1} are relevant with C-O stretching vibration while a small peak at 721 cm^{-1} are correlated with CH_2 rocking mode (Sinelli et al., 2007).

UV-vis spectra of the olive oil samples are shown in Fig. 1b. Absorption spectra of the olive oil samples have specific peaks around 230–270 nm indicating the presence of conjugated dienes and trienes of unsaturated fatty acids. Moreover, 300–400 nm band was correlated with a variety of polyphenols (Mignani, Ciaccheri, Mencaglia, & Cimato, 2012). A shift in the positions of the peaks and/or the absence of the peaks in the current study compared to above assignments could be related to differences in the quality, varietal and geographical differences of olive oil samples with respect to investigated samples in the literature as well as measurement parameters. In addition, carotenoids as one of the color pigments are responsible for the absorption between 430 and 460 nm and peak at 670 nm is attributed to chlorophylls and their derivatives (Mignani et al., 2012).

Fluorescence emission spectra of the olive oil samples are shown in

Fig. 1c and these spectra reveal three regions of interest around 350 nm due to specific excitation together with 400–600 nm, and 650–750 nm. Bands between 600 and 700 nm in emission possessed well known relationship with chlorophylls a and b and pheophytins a and b. Bands at 250–400 nm are correlated with α -tocopherol and phenolic compounds while 400–600 nm emission spectral range could be attributed to vitamin B₂ and carotenoids as well as oxidation products of fatty acids, especially conjugated hydroperoxides, are found in the range of 440–470 nm (Ali et al., 2018; Dupuy et al., 2005).

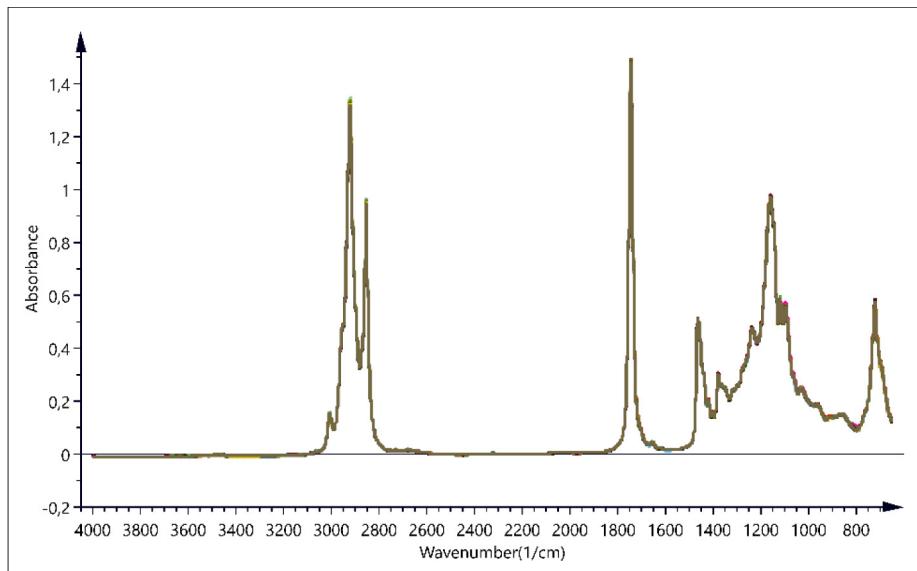
Spectra obtained from each of these spectroscopic methods were further investigated to observe for any visual differences between a fresh sample and adulterated ones. The differences in FT-IR spectra were not easy to recognize visually. On the other hand, visual inspection revealed noticeable differences between the spectra of adulterated and fresh olive oil samples obtained with UV-vis and fluorescence spectroscopy.

Main differences in UV-spectra are observed in the peaks attributed to carotenoids (400–500 nm) and chlorophylls (670 nm) (Fig. 1b). Both chlorophylls and carotenoids are pigments which are affected from environmental conditions such as light and temperature and are converted into other forms and/or degraded during storage. Therefore, differences in UV-spectra of old oil containing samples could be associated with the changes in the pigment composition of the samples. The changes in pigment composition could be attributed to the oxidation of these compounds during storage (Ali et al., 2018).

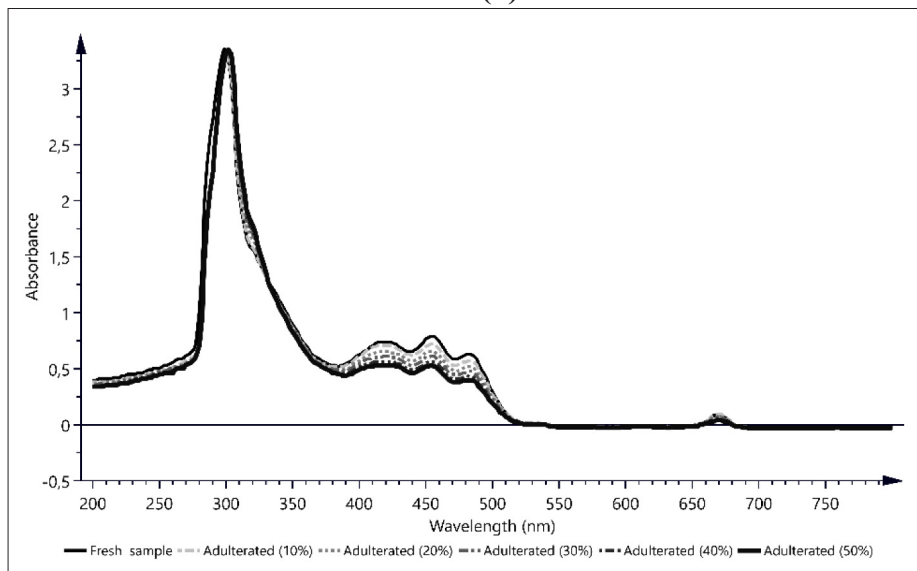
Fluorescence emission spectra of the olive oil samples at varying adulteration levels are provided in Fig. 1c. Fluorescence intensity at distinct wavelengths (400–500 nm) increased with increasing adulteration level and this could be correlated with the formation of oxidation products of fatty acids such as hydroperoxides emitted around 450 nm (Lleó, Hernández-Sánchez, Ammari, & Roger, 2016). However, fresh olive oil samples have higher intensity at 650–750 nm compared to adulterated ones and this difference could be attributed to change in chlorophyll content having negative linear relationship with oxidation products (Hernández-Sánchez, Lleó, Ammari, Cuadrado, & Roger, 2017).

3.3. Discrimination of fresh olive oils from adulterated oils

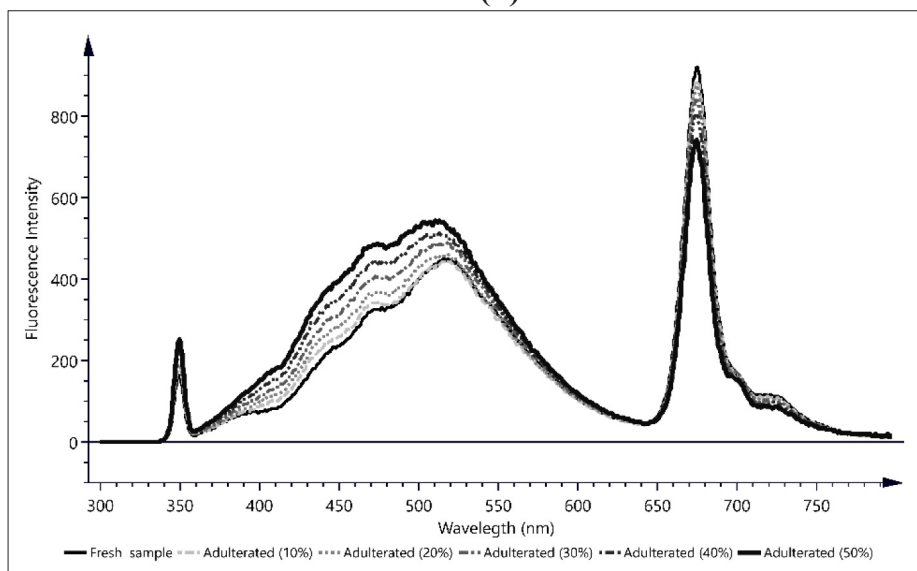
OPLS-DA models were created with the data from each spectroscopic technique and with the combination of FT-IR and UV-vis spectral data and Table 1 shows the results of statistical parameters for the models obtained with the application of various spectral pre-treatments. Best models were obtained with FD of FTIR, FTIR + UV-vis and fluorescence spectroscopy while SD of UV-vis spectral data resulted in



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Fig. 1. (a) FT-IR, (b) UV-vis and (c) fluorescence spectra of the olive oil samples.

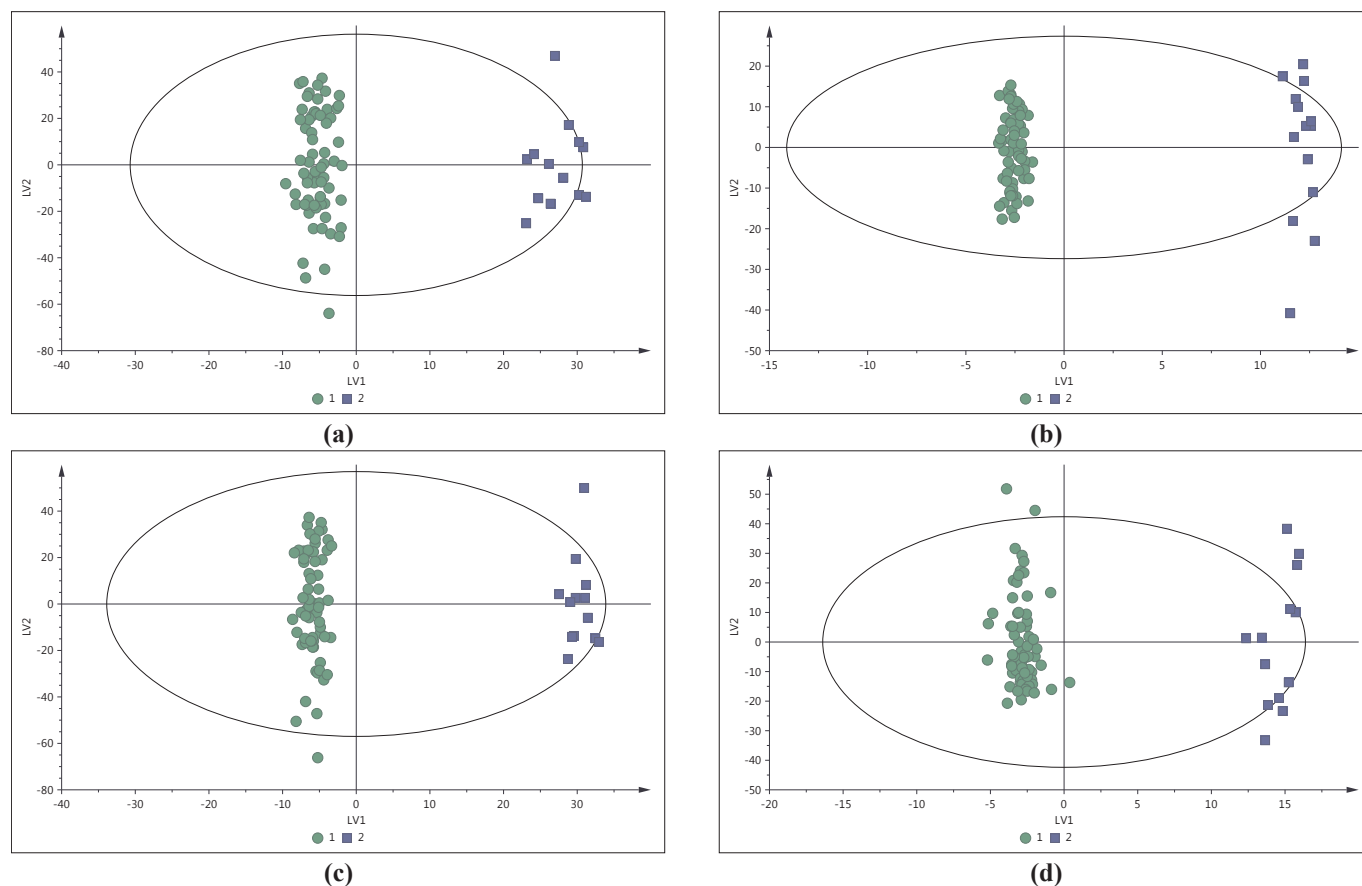


Fig. 2. Score plots of OPLS-DA models built with (a) FT-IR, (b) UV-vis, (c) FT-IR + UV-vis, and (d) fluorescence spectroscopy for discrimination of adulterated (●1) and fresh olive oil samples (■2).

the most successful differentiation. Each model was comprising a calibration and external validation set and the number of the samples in calibration and validation is 80 and 40 out of total 120 samples (100 adulterated and 20 fresh samples), respectively (Table 1). Although it might look like there is an unbalance between the numbers of adulterated (100) and non-adulterated (20) samples there is still enough number of non-adulterated samples to form a class in OPLS-DA model. Classification could be also performed by using each adulteration percentages as a different class. However, it was thought that assigning all adulteration levels to a single class is a more realistic approach. This is because of that it is generally impossible to know the adulteration concentrations of external samples that are brought to the control laboratories and constructed model allows detection of mixing regardless of adulteration percentages. OPLS-DA score plots of each calibration model are provided in Fig. 2 which shows the scattering of two classes as adulterated and fresh samples (non-adulterated).

As it could be seen from Table 1, OPLS-DA model of FD of FT-IR spectra provided the best differentiation of fresh olive oil samples from adulterated ones with the average correct classification rate of 100% and 93% (out of 40 sample; 1 sample misclassified as adulterated and 2 samples misclassified as fresh samples) in calibration and validation sets, respectively. The OPLS-DA model was built with 1 predictive and 3 orthogonal components. Other statistical parameters such as high R^2 values for calibration and cross validation sets further confirm the classification ability of the model (Table 1). According to score plot (Fig. 2a), fresh samples located on the right side of the score plot are separated from adulterated samples with respect to the first latent variable (LV1) explaining 49% of the total variation. Furthermore,

variable importance for the projection (VIP) values are also evaluated to determine the most significant wavelengths in differentiation of adulteration. VIP parameter is increasingly preferred in the model evaluation since it provides the most compact model interpretation compared to loading weights and regression coefficients (Galindo-Prieto, Eriksson, & Trygg, 2015). VIP values greater or close to 1 are considered as influential in the explanation of classification and prediction models (Uncu & Ozen, 2015). The highest VIP values are obtained at around 1723 cm^{-1} which could be associated with stretching of C=O (free fatty acids) groups (Hirri et al., 2016) as well as fingerprint region ($1464\text{--}983\text{ cm}^{-1}$) and around 723 cm^{-1} (Jolayemi, Tokatli, Buratti, & Alamprese, 2017). In the literature, there is only one study in which limited number of old olive oil samples (lampante) were separated from fresh (extra virgin) samples by using discriminant analysis (PLS-DA) of FT-IR data (Hirri et al., 2015).

Score plot of OPLS-DA model constructed with SD of UV-vis absorbance spectra is shown in Fig. 2b. A clear separation was obtained between fresh and adulterated samples in the calibration set (100%) as well as in the external validation set with correct prediction rate of 100% (Table 1). LV1 was effective in classification by separating each class of olive oil samples to the left and the right of the score plot (Fig. 2b). The highest VIP values for the constructed model are found as around 260–290, 470 and 680 nm and these values correspond to the presence of conjugated dienes and trienes (oxidation products), carotenoids and chlorophyll derivatives, respectively. To the best of our knowledge, there is no comparable literature about the differentiation of old and fresh olive oil samples by using UV-vis spectroscopy. Until so far, studies with UV-vis spectroscopy have been based on the

quantification of the adulteration of extra virgin olive oil with lower grade olive oils (Torrecilla et al., 2010) as well as binary and ternary mixtures of monovarietal extra virgin olive oils (Aroca-Santos, Cancilla, Pérez-Pérez, Moral, & Torrecilla, 2016).

Combination of two spectroscopic methods as FT-IR + UV-vis is also investigated for any improvement that could be attributable to the data fusion in the classification of the samples. Prior to combining the data, first derivative of both spectra were taken individually and then they were fused. The fused data set provided the best OPLS-DA model and score plot of this model is shown in Fig. 2c. According to statistical results listed in Table 1, combined data have higher classification power than the model of FT-IR spectroscopic data and also have comparable success with UV-vis data. The model was built with 1 predictive and 4 orthogonal components explaining 56% of the overall model according to LV1. The measure of fit for calibration and cross validation are 99% and 66%, respectively. The OPLS-DA model correctly separated all samples from two classes in the calibration set (100%) and also correctly predicted all samples for each class in the external validation set except one misclassified sample from the adulterated set (98%) (Table 1).

Fluorescence spectroscopy was also used in the differentiation of adulterated samples. De-noised fluorescence spectra were further pre-treated with FD transformation prior to model construction. The OPLS-DA score plots (Fig. 2d) revealed a good separation between adulterated and fresh olive oil samples which are scattered in the negative and positive sides of the LV1, respectively. The correct classification rates for both calibration and validation sets are satisfactorily high as 100% and 95% (2 samples misclassified as fresh samples), respectively. Certain wavenumbers around 435–500 nm and 670 nm could be correlated with higher VIP values in comparison to the rest of the wavelengths. These bands could be attributed to conjugated hydroperoxides and chlorophyll content, respectively (Ali et al., 2018); therefore, these compounds are most likely responsible for the differentiation of fresh olive oil from adulterated ones. As far as we know, there was only two very recent study in the literature using laser diode induced excitation to differentiate fresh and old olive oil samples successfully (Torreblanca-Zanca et al., 2019; Lastra-Mejías et al., 2019). Most of the fluorescence studies have been focused on the detection of lower grade olive oil (Merás et al., 2018) and authenticity confirmation and geographical origin determination (Jiménez-Carvelo, Lozano, & Olivieri, 2019).

To sum up, all of the studied models are found to be quite successful in differentiation of adulteration with old olive oil samples. All the calibration models built with different spectroscopic techniques are 100% successful in adulteration detection while external validation models are also promising with decreasing order of correct classification rate for UV-vis, FT-IR + UV-vis, fluorescence, and FT-IR as 100%, 98%, 95%, and 93%, respectively. Presence of oxidation products and change in pigment content caused differentiation of fresh olive oils adulterated with old olive oil from fresh olive oils.

3.4. Prediction studies

Quantification of adulterant level (0–50% v/v) in fresh olive oil samples was conducted by applying PLS algorithm to the calibration and external validation data sets from each spectroscopic technique. Statistical results of each spectroscopic method as well as the combination of FT-IR and UV-vis are provided in Table 2. Different pre-processing techniques and appropriate combinations were used in model development and it was found out that OSC:WDTs provided better results compared with the rest of the transformations (Table 2). OSC was also reported as a more successful pre-processing technique compared to other methods in the literature (Cen & He, 2007). Therefore, models developed by the OSC in combination with WDTs will be explained in more detail. Prediction performance of the models were evaluated by some critical internal and external as well as cross

validation parameters such as regression coefficients (R^2) and error values (RMSE) (Table 2). A model must have high R^2 values and low RMSE values to have high predictive ability (Gurdeniz & Ozen, 2009).

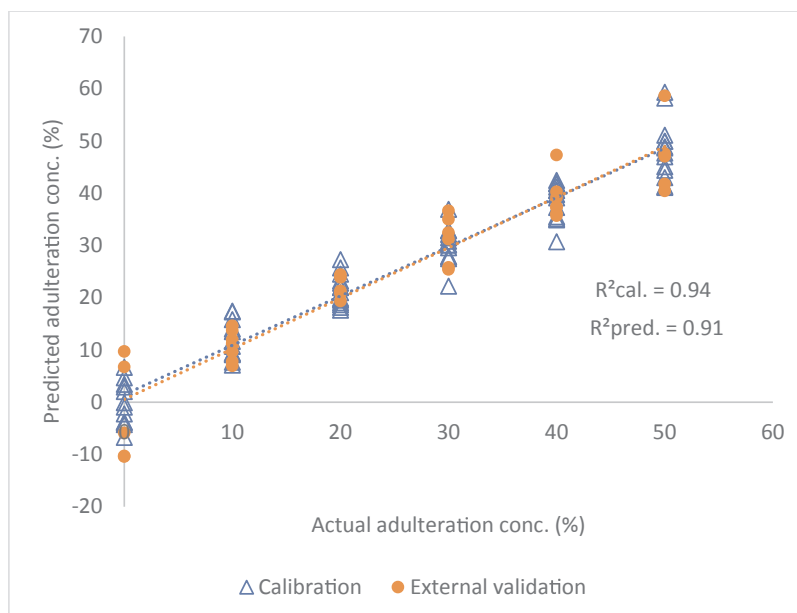
First approach was using FT-IR data set to quantify adulteration level. The model was constructed using 9 LVs with relatively high R^2 values for calibration (0.96), cross validation (0.77) and prediction, (0.84) and comparably low error values of 3.45% for calibration, 10.19% for cross validation, and 7.01% for prediction as well as robust RPD value of 2.5 were also obtained for this model (Table 2). There is only one preliminary study in the literature predicting limited number of lower quality olive oil (lampante) in fresh olive oil by FT-IR spectroscopy successfully with R^2 of 0.999 and error values lower than 1% (Hirri et al., 2015). Results of the present study have lower performance due to higher prediction error compared to the previous study. In the former study, smaller number of samples ($n = 45$) were used and the old olive oil samples were in a more degraded condition as lampante virgin oil with free fatty acidity of 3.28% compared to the samples having an average 0.92% of free fatty acid value in the present study.

PLS model of UV-vis spectra have moderate prediction power including 6 LVs along with acceptable $R^2 \geq 0.80$ and close error values with approximate RPD value of 2.2 (levels of RPD are defined section 2.4) (Table 2). UV-vis spectroscopy had similar prediction power with FT-IR spectroscopy. In the literature, there is not any study which used UV-vis spectral data in prediction of this type of adulteration. UV-vis studies were performed for determining the level of adulteration of extra virgin olive oil with refined olive oil and refined olive-pomace oil (Torrecilla et al., 2010) and also for the quantification of binary and ternary mixtures of monovarietal extra virgin olive oils (Aroca-Santos et al., 2016).

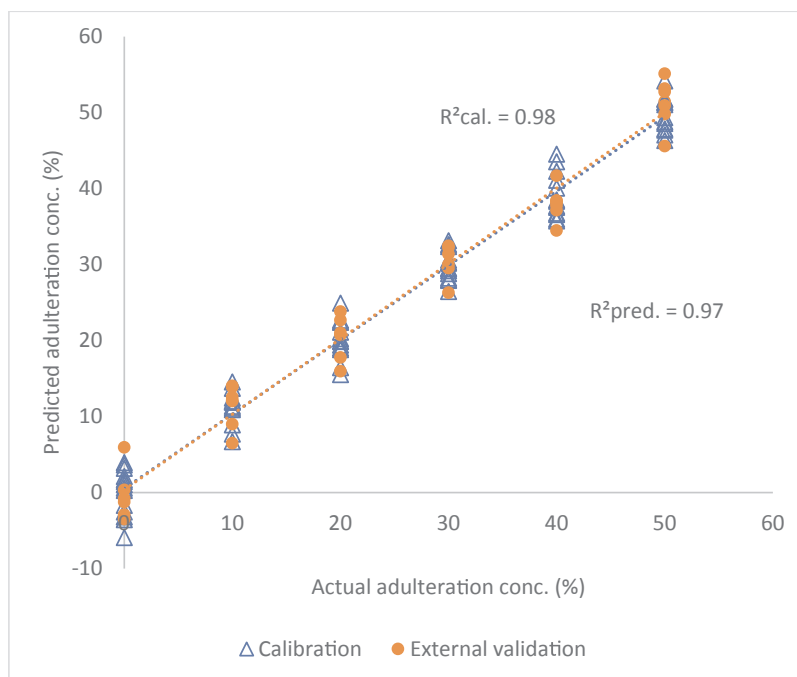
FT-IR + UV-vis data are quite successful in the prediction of varying levels of old olive oil samples in fresh ones with robust statistical parameters ($R_{cal}^2 = 0.94$, $R_{pred}^2 = 0.91$, $RMSE-C = 4.22\%$, $RMSEP = 5.20\%$, and $RPD = 3.2$) (Table 2). For better visualization of the prediction model, PLS regression plot is presented in Fig. 3a. It is clear that the data fusion approach is more successful in the quantification of adulteration compared to individual methods (FT-IR or UV-vis) (Table 2). In a recent study, it was also reached to a similar conclusion about the prominent improvement in the model prediction power for the quantification of rapeseed oil in olive oil blends by near infrared (NIR) and mid infrared (MIR) spectroscopy (Li, Xiong, & Min, 2019).

PLS regression plot of fluorescence spectroscopic data for the prediction model built with 9 LVs was presented in Fig. 3b. High R^2 values for both calibration (0.98) and external validation (0.97) sets as well as lower error values for the same data sets (2.68% and 2.82%, respectively) showed that fluorescence spectroscopy is a promising tool in the detection of old olive oils mixed with fresh olive oils (Table 2). Results of the present study is in accordance with two very recent study, both of which used laser diode induced excitation. These studies were able to detect expired extra virgin olive oil with error values around 1.5% and lower than 10% by using different statistical approaches of intelligent non-linear model based on a supervised artificial neural network (Torreblanca-Zanca et al., 2019) and a linear model relying on chaotic parameters (Lastra-Mejías et al., 2019), respectively.

In summary, fluorescence and combination of FT-IR and UV-vis spectroscopic data provided better results in the quantification of adulteration than two other individual spectroscopic data. Therefore, it is recommended to use combined data rather than individual UV-vis and FT-IR methods alone to determine this type of adulteration. In addition, fluorescence spectroscopic data also resulted in robust prediction models with similar statistical parameters as fused data. Detection errors for both techniques were lower than 10%. Moreover, fluorescence spectroscopy performed slightly better than combined spectroscopy in terms of determination limit as well as other statistical parameters. It was found that 10% detection limit is satisfactory for this type of adulteration since fraudsters could make little profit lower than



(a)



(b)

Fig. 3. Actual versus predicted percentages of old olive oil adulteration (0% to 50% v/v) determined by (a) FT-IR + UV-vis and (b) fluorescence spectroscopy.

that ratio as also indicated in a different type of adulteration study (Li, Wang, Zhao, Ouyang, & Wu, 2015).

4. Conclusion

In the present study, it was aimed to develop reliable analytical tools to detect and quantify adulteration made with mixing fresh olive oils with old olive oil samples. Different spectroscopic approaches individually and as a combination are compared with each other using multivariate statistical techniques. The results indicated that both fluorescence and combination of FT-IR and UV-vis spectral data are better than FT-IR and UV-vis spectroscopy alone in the determination

of adulteration due to their lower error values for prediction (2.82% and 5.20%, respectively) as well as their higher regression coefficients of prediction (0.97 and 0.91, orderly). Both UV-vis and FT-IR are rapid methods; however, collecting and analyzing the data statistically would require a longer time. However, even in this condition, using combined spectroscopy would have advantages over wet chemical analysis methods due to its minimal waste generating, no sample preparation and easy to use nature. Differentiation of adulterated samples are due to the presence of oxidation products and change in the pigment concentration of the oils. These methods could be used as reliable, fast, non-destructive, and environmentally friendly tools in both detection and quantification of adulteration as well as screening of olive oil

quality, simultaneously.

Conflicts of interest

Authors declare no conflict of interest.

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