

Table S1. Colour parameters (L^* : lightness; BI: browning index %) of control (C) and treated with CMC+SA (TA), CMC+SA+CA (TB), CMC+SA+AO (TC) and CMC+SA+CA+AO (TD) fresh cut 'Annurca Rossa del Sud' apple after 0 (T0), 4 (T1), 8 (T2) and 12 days (T3) of cold storage at $4\text{ }^\circ\text{C} \pm 0.5$. The results are reported as mean \pm standard deviation. Means followed by the same letter do not differ significantly at $P = 0.05$ (Duncan's test).

| Colour Parameters | Timing | C | TA | TB | TC | TD |
|-------------------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| L^* | T0 | 96.22 \pm 0.81 l |
| | T1 | 87.72 \pm 0.52 i | 73.74 \pm 0.20 b | 71.69 \pm 0.23 a | 85.92 \pm 0.37 h | 87.93 \pm 0.32 i |
| | T2 | 81.42 \pm 1.06 f | 79.24 \pm 1.24 e | 77.52 \pm 1.50 d | 79.26 \pm 1.00 e | 88.77 \pm 0.74 i |
| | T3 | 79.80 \pm 0.46 e | 75.91 \pm 1.15 c | 79.08 \pm 1.03 e | 79.77 \pm 0.14 e | 84.39 \pm 0.29 f |
| a^* | T0 | -3.44 \pm 0.16 bc |
| | T1 | -3.80 \pm 0.08 a | -2.58 \pm 0.09 d | -3.51 \pm 0.19 bc | -3.57 \pm 0.04 bc | -3.13 \pm 0.10 c |
| | T2 | 2.78 \pm 0.21 g | 1.93 \pm 0.05 f | -4.22 \pm 0.06 a | -3.55 \pm 0.11 bc | -0.87 \pm 0.77 e |
| | T3 | 8.75 \pm 0.20 i | 9.77 \pm 0.48 l | 4.19 \pm 0.29 i | -2.46 \pm 0.14 d | -2.54 \pm 0.13 d |
| b^* | T0 | 26.77 \pm 0.13 b |
| | T1 | 50.52 \pm 0.26 h | 37.59 \pm 0.35 e | 24.77 \pm 0.24 a | 27.64 \pm 0.06 b | 25.21 \pm 0.42 a |
| | T2 | 52.55 \pm 1.38 i | 44.35 \pm 1.51 g | 37.75 \pm 1.09 e | 32.10 \pm 0.65 c | 28.03 \pm 0.81 b |
| | T3 | 55.74 \pm 0.88 l | 45.40 \pm 0.33 g | 39.58 \pm 0.92 f | 34.84 \pm 1.47 d | 27.45 \pm 0.27 b |
| BI | T0 | 0 \pm 0 a |
| | T1 | 51.97 \pm 0.80 i | 34.53 \pm 0.74 g | 16.91 \pm 0.74 d | 5.77 \pm 0.14 c | 1.42 \pm 0.52 ab |
| | T2 | 64.73 \pm 5.01 l | 42.72 \pm 2.29 h | 30.30 \pm 3.87 f | 18.07 \pm 1.39 d | 4.47 \pm 0.80 bc |
| | T3 | 81.58 \pm 3.51 m | 52.58 \pm 1.24 i | 32.20 \pm 0.68 fg | 22.02 \pm 2.97 e | 6.70 \pm 0.54 c |