

## *Supplementary material*

### The influence of thiol addition on selenium stability and antioxidant activity of beetroot juice

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**Table S1.** The concentrations of selenium species in beetroot juices without addition of thiols during their storage at different temperatures (in mg L<sup>-1</sup>).

| Se species                     | Initial                      | Organic beetroot juice       |                              |                              |                              |                              |                               |                              |                                | + 20 °C                      |                              |                              |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                |                              | -19 °C                       |                              |                              |                              | + 4 °C                       |                               |                              |                                | + 20 °C                      |                              |                              |                              |
|                                |                              | 2 days                       | 4 days                       | 6 days                       | 8 days                       | 2 days                       | 4 days                        | 6 days                       | 8 days                         | 2 days                       | 4 days                       | 6 days                       | 8 days                       |
| MeSeCys                        | 0.29 ±<br>0.004 <sup>a</sup> | 0.15 ±<br>0.002 <sup>a</sup> | 0.05 ±<br>0.001 <sup>b</sup> | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | 0.22 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.13 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.002  | 0.10 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.06 <sup>d</sup> ±<br>0.001   | 0.10 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.07 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.05 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.003 | < LOD                        |
| SeMet                          | 0.11 ±<br>0.005 <sup>b</sup> | 0.05 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.001 | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | 0.05 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002 | < LOD                         | < LOD                        | < LOD                          | 0.08 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.06 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.05 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.002 | < LOD                        |
| SeMetO                         | 0.94 ±<br>0.008 <sup>d</sup> | 4.22 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.093 | 4.73 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.080 | 4.73 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.042 | 7.73 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.033 | 1.13 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.024 | 1.38 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.009  | 3.83 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.041 | 3.98 <sup>d</sup> ±<br>0.037   | 4.94 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.020 | 5.15 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.025 | 5.18 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.031 | 5.22 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.035 |
| Se (IV)                        | 0.45 ±<br>0.006 <sup>f</sup> | 0.41 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.007 | 0.36 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.005 | 0.31 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.006 | 0.31 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.31 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.005 | 0.27 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.003  | 0.27 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.27 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>± 0.004 | 0.30 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.25 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.23 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.004 | 0.23 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.005 |
| <b>Squeezed beetroot juice</b> |                              |                              |                              |                              |                              |                              |                               |                              |                                |                              |                              |                              |                              |
| Se species                     | Initial                      | -19 °C                       |                              |                              |                              | + 4 °C                       |                               |                              |                                | + 25 °C                      |                              |                              |                              |
|                                |                              | 2 days                       | 4 days                       | 6 days                       | 8 days                       | 2 days                       | 4 days                        | 6 days                       | 8 days                         | 2 days                       | 4 days                       | 6 days                       | 8 days                       |
| MeSeCys                        | 0.28 ±<br>0.003 <sup>a</sup> | 0.22 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.16 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.11 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.004 | 0.09 <sup>d</sup> ±<br>0.006 | 0.19 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.005 | 0.17 <sup>b</sup><br>± 0.004  | 0.13 ±<br>0.003              | 0.12 ±<br>0.004                | 0.07 ±<br>0.002              | 0.05 ±<br>0.003              | < LOD                        | < LOD                        |
| SeMet                          | 0.08 ±<br>0.001 <sup>c</sup> | < LOD                         | < LOD                        | < LOD                          | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        |
| SeMetO                         | 1.44 ±<br>0.004 <sup>e</sup> | 1.95 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.070 | 2.03 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.034 | 2.07 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.014 | 2.80 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.011 | 0.77 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.004 | 2.18 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.009  | 2.84 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.012 | 2.90 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.014   | 1.20 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.007 | 2.12 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.009 | 2.21 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.008 | 2.22 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.007 |
| Se (IV)                        | 1.73 ±<br>0.008 <sup>g</sup> | 0.47 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.005 | 0.34 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.015 | 0.33 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.008 | 0.32 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.007 | 0.36 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.004 | 0.283 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.007 | 0.21 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.006 | 0.21 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.005   | 0.42 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.008 | 0.39 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.006 | 0.38 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.008 | 0.39 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.009 |

Results are expressed as mean ± standard deviation (n = 3). Different letters in each row indicate a difference at a significance level of p = 0.05.

**Table S2.** The concentrations of selenium species in beetroot juices with the addition different concentrations of DTT and βME during their storage in different temperatures (in mg L<sup>-1</sup>).

|              |         | Initial                      | Organic beetroot juice         |                              |                              |                              |                                |                              |                              |                              |                              |                              |                              |                              |
|--------------|---------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|              |         |                              | -19 °C                         |                              |                              |                              | + 4 °C                         |                              |                              |                              | + 20 °C                      |                              |                              |                              |
|              |         | 2 days                       | 4 days                         | 6 days                       | 8 days                       | 2 days                       | 4 days                         | 6 days                       | 8 days                       | 2 days                       | 4 days                       | 6 days                       | 8 days                       |                              |
| 10 mM<br>DTT | MeSeCys | 0.29 ±<br>0.004 <sup>a</sup> | 0.18 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.005   | 0.15 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.004 | 0.15 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.14 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.005 | 0.23 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.004   | 0.14 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.005 | 0.14 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.007 | 0.14 <sup>d</sup> ±<br>0.005 | 0.17 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.007 | 0.10 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.006 | 0.08 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.005 | 0.06 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.007 |
|              | SeMet   | 0.11 ±<br>0.005 <sup>b</sup> | 0.08 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>± 0.004 | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | 0.06 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>± 0.003 | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | 0.07 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.003 | < LOD                        | < LOD                        |                              |
|              | SeMetO  | 0.94 ±<br>0.008 <sup>d</sup> | 5.57 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.006   | 5.59 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 5.89 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.004 | 5.93 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 2.75 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.010   | 3.92 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.013 | 3.99 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.009 | 4.11 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.015 | 2.40 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.075 | 5.14 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.010 | 5.22 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.015 | 5.29 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.013 |
|              | Se(IV)  | 0.45 ±<br>0.006 <sup>f</sup> | 0.44 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.008   | 0.32 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.006 | 0.31 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.005 | 0.31 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.007 | 0.42 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.004   | 0.42 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.41 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.41 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.22 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.010 | 0.21 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.008 | 0.12 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.004 | 0.10 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.002 |
| 15 mM<br>DTT | MeSeCys | 0.29 ±<br>0.004 <sup>a</sup> | 0.16 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.008   | 0.12 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.004 | 0.12 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.005 | 0.11 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.004 | 0.28 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.006   | 0.19 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.005 | 0.18 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.008 | 0.17 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.007 | 0.13 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.008 | 0.11 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.004 | 0.10 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.005 | < LOD                        |
|              | SeMet   | 0.11 ±<br>0.005 <sup>b</sup> | 0.05 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.001   | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | 0.05 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.003   | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | 0.06 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002 | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        |
|              | SeMetO  | 0.94 ±<br>0.008 <sup>d</sup> | 1.56 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.012   | 2.73 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.009 | 2.86 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.010 | 2.94 <sup>d</sup> ±<br>0.011 | 2.50 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.009   | 2.62 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.013 | 2.75 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.017 | 2.89 <sup>d</sup> ±<br>0.018 | 0.87 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.007 | 1.38 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.010 | 1.52 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.007 | 1.72 <sup>d</sup> ±<br>0.009 |
|              | Se(IV)  | 0.45 ±<br>0.006 <sup>f</sup> | 0.31 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.008   | 0.11 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.010 | 0.10 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.005 | 0.08 <sup>d</sup> ±<br>0.004 | 0.26 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.013   | 0.13 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.009 | 0.10 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.008 | 0.09 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.008 | 0.36 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.006 | 0.19 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.005 | 0.13 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.004 | 0.16 <sup>d</sup> ±<br>0.012 |
| 20 mM<br>DTT | MeSeCys | 0.29 ±<br>0.004 <sup>a</sup> | 0.27 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.012   | 0.26 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.009 | 0.16 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.11 <sup>d</sup> ±<br>0.007 | 0.27 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.008   | 0.20 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.17 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.005 | 0.12 <sup>d</sup> ±<br>0.006 | 0.15 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.009 | 0.13 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.005 | 0.13 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.008 | 0.12 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.004 |
|              | SeMet   | 0.11 ±<br>0.005 <sup>b</sup> | 0.05 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.003   | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | 0.06 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002   | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | 0.05 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.003 | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        |
|              | SeMetO  | 0.94 ±<br>0.008 <sup>d</sup> | 2.69 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.015   | 2.72 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.011 | 2.84 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.012 | 2.94 <sup>d</sup> ±<br>0.009 | 0.09 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.004   | 1.96 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.017 | 2.06 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.013 | 2.36 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.017 | 3.38 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.023 | 3.94 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.008 | 4.06 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.011 | 4.18 <sup>d</sup> ±<br>0.012 |
|              | Se(IV)  | 0.45 ±<br>0.006 <sup>f</sup> | 0.29 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.009   | 0.28 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.010 | 0.25 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.005 | 0.25 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.009 | 0.39 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.011   | 0.23 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.015 | 0.21 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.015 | 0.20 <sup>d</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.31 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.006 | 0.28 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.012 | 0.26 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.009 | 0.25 <sup>d</sup> ±<br>0.015 |

**Organic beetroot juice**

|               |         | Initial                      | -19 °C                       |                              |                              |                              | +4 °C                        |                              |                              |                              | + 20 °C                      |                              |                              |                              |
|---------------|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|               |         |                              | 2 days                       | 4 days                       | 6 days                       | 8 days                       | 2 days                       | 4 days                       | 6 days                       | 8 days                       | 2 days                       | 4 days                       | 6 days                       | 8 days                       |
| 0.05 %<br>βME | MeSeCys | 0.29 ±<br>0.004 <sup>a</sup> | 0.23 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.010 | 0.17 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.003 | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | 0.23 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.011 | 0.29 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.008 | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | 0.11 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.006 | 0.26 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.005 | < LOD                        | < LOD                        |
|               | SeMet   | 0.11 ±<br>0.005 <sup>b</sup> | 0.07 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.05 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002 | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | 0.07 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002 | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | 0.05 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002 | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        |
|               | SeMetO  | 0.94 ±<br>0.008 <sup>d</sup> | 1.04 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.006 | 1.63 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.008 | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | 1.04 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 1.81 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.004 | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | 4.49 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.012 | 2.51 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.010 | < LOD                        | < LOD                        |
|               | Se(IV)  | 0.45 ±<br>0.006 <sup>f</sup> | 0.41 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.005 | 0.17 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.002 | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | 0.41 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.006 | 0.22 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.001 | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | 0.28 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.005 | 0.14 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.003 | < LOD                        | < LOD                        |
| 0.10 %<br>βME | MeSeCys | 0.29 ±<br>0.004 <sup>a</sup> | 0.20 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.20 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002 | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | 0.20 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.22 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.003 | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | 0.15 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.16 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002 | < LOD                        | < LOD                        |
|               | SeMet   | 0.11 ±<br>0.005 <sup>b</sup> | 0.05 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.001 | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | 0.05 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.001 | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | 0.05 <sup>a</sup><br>± 0.001 | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        |
|               | SeMetO  | 0.94 ±<br>0.008 <sup>d</sup> | 1.53 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.011 | 2.66 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.012 | 2.89 <sup>c</sup><br>± 0.009 | 3.01 <sup>d</sup> ±<br>0.015 | 1.54 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.013 | 1.76 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.011 | 1.98 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.009 | 2.16 <sup>d</sup> ±<br>0.014 | 4.17 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.020 | 4.40 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.021 | 4.42 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.019 | 4.45 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.013 |
|               | Se(IV)  | 0.45 ±<br>0.006 <sup>f</sup> | 0.19 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.007 | 0.24 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.25 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.006 | 0.25 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.005 | 0.19 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.29 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.28 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.004 | 0.30 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.19 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.27 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.30 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.004 | 0.32 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.003 |
| 0.15%<br>βME  | MeSeCys | 0.29 ±<br>0.004 <sup>a</sup> | 0.21 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.19 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.15 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.10 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.21 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.23 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.23 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.22 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.10 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.17 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.15 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.14 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.002 |
|               | SeMet   | 0.11 ±<br>0.005 <sup>b</sup> | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | 0.05 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.001 | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | 0.06 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002 | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        |
|               | SeMetO  | 0.94 ±<br>0.008 <sup>d</sup> | 1.19 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.005 | 1.82 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 1.82 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.004 | 1.85 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.005 | 1.19 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.004 | 1.48 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.005 | 1.52 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.005 | 1.57 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.006 | 0.81 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 1.64 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 1.68 <sup>b</sup><br>± 0.003 | 1.70 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.002 |
|               | Se(IV)  | 0.45 ±<br>0.006 <sup>f</sup> | 0.22 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.004 | 0.22 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.25 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.24 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.22 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.13 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.15 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.15 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.20 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.13 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.15 <sup>b</sup><br>± 0.003 | 0.18 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.001 |

**Squeezed beetroot juice**

|              |         | Initial                      | -19 °C                       |                              |                              |                              | + 4 °C                       |                              |                              |                              | + 20 °C                      |                              |                              |                              |
|--------------|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|              |         |                              | 2 days                       | 4 days                       | 6 days                       | 8 days                       | 2 days                       | 4 days                       | 6 days                       | 8 days                       | 2 days                       | 4 days                       | 6 days                       | 8 days                       |
| 10 mM<br>DTT | MeSeCys | 0.28 ±<br>0.003 <sup>a</sup> | 0.26 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.14 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.11 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.05 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.24 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.004 | 0.17 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.14 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.10 <sup>d</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.09 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.10 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.07 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.05 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.001 |
|              | SeMet   | 0.08 ±<br>0.001 <sup>c</sup> | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | 0.05 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.001 | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | 0.06 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.001 | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        |
|              | SeMetO  | 1.44 ±<br>0.004 <sup>e</sup> | 1.97 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.010 | 3.67 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.013 | 3.66 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.011 | 3.68 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.015 | 1.39 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.013 | 1.52 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.012 | 1.74 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.013 | 1.80 <sup>d</sup> ±<br>0.011 | 0.78 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.007 | 2.43 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.011 | 2.53 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.013 | 2.60 <sup>d</sup> ±<br>0.014 |
|              | Se(IV)  | 1.73 ±<br>0.008 <sup>g</sup> | 0.34 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.34 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.35 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.36 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.33 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.35 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.42 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.48 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.004 | 0.44 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 1.19 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.006 | 1.27 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.005 | 1.32 <sup>d</sup> ±<br>0.003 |
| 15 mM<br>DTT | MeSeCys | 0.28 ±<br>0.003 <sup>a</sup> | 0.27 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.16 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.15 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.13 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.22 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.18 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.11 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.05 <sup>d</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.12 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.13 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.10 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.08 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.001 |
|              | SeMet   | 0.08 ±<br>0.001 <sup>c</sup> | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | 0.06 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.05 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.001 | < LOD                        |
|              | SeMetO  | 1.44 ±<br>0.004 <sup>e</sup> | 1.66 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 3.81 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.010 | 3.80 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.012 | 3.82 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.014 | 1.92 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.012 | 2.48 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.011 | 2.55 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.013 | 2.63 <sup>d</sup> ±<br>0.011 | 1.74 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.09  | 2.20 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.014 | 2.25 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.012 | 2.30 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.010 |
|              | Se(IV)  | 1.73 ±<br>0.008 <sup>g</sup> | 0.18 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.005 | 1.09 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.009 | 1.30 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.010 | 1.35 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.013 | 0.34 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.005 | 2.17 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.011 | 2.23 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.013 | 2.30 <sup>d</sup> ±<br>0.011 | 0.50 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.008 | 1.52 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.007 | 1.80 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.008 | 1.87 <sup>d</sup> ±<br>0.006 |
| 20 mM<br>DTT | MeSeCys | 0.28 ±<br>0.003 <sup>a</sup> | 0.20 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.20 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.19 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.18 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.19 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.10 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.05 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.001 | < LOD                        | 0.14 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.06 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.05 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.001 | < LOD                        |
|              | SeMet   | 0.08 ±<br>0.001 <sup>c</sup> | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | 0.05 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.001 | < LOD                        |
|              | SeMetO  | 1.44 ±<br>0.004 <sup>e</sup> | 2.38 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.013 | 2.41 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.022 | 2.40 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.011 | 2.40 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.013 | 2.24 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.014 | 2.96 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.012 | 3.03 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.014 | 3.15 <sup>d</sup> ±<br>0.011 | 4.17 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.021 | 4.16 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.019 | 4.20 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.018 | 4.21 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.017 |
|              | Se(IV)  | 1.73 ±<br>0.008 <sup>g</sup> | 1.33 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.015 | 1.51 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.016 | 1.50 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.014 | 1.51 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.012 | 0.33 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.009 | 0.34 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.007 | 0.82 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.010 | 0.83 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.008 | 1.33 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.011 | 1.43 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.013 | 1.40 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.014 | 1.41 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.012 |

|               |         | Organic beetroot juice       |                              |                              |                              |                              |                              |                              |                               |                              |                              |                              |                              |                               |
|---------------|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|               |         | Initial                      | -19 °C                       |                              |                              |                              | +4 °C                        |                              |                               |                              | + 20 °C                      |                              |                              |                               |
|               |         |                              | 2 days                       | 4 days                       | 6 days                       | 8 days                       | 2 days                       | 4 days                       | 6 days                        | 8 days                       | 2 days                       | 4 days                       | 6 days                       | 8 days                        |
| 0.05 %<br>βME | MeSeCys | 0.28 ±<br>0.003 <sup>a</sup> | 0.16 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.007 | 0.14 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.005 | 0.11 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.07 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.22 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.004 | 0.17 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.15 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.002  | 0.12 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.18 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.16 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.09 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.001 | < LOD                         |
|               | SeMet   | 0.08 ±<br>0.001 <sup>c</sup> | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | 0.06 ±<br>0.001              | < LOD                        | < LOD                         | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                         |
|               | SeMetO  | 1.44 ±<br>0.004 <sup>e</sup> | 1.19 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.010 | 2.07 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.015 | 2.13 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.013 | 2.36 <sup>d</sup> ±<br>0.014 | 2.44 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.013 | 2.80 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.015 | 2.87 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.019  | 2.92 <sup>d</sup> ±<br>0.015 | 2.89 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.013 | 3.07 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.012 | 3.15 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.011 | 3.30 <sup>d</sup> ±<br>0.012  |
|               | Se (IV) | 1.73 ±<br>0.008 <sup>g</sup> | 1.11 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.009 | 0.95 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.007 | 0.99 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 1.01 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 1.51 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.013 | 2.75 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.015 | 2.80 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.016  | 2.83 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.017 | 1.28 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.018 | 2.32 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.015 | 2.30 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.017 | 2.32 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.014  |
| 0.10 %<br>βME | MeSeCys | 0.28 ±<br>0.003 <sup>a</sup> | 0.25 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.008 | 0.17 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.005 | 0.15 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.12 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.20 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.009 | 0.14 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.005 | 0.11 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.003  | 0.09 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.12 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.13 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.13 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 0.13 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>±0.001 |
|               | SeMet   | 0.08 ±<br>0.001 <sup>c</sup> | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | 0.07 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.001 | < LOD                        | < LOD                         | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                         |
|               | SeMetO  | 1.44 ±<br>0.004 <sup>e</sup> | 1.18 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.010 | 2.34 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.015 | 2.40 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.017 | 2.49 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.014 | 1.58 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.010 | 3.60 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.011 | 3.61 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.012  | 3.62 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.015 | 1.47 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.010 | 3.30 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.011 | 3.29 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.012 | 3.30 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.015  |
|               | Se(IV)  | 1.73 ±<br>0.008 <sup>g</sup> | 1.14 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.004 | 1.48 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.008 | 1.54 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.010 | 1.61 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.012 | 1.12 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.009 | 2.60 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.015 | 2.63 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>±0.017 | 2.65 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.015 | 1.50 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.008 | 1.99 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.009 | 2.02 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.010 | 2.03 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.011  |
| 0.15%<br>βME  | MeSeCys | 0.28 ±<br>0.003 <sup>a</sup> | 0.27 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.011 | 0.23 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.010 | 0.24 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.009 | 0.25 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.007 | 0.14 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.15 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.11 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.003  | 0.09 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.14 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.09 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 0.05 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.001 | < LOD                         |
|               | SeMet   | 0.08 ±<br>0.001 <sup>c</sup> | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | < LOD                        | 0.09 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.002 | < LOD                        | < LOD                         | < LOD                        | 0.09 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 0.05 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.001 | < LOD                        | < LOD                         |
|               | SeMetO  | 1.44 ±<br>0.004 <sup>e</sup> | 0.51 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.007 | 2.07 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.008 | 2.13 <sup>c</sup> ±<br>0.005 | 2.18 <sup>d</sup> ±<br>0.007 | 1.48 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.007 | 4.27 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.016 | 4.30 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.017  | 4.31 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.022 | 1.57 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.014 | 5.99 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.023 | 5.98 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.019 | 5.97 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.020  |
|               | Se(IV)  | 1.73 ±<br>0.008 <sup>g</sup> | 0.66 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.003 | 1.06 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 1.10 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.001 | 1.10 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.002 | 1.22 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.007 | 2.84 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.008 | 2.85 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.007  | 2.84 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.009 | 1.60 <sup>a</sup> ±<br>0.005 | 1.83 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.005 | 1.85 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.004 | 1.87 <sup>b</sup> ±<br>0.002  |

Results are expressed as mean ± standard deviation (n = 3). Different letters in each row indicate a difference at a significance level of  $p = 0.05$ . Different letters in first column indicate the significant difference between the concentration of the same compound detected in two different juices.

**Table S3.** The antioxidant activity of beetroot juices in DPPH assay after addition of DTT and ME and stored at different temperatures.

| Addition                       | Initial         | <u>Organic beetroot juice</u> |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                                |                 | -19 °C                        |                               |                               |                               | + 4 °C                        |                               |                               |                               | + 20 °C                       |                               |                               |                               |
|                                |                 | 2 days                        | 4 days                        | 6 days                        | 8 days                        | 2 days                        | 4 days                        | 6 days                        | 8 days                        | 2 days                        | 4 days                        | 6 days                        | 8 days                        |
| 10 mM DTT                      | 0.75 ±<br>0.037 | 0.763 ±<br>0.032 <sup>a</sup> | 0.532 ±<br>0.023 <sup>b</sup> | 0.385 ±<br>0.013 <sup>c</sup> | 0.219 ±<br>0.011 <sup>d</sup> | 0.671 ±<br>0.027 <sup>a</sup> | 0.464 ±<br>0.022 <sup>b</sup> | 0.378 ±<br>0.017 <sup>c</sup> | 0.202 ±<br>0.013 <sup>d</sup> | 0.783 ±<br>0.039 <sup>a</sup> | 0.563 ±<br>0.027 <sup>b</sup> | 0.306 ±<br>0.022 <sup>c</sup> | 0.268 ±<br>0.018 <sup>d</sup> |
| 15 mM DTT                      | 0.75 ±<br>0.037 | 0.581 ±<br>0.022 <sup>a</sup> | 0.440 ±<br>0.018 <sup>b</sup> | 0.212 ±<br>0.010 <sup>c</sup> | 0.194 ±<br>0.008 <sup>d</sup> | 0.618 ±<br>0.025 <sup>a</sup> | 0.598 ±<br>0.017 <sup>b</sup> | 0.429 ±<br>0.013 <sup>c</sup> | 0.341 ±<br>0.011 <sup>d</sup> | 0.889 ±<br>0.023 <sup>a</sup> | 0.606 ±<br>0.031 <sup>b</sup> | 0.425 ±<br>0.027 <sup>c</sup> | 0.391 ±<br>0.023 <sup>d</sup> |
| 20 mM DTT                      | 0.75 ±<br>0.037 | 0.636 ±<br>0.030 <sup>a</sup> | 0.487 ±<br>0.023 <sup>b</sup> | 0.350 ±<br>0.015 <sup>c</sup> | 0.150 ±<br>0.010 <sup>d</sup> | 0.674 ±<br>0.031 <sup>a</sup> | 0.542 ±<br>0.018 <sup>a</sup> | 0.545 ±<br>0.015 <sup>b</sup> | 0.333 ±<br>0.013 <sup>c</sup> | 0.873 ±<br>0.028 <sup>a</sup> | 0.468 ±<br>0.018 <sup>b</sup> | 0.450 ±<br>0.015 <sup>b</sup> | 0.422 ±<br>0.011 <sup>c</sup> |
| 0.05 % βME                     | 0.75 ±<br>0.037 | 0.511 ±<br>0.016 <sup>a</sup> | 0.388 ±<br>0.012 <sup>b</sup> | 0.288 ±<br>0.010 <sup>c</sup> | 0.089 ±<br>0.003 <sup>d</sup> | 0.459 ±<br>0.026 <sup>a</sup> | 0.346 ±<br>0.012 <sup>b</sup> | 0.271 ±<br>0.010 <sup>c</sup> | 0.195 ±<br>0.009 <sup>d</sup> | 0.690 ±<br>0.025 <sup>a</sup> | 0.307 ±<br>0.013 <sup>b</sup> | 0.293 ±<br>0.010 <sup>c</sup> | 0.275 ±<br>0.015 <sup>d</sup> |
| 0.10 % βME                     | 0.75 ±<br>0.037 | 0.502 ±<br>0.010 <sup>a</sup> | 0.470 ±<br>0.011 <sup>b</sup> | 0.425 ±<br>0.009 <sup>c</sup> | 0.042 ±<br>0.010 <sup>d</sup> | 0.573 ±<br>0.022 <sup>a</sup> | 0.565 ±<br>0.018 <sup>a</sup> | 0.508 ±<br>0.017 <sup>b</sup> | 0.492 ±<br>0.012 <sup>c</sup> | 0.631 ±<br>0.023 <sup>a</sup> | 0.511 ±<br>0.012 <sup>b</sup> | 0.348 ±<br>0.013 <sup>c</sup> | 0.312 ±<br>0.015 <sup>d</sup> |
| 0.20 % βME                     | 0.75 ±<br>0.037 | 0.615 ±<br>0.013 <sup>a</sup> | 0.425 ±<br>0.014 <sup>b</sup> | 0.201 ±<br>0.010 <sup>c</sup> | 0.165 ±<br>0.008 <sup>d</sup> | 0.557 ±<br>0.029 <sup>a</sup> | 0.537 ±<br>0.025 <sup>a</sup> | 0.455 ±<br>0.018 <sup>b</sup> | 0.401 ±<br>0.013 <sup>c</sup> | 0.675 ±<br>0.028 <sup>a</sup> | 0.511 ±<br>0.015 <sup>b</sup> | 0.467 ±<br>0.017 <sup>c</sup> | 0.411 ±<br>0.018 <sup>d</sup> |
| <u>Squeezed beetroot juice</u> |                 |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |
|                                | Initial         | -19 °C                        |                               |                               |                               | + 4 °C                        |                               |                               |                               | + 25 °C                       |                               |                               |                               |
|                                |                 | 2 days                        | 4 days                        | 6 days                        | 8 days                        | 2 days                        | 4 days                        | 6 days                        | 8 days                        | 2 days                        | 4 days                        | 6 days                        | 8 days                        |
| 10 mM DTT                      | 0.69 ±<br>0.035 | 0.850 ±<br>0.039 <sup>a</sup> | 0.643 ±<br>0.025 <sup>b</sup> | 0.400 ±<br>0.015 <sup>c</sup> | 0.336 ±<br>0.012 <sup>d</sup> | 0.543 ±<br>0.026 <sup>a</sup> | 0.489 ±<br>0.018 <sup>b</sup> | 0.479 ±<br>0.015 <sup>b</sup> | 0.252 ±<br>0.009 <sup>c</sup> | 0.556 ±<br>0.017 <sup>a</sup> | 0.520 ±<br>0.015 <sup>b</sup> | 0.418 ±<br>0.017 <sup>c</sup> | 0.390 ±<br>0.018 <sup>c</sup> |
| 15 mM DTT                      | 0.69 ±<br>0.035 | 0.822 ±<br>0.041 <sup>a</sup> | 0.465 ±<br>0.019 <sup>b</sup> | 0.294 ±<br>0.015 <sup>c</sup> | 0.267 ±<br>0.012 <sup>c</sup> | 0.533 ±<br>0.020 <sup>a</sup> | 0.428 ±<br>0.013 <sup>b</sup> | 0.407 ±<br>0.010 <sup>b</sup> | 0.384 ±<br>0.011 <sup>c</sup> | 0.738 ±<br>0.025 <sup>a</sup> | 0.548 ±<br>0.023 <sup>b</sup> | 0.400 ±<br>0.018 <sup>c</sup> | 0.396 ±<br>0.016 <sup>d</sup> |
| 20 mM DTT                      | 0.69 ±<br>0.035 | 0.717 ±<br>0.030 <sup>a</sup> | 0.513 ±<br>0.021 <sup>b</sup> | 0.467 ±<br>0.023 <sup>c</sup> | 0.432 ±<br>0.012 <sup>c</sup> | 0.458 ±<br>0.017 <sup>a</sup> | 0.456 ±<br>0.014 <sup>a</sup> | 0.407 ±<br>0.016 <sup>b</sup> | 0.285 ±<br>0.012 <sup>c</sup> | 0.810 ±<br>0.028 <sup>a</sup> | 0.495 ±<br>0.021 <sup>b</sup> | 0.445 ±<br>0.012 <sup>c</sup> | 0.417 ±<br>0.011 <sup>d</sup> |
| 0.05 % βME                     | 0.69 ±<br>0.035 | 0.532 ±<br>0.024 <sup>a</sup> | 0.462 ±<br>0.022 <sup>b</sup> | 0.367 ±<br>0.015 <sup>c</sup> | 0.238 ±<br>0.012 <sup>d</sup> | 0.567 ±<br>0.020 <sup>a</sup> | 0.491 ±<br>0.012 <sup>b</sup> | 0.375 ±<br>0.013 <sup>c</sup> | 0.287 ±<br>0.008 <sup>d</sup> | 0.478 ±<br>0.010 <sup>a</sup> | 0.476 ±<br>0.015 <sup>a</sup> | 0.444 ±<br>0.016 <sup>b</sup> | 0.200 ±<br>0.010 <sup>c</sup> |
| 0.10 % βME                     | 0.69 ±<br>0.035 | 0.556 ±<br>0.023 <sup>a</sup> | 0.542 ±<br>0.021 <sup>a</sup> | 0.495 ±<br>0.020 <sup>b</sup> | 0.448 ±<br>0.017 <sup>c</sup> | 0.595 ±<br>0.024 <sup>a</sup> | 0.508 ±<br>0.021 <sup>b</sup> | 0.332 ±<br>0.013 <sup>c</sup> | 0.267 ±<br>0.090 <sup>d</sup> | 0.601 ±<br>0.023 <sup>a</sup> | 0.587 ±<br>0.020 <sup>a</sup> | 0.366 ±<br>0.017 <sup>b</sup> | 0.245 ±<br>0.012 <sup>c</sup> |

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| <b>0.20 &amp; βME</b> | 0.69 ±<br>0.035 | 0.651 ±<br>0.033 <sup>a</sup> | 0.447 ±<br>0.024 <sup>b</sup> | 0.303 ±<br>0.016 <sup>c</sup> | 0.290 ±<br>0.011 <sup>c</sup> | 0.573 ±<br>0.025 <sup>a</sup> | 0.434 ±<br>0.020 <sup>b</sup> | 0.198 ±<br>0.008 <sup>c</sup> | 0.356 ±<br>0.011 <sup>d</sup> | 0.537 ±<br>0.026 <sup>a</sup> | 0.497 ±<br>0.020 <sup>b</sup> | 0.363 ±<br>0.019 <sup>c</sup> | 0.268 ±<br>0.011 <sup>d</sup> |
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Results are expressed as mean ± standard deviation (n = 3). Different letters in each row indicate a difference at a significance level of  $p = 0.05$ .