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3 **Blends with the ‘olive oil’ category**

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34 **Abstract**

35 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR fingerprinting of edible oils and a set of multivariate classification and regression models  
36 organised in a decision tree is proposed as a stepwise strategy to assure the authenticity and  
37 traceability of olive oils and their declared blends with other vegetable oils (VOs). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  
38 spectral data of oils of the ‘olive oil’ category and their mixtures with the VOs most commonly  
39 used to make blends, i.e. sunflower, high oleic sunflower, corn, refined avocado, refined hazelnut,  
40 refined palm olein and desterolized high oleic sunflower oils, is analysed by pattern recognition  
41 techniques. Partial least squares (PLS) discriminant analysis provides stable and robust binary  
42 classification models to identify the VO, and PLS regression affords models with excellent  
43 precisions and acceptable accuracies to determine the percentage of VO in the mixture. The  
44 performance of this approach is tested with blind samples: the satisfactory results achieved confirm  
45 its potential to support regulations and control bodies.

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48 adulteration, authentication

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## 50 **1. Introduction**

51 Olive oil adulteration for the purpose of financial gain has become one of the biggest sources of  
52 agricultural fraud in the European Union, as pointed out by the European Parliament (EC, 2020;  
53 European Parliament, 2014). Both the EU being the world's largest olive oil producer and  
54 consumer, accounting for 70% of global production (IOC, 2019), as well as the enlarged  
55 competitiveness, highlight the need to update and harmonize analytical methods for quality and  
56 authenticity control of olive oil. In the long-term, a lack of trust in the quality and authenticity of  
57 olive oil has the potential to damage the reputation and competitiveness of the European olive oil  
58 sector. In this context, the European Commission supported the so called OLEUM Project with the  
59 overall objective of improving existing analytical methods and developing new strategies of  
60 analysis for assuring the quality and authenticity of olive oil (OLEUM Project, 2016).

61 According to the Reg. (EU) 29/2012, olive oils, of any edible category, can be mixed with vegetable  
62 oils (VOs) and marketed highlighting the presence of olive oil on the labelling outside of the list of  
63 ingredients, by words, images or graphic representations, only in the case that it accounts for at least  
64 50% of the blend (EC, 2012). Amendments to this regulation established that Member States have  
65 the possibility to allow or prohibit the production in their territory of blends of olive oil and other  
66 vegetable oils for internal consumption, the marketing in their territory of such blends coming from  
67 other countries, and/or the production in their territory of such blends for marketing in another  
68 Member State or for exportation. In this context, the terms of 'legal' and 'illegal' blends arise  
69 alluding to admixtures that comply or not with the EU regulation, as well as those adopted by each  
70 Member State. It is noteworthy that the regulation and its amendments do not refer to any analytical  
71 parameter or method to control the percentage of olive oil in the admixture or the botanical origin of  
72 oil. Hence, the need of analytical methods in order to implement the established regulations is  
73 obvious and extremely important (Conte, Bendini, Valli, Lucci, Moret, Maquet, et al., 2019).  
74 Indeed, in literature, very few works deals with the verification of the percentage of olive oil in  
75 fraudulent blends with VOs with regard to the labelling compliance of Reg. (EU) 29/2012, i.e.

76 blends with percentages of olive oil close to the 50%. Among them, Gomez-Coca et al. (2020)  
77 successfully proposed the combination of four purity parameters, some described in legislation  
78 (Commission regulation (EEC) 2568/91), organized in decisional trees to discern olive oil  
79 concentrations, using sunflower oil as a model seed oil to blend with olive oil (Gómez-Coca, Pérez-  
80 Camino, Martínez-Rivas, Bendini, Gallina Toschi, & Moreda, 2020). The potential of the fatty acid  
81 composition of the oil determined using the official method and multivariate data analysis was also  
82 proved for blends with sunflower oil (Monfreda, Gobbi, & Grippa, 2012) and other seed oils  
83 (Monfreda, Gobbi, & Grippa, 2014). Spectroscopic techniques as TD-NMR and FTIR combined  
84 with chemometrics were investigated for the same goal (De la Mata, Dominguez-Vidal, Bosque-  
85 Sendra, Ruiz-Medina, Cuadros-Rodríguez, & Ayora-Cañada, 2012; Santos, Kock, Santos, Lobo,  
86 Carvalho, & Colnago, 2017). Few research works studied the mixtures of olive oil (OO), i.e. blends  
87 of virgin and refined olive oil, with other VOs (De La Mata-Espinosa, Bosque-Sendra, Bro, &  
88 Cuadros-Rodríguez, 2011; De la Mata et al., 2012; Monfreda et al., 2012, 2014), or the challenged  
89 adulteration of refined olive oil with refined hazelnut oil (Agiomyrgianaki, Petrakis, & Dais, 2010;  
90 Mannina, D'Imperio, Capitani, Rezzi, Guillou, Mavromoustakos, et al., 2009).

91 Chemical methods traditionally used for quality and authenticity control of olive oil are laborious,  
92 time-consuming, involves expensive and toxic chemicals with high environmental impact, require  
93 sample preparation and skilled operators. New and complementary analytical techniques will  
94 overcome some of these drawbacks and/or even support currently used methods to accomplish the  
95 complex task of the detection and quantification of olive oil mixtures with other oils. In this sense,  
96 metabolomic approaches, which allow rapid determination of several classes of chemical  
97 components using efficient advanced instrumental techniques coupled to chemometrics, are given  
98 great attention. MS-based methodologies and NMR spectroscopy are widely used in nowadays  
99 research in food analysis for quality control and traceability (Lioupi, Nenadis, & Theodoridis,  
100 2020). Different NMR techniques, i.e.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR,  $^{31}\text{P}$ -NMR and/or  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR have been  
101 used to characterise olive oils with authenticity and traceability purposes (Alonso-Salces,

102 Segebarth, Garmón-Lobato, Holland, Moreno-Rojas, Fernández-Pierna, et al., 2015; Guillén &  
103 Ruiz, 2001; Jiang, Li, Chen, & Weng, 2018; Vigli, Philippidis, Spyros, & Dais, 2003). Most of the  
104 NMR approaches developed for olive oil authentication, detection of olive oil adulteration and/or  
105 determination of olive oil blends with VOs were based on measuring signals of the NMR spectrum  
106 that give quantitative information of certain compounds or are used to calculate some parameters  
107 and ratios (i.e. profiling) (Agiomyrgianaki et al., 2010; García-González, Mannina, D'Imperio,  
108 Segre, & Aparicio, 2004; Jiang et al., 2018; Mannina et al., 2009; Popescu, Costinel, Dinca,  
109 Marinescu, Stefanescu, & Ionete, 2015; Vigli et al., 2003; Vlahov, 2009; Zamora, Alba, & Hidalgo,  
110 2001). Instead, NMR fingerprinting approaches were only reported in few studies using low-field  
111 NMR spectroscopy (Parker, Limer, Watson, Defernez, Williamson, & Kemsley, 2014; Santos et al.,  
112 2017; Wang, Wang, Hou, & Nie, 2020). To the authors' knowledge, high-field NMR fingerprinting  
113 has been used for the study of mixtures of olive oil with other VOs for the first time in the  
114 framework of OLEUM research project. The aim of the study was to develop an analytical strategy  
115 based on  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR fingerprinting together with multivariate classification and regression models  
116 organised in a decision tree scheme in order to determine the composition of an oil blend from both  
117 points of view, the botanical nature of the oils and the percentage of each oil in the blend. The  
118 present article describes the second part of the stepwise strategy, which allows to identify the VO  
119 and determine the percentage of VO in a blend with OO, once the presence of oil of the 'olive oil'  
120 category has been confirmed by the classification model in the first step of the decision tree.  
121 Furthermore, the performance of the complete stepwise strategy is evaluated by the prediction  
122 results obtained on an external set of blind oil samples and commercial oils. Moreover, it is worth to  
123 be noticed that this analytical strategy addresses some issues not considered in previous approaches,  
124 such as the discrimination between (i) oil samples containing oil of the 'virgin olive oil' category  
125 (VOO) and 'olive oil' category (OO) and (ii) pure and blended oils, and the study of (iii) a large  
126 sample set with pure oils and blends of the most common VOs used for olive oil adulteration, and

127 (iv) a wide range of percentages of the VOs in the blend (including those percentages for the  
128 verification of the labelling compliance of Reg. (EU) 29/2012).

## 129 **2. Material and methods**

### 130 **2.1. Samples**

131 Genuine samples of virgin (VOO) and extra virgin olive oils (EVOO) (n=176), olive oils (OO,  
132 n=3), refined conventional sunflower oil (normal type sunflower oil, NTSO, n=17), refined high  
133 oleic sunflower oil (HOSO, n=16), desterolized and deodorized high oleic sunflower oil (DOSO,  
134 n=1), refined hazelnut oil (HR, n=11), virgin hazelnut oil (HV, n=6), refined soybean oil (S, n=10),  
135 virgin avocado oil (EVAO, n=1), refined avocado oil (RAO, n=1), refined palm olein oil (RPOO,  
136 n=1) and refined corn oil (CO, n=1) were used to prepare binary mixtures at different percentages  
137 (2%–90%) of VOs in VOOs or OOs (1007 blended samples). Samples were obtained in the  
138 framework of Autenfood project (ACCIÓ Programa Operatiu FEDER Catalunya 2014–2020) and  
139 OLEUM project (EC H2020 Programme 2014–2020). Oils from the sample banks of both projects  
140 were produced during two consecutive harvest years (2016/17 and 2017/18). In addition, eight  
141 commercial oil samples collected in the Swedish market were analysed. The label of these  
142 commercial oils described that they were mixtures of VOO or OO, and other VO such as rapeseed  
143 oil, sunflower oil, or a non-identified vegetable oil.

144 Blends were prepared and preserved under controlled temperature conditions. All pure and blended  
145 oil samples were bottled with nitrogen headspace or minimal air headspace, kept at -20 °C and  
146 protected from light. Before analysis, oil samples were taken from the cold storage, left to  
147 equilibrate at room temperature at least for 12 h, and shaken vigorously before sampling the oil  
148 aliquot for analysis.

### 149 **2.2. Chemicals**

150 Deuterated chloroform for NMR analysis (99.8 atom % D) was provided by Sigma-Aldrich Chemie  
151 (Steinheim, Germany).



### 152 **2.3. NMR analysis**

153 Aliquots of 150  $\mu\text{L}$  of each oil sample were dissolved in 750  $\mu\text{L}$  of deuterated chloroform, shaken  
154 in a vortex, and placed in a 5 mm NMR capillary. The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR experiments were performed at  
155 300K on a Bruker (Rheinstetten, Germany) Avance 500 (nominal frequency 500.13 MHz) equipped  
156 with a 5 mm broadband inverse probe with Z-gradients. The spectra were recorded using a 6.1  $\mu\text{s}$   
157 pulse ( $90^\circ$ ), an acquisition time of 3.5 s (50k data points) and a total recycling time of 7.0 s, a  
158 spectral width of 7100 Hz (14 ppm), 32 scans (+ 4 dummy scans), with no sample rotation. Prior to  
159 Fourier transformation, the free induction decays (FIDs) were zero-filled to 64k and a 0.3 Hz line-  
160 broadening factor was applied. The chemical shifts were expressed in  $\delta$  scale (ppm), referenced to  
161 the residual signal of chloroform (7.26 ppm). The spectra were phase- and baseline-corrected  
162 manually, binned with 0.02 ppm-wide buckets, and normalized to total intensity over the region  
163 4.10–4.26 ppm (glycerol signal). The region of the NMR spectra studied comprised from 0 ppm to  
164 11 ppm. TopSpin 2.1 (2013) and Amix-Viewer 3.7.7 (2006) from Bruker BioSpin GMBH  
165 (Rheinstetten, Germany) were used to perform the processing of the spectra. The data table  
166 generated with the spectra of all samples, excluding the eight buckets in the reference region  
167 4.10–4.26 ppm, was then submitted to multivariate data analysis.

### 168 **2.4. Data analysis**

169 Datasets were made up of the 542 buckets of the  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectra (variables in columns) measured  
170 on the oil samples (samples in rows). A total number of 1239 pure and blended oil samples were  
171 analysed by  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR. Depending on the aim of the multivariate model to be developed, the dataset  
172 contained the NMR spectral data of the corresponding studied samples. Datasets were analysed by  
173 univariate procedures (ANOVA, Fisher index and Box & Whisker plots); and by multivariate  
174 techniques, unsupervised such as principal component analysis (PCA), and supervised as partial  
175 least squares discriminant analysis (PLS-DA) and partial least squares regression (PLS-R)  
176 (Berrueta, Alonso-Salces, & Héberger, 2007). Data analysis was performed by means of the

177 statistical software package Statistica 7.0 (StatSoft Inc., Tulsa, OK, USA, 1984–2004) and The  
178 Unscrambler v9.7 (Camo Software AS, 1986–2007).

179 PCA, PLS-DA and PLS-R were applied to the autoscaled or centered data matrix of <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  
180 spectra (542 variables) of the oil samples. The presence of outliers in the dataset was analysed by  
181 PCA. In PLS-DA and PLS-R, the optimal number of PLS-components are estimated by cross-  
182 validation by plotting the PRESS or RMSEP against the number of PLS-components. Sometimes  
183 there are several almost equivalent local minima on the curve; the first one should be preferred to  
184 avoid overfitting (according to the principle of parsimony). The model with the smallest number of  
185 features should be accepted from among equivalent models on the training set. In PLS-DA, once the  
186 number of PLS-components is optimised, the predictions in the training-test set are represented in a  
187 box and whisker plot in order to define the half of the distance between the quartiles as the  
188 boundary. The regression coefficients (B) of the optimal number of PLS-components denote the  
189 importance of the NMR variables on the model: the larger the B-coefficient, the higher the  
190 influence of the variable on the PLS-DA model or PLS-R model. A large B-coefficient may also  
191 indicate a variable with small absolute values but large relative differences (Esbensen, Guyot,  
192 Westad, & Houmøller, 2002). Classification and regression models achieved by PLS-DA and PLS-  
193 R respectively were validated by 3-fold cross-validation or leave-one out cross-validation for  
194 parameter optimization, and by external validation when an external set of samples was available.  
195 Binary classification models can lead to artefacts if they are not used and validated properly  
196 (Kjeldahl & Bro, 2010). The reliability of the classification models developed was studied in terms  
197 of recognition ability (percentage of the samples in the training set correctly classified during the  
198 modelling step), prediction ability in the cross-validation (percentage of the samples in the test set  
199 correctly classified by using the model developed in the training step), and prediction ability in the  
200 external validation (percentage of the samples in the external set correctly classified by using the  
201 optimised model) (Berrueta et al., 2007). The goodness of the regression model fit was evaluated by  
202 means of the prediction error, which is an expression of the error expected when using the

203 calibration model to predict; the correlation coefficient between predicted and measured values in  
204 calibration and validation ( $R$ -cal and  $R$ -val); the coefficient of determination in calibration and  
205 validation ( $R^2$ -cal and  $R^2$ -val), which indicates the percentage of the variance in the dependent  
206 variable that the independent variables explain collectively; and the evaluation of the residuals,  
207 which show how well each individual object is modelled and predicted. The RMSEP (root mean  
208 square error in the prediction) expresses the average error to be expected associated with future  
209 predictions, i.e. the estimated precision. Thus, the RMSEP is the practical average prediction error  
210 as estimated by the validation set, and therefore an empirical error estimate, which is expressed in  
211 the original measurement units. The result is expressed as the predicted  $Y$ -value  $\pm 2$  RMSEP. The  
212  $R$ -RMSEP is the relative prediction error in %, i.e. RMSEP divided by the measured data, and is  
213 comparable to the analytical accuracy (% of relative standard deviation) (Esbensen et al., 2002).

### 214 **3. Results and discussion**

#### 215 **3.1. Mixtures of olive oil with vegetable oils**

216 Oils of the VOO and OO categories and their mixtures with the most common VOs used for  
217 adulteration or making legal blends, i.e. refined conventional sunflower oil, refined high oleic  
218 sunflower oil, desterolized and deodorized high oleic sunflower oil, refined hazelnut oil, virgin  
219 hazelnut oil, refined soybean oil, virgin avocado oil, refined avocado oil, refined palm olein oil and  
220 refined corn oil, were studied. The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectra of the oil samples, both pure and blended  
221 (binary mixtures of VO with VOO or OO) oils, were recorded; the chemical shifts of  $^1\text{H}$  signals and  
222 their assignments to protons of the different functional groups are shown in Table S1 in the  
223 supplementary material. The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR profiles of the oil samples presented characteristic patterns  
224 of triglycerides, diglycerides and some minor constituents of the unsaponifiable fraction, which are  
225 useful for the determination of the botanical origin of oils and the composition of blended oils  
226 (Alonso-Salces, Berrueta, Quintanilla-Casas, Vichi, Tres, Collado, et al., 2020).

227 As reported for VOO mixtures with VO (Alonso-Salces et al., 2020), the proposed approach to  
228 detect blends of OO with other VOs and quantify the percentage of VO in the blend, is based in the  
229 use of the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR fingerprint of the oil and a set of multivariate classification and regression  
230 models organized in the decision tree scheme (Figure 1). The first step of this strategy is to  
231 determine whether the oil sample contains VOO or OO using the classification model (PLS-DA  
232 model 1 in Table 1), already described in the first part of the study (Alonso-Salces et al., 2020).  
233 Once the presence of OO is confirmed in the oil sample, binary classification models developed by  
234 PLS-DA are used to (i) detect a certain VO in a blend with OO, (ii) determine in which proportion  
235 (low or high) the VO is present, and (iii) differentiate between ‘legal’ (containing NTSO or HOSO)  
236 and ‘illegal’ (containing other VOs) blends with OO, using sunflower oil as a seed oil model  
237 (Gómez-Coca et al., 2020; Monfreda et al., 2012). The PLS-DA models achieved for blends of VOs  
238 and OO (PLS-DA models 29–67 and 70–71) are shown in Tables 1–4 and Tables S2–S5  
239 (supplementary material). Finally, a regression model built by PLS-R determines the percentage of  
240 VO in the blend with OO. These PLS-DA and PLS-R models and their chemical interpretation are  
241 described in the next sections.

### 242 ***3.1.1. PLS-DA models to discriminate blends of olive oils with vegetable oils***

243 Satisfactory PLS-DA models for all the VOs (RPOO, CO, HOSO, NTSO, DOSO, RAO and HR)  
244 were achieved using the whole percentage range of VO in the OO mixture, i.e. 0–80% VO in OO  
245 (PLS-DA models 30–36 in Table S2 in the supplementary material). Prediction abilities of the  
246 binary classification models developed to discriminate between OO blends with RPOO, CO or  
247 HOSO were 95–100% for both categories; with NTSO, DOSO or RAO, 84–87% for the OO blends  
248 with the specific VO, and 91–97% for the OO blends that did not contain the specific VO; and with  
249 HR, 97% for HR-OO category and 89% for the non-HR category.

250 The main <sup>1</sup>H signals responsible for the identification of OO blends containing RPOO were the  
251 methylene protons of saturated fatty acids (#9a), which presented significantly higher intensities in

252 RPOO-OO blends, even though were not completely discriminant; whereas the methylene (#9c) and  
253 allylic (#12b) protons of linoleic acid showed lower intensities in the RPOO category. Palm oil is,  
254 among the VOs studied, the one that contains the highest amounts of saturated fatty acids (Vigli et  
255 al., 2003). Indeed, palmitic acid is the major saturated fatty acid in palm oil, being present in similar  
256 amounts as oleic acid. Meanwhile, linoleic acid is a minor compound in palm oil, present in similar  
257 concentrations as in OO, and in lower amounts than in the other VOs (Montoya, Cochard, Flori,  
258 Cros, Lopes, Cuellar, et al., 2014).

259 The blends of CO in OO were distinguished from the other VOs in OO as a result of its  
260 characteristic profiles of fatty acids and triacylglycerides (Christopoulou, Lazaraki, Komaitis, &  
261 Kaselimis, 2004; Gómez-Ariza, Arias-Borrego, García-Barrera, & Beltran, 2006; Jabeur, Zribi,  
262 Makni, Rebai, Abdelhedi, & Bouaziz, 2014; Yang, Ferro, Cavaco, & Liang, 2013). The intensity of  
263 the most influential signals, i.e. the methyl protons of the acyl groups of linoleic acid (#7c) and  
264 saturated fatty acids (#7a), the bis-allylic protons of linolenic acid (#15b) and the glyceryl protons at  
265 4.30–4.32 ppm of triacylglycerides (#18), were higher in the blends containing CO; while the  
266 glyceryl protons at 4.28–4.30 ppm of triacylglycerides (#18) showed the opposite trend. In fact,  
267 corn oil present similar linoleic contents to sunflower oil, and significantly higher ones than refined  
268 avocado, refined hazelnut, palm and olive oil; slightly higher amounts of linolenic acid than the  
269 other oils studied; and a level of saturated fatty acids lower than palm oil but similar or slightly  
270 higher than the rest of the oils considered in the model (Guillén & Ruiz, 2003; Jiang et al., 2018;  
271 Monfreda et al., 2012; Vigli et al., 2003).

272 The major contribution to the binary classification models built to determine the presence of HOSO  
273 in OO was due to the methylene protons oleic acid (#9b), the allylic protons of linoleic acid (#12b)  
274 and the vinylic protons of unsaturated fatty acids (#24), which exhibited higher intensities in the  
275 blends with HOSO, partially overlapping with the non-HOSO category. These observations were in  
276 accordance with the fact that HOSO contains higher amounts of oleic acid than sunflower, corn and  
277 palm oils, similar to avocado oil, and lower than hazelnut and olive oils. Linoleic acid is present in

278 larger amounts in HOSO than in palm, olive, hazelnut and avocado oils and lower than in sunflower  
279 and corn oils. The allylic protons of linolenic acid (#12c) of HOSO-OO blends displayed intensities  
280 overlapping with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quartiles of the non-HOSO category. Actually, linolenic contents of  
281 HOSO are similar to those of HR and slightly lower than the other studied oils. The methylene  
282 protons of saturated fatty acids (#9a) were also influent in the model, displaying intermediate-high  
283 values for HOSO-OO blends overlapping the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quartiles of the non-HOSO category,  
284 but far from RPOO-OO blends, which exhibit the largest contents. These observations are  
285 supported by previously descriptions of the composition of the pure oils (Green & Wang, 2020;  
286 Guillén et al., 2003; Jović, Smolić, Primožič, & Hrenar, 2016; Vigli et al., 2003).

287 Among the most influential variables in the binary classification models achieved for the detection  
288 of NTSO in OO, the methyl (#7c) and bis-allylic (#15a) protons of linoleic acid, and the vinylic  
289 protons (#24), the methyl protons at 1.00–1.02 ppm (#7) and the methylene protons at 1.32–1.34  
290 ppm (#9) of unsaturated fatty acids, displayed higher intensities in the OO blends with NTSO. The  
291 opposite trends were observed for the allylic (#12a) and methyl (#7b) protons of oleic acid. This  
292 behaviour agreed with the composition of sunflower oil, which is characterised by the largest  
293 contents of linoleic acid and unsaturated fatty acids, and the lowest contents of oleic acid respect to  
294 the other oils studied (Christopoulou et al., 2004; Guillén et al., 2003; Jabeur et al., 2014; Jović et  
295 al., 2016; Monfreda et al., 2012; Yang et al., 2013).

296 The PLS-DA model built to distinguish OO blends containing DOSO presented the highest absolute  
297 B coefficients for the allylic protons of oleic (#12a) and linoleic (#12b) acids and the methylene  
298 protons of oleic acid (#9b). During the desterolization process, the dehydration of sterols and the  
299 elimination of the acid group of sterol esters take place by bleaching, producing olefinic  
300 degradation products and di-steryl ethers; however the profiles of triacylglycerides and fatty acids  
301 are practically unaltered (Grob, Biedermann, Bronz, & Giuffré, 1994). Instead, the deodorization  
302 process may affect the composition of triglycerides, diglycerides, fatty acids and minor components  
303 of the unsaponifiable fraction, depending mainly on the temperature and time of the process

304 (Aparicio & Harwood, 2013). Thus, DOSO is characterized by relatively high contents of oleic and  
305 linoleic acids as HOSO. Nevertheless, the intensities of the signal due to oleic acid (#12a and #9b)  
306 in DOSO-OO blends presented a large variability and were significantly higher than in the non-  
307 DOSO category, even though not completely discriminant between both categories. In contrast,  
308 linoleic acid signal (#12b) intensities of DOSO-OO blends exhibited less variability and overlapped  
309 with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quartiles of the non-DOSO category. The methyl protons of linoleic acid (#7c)  
310 in DOSO-OO blends exhibited a narrow range of intensities close to the 2<sup>nd</sup> quartiles of the non-  
311 DOSO category. The vinylic protons of unsaturated fatty acids (#24) displayed lower intensities and  
312 high variability in the blends with DOSO overlapping the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quartiles of the non-DOSO  
313 category.

314 Refined avocado oil presents intermediate compositions regarding its fatty acid profiles compared  
315 to the other oils studied (Guillén et al., 2003; Jabeur et al., 2014; Jović et al., 2016; Vigli et al.,  
316 2003; Yang et al., 2013), as well as its sterol contents, in particular  $\beta$ -sitosterol (Al-Ismail, Alsaed,  
317 Ahmad, & Al-Dabbas, 2010; Fernandes, Gómez-Coca, Pérez-Camino, Moreda, & Barrera-Arellano,  
318 2017; Green et al., 2020; Parcerisa, Casals, Boatella, Codony, & Rafecas, 2000). In fact, the  
319 intermediate composition of RAO was reflected in the NMR spectra, and in particular in the most  
320 important variables in the binary classification model to detect RAO in OO. Thus, the methyl (#7c),  
321 allylic (#12b) and  $\alpha$ -methylene (#13c) protons of linoleic acid and the methyl protons of  $\beta$ -sitosterol  
322 (#4) exhibited signals for the RAO-OO blends with intensity ranges overlapping with 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
323 quartiles of the non-RAO category. Whereas, the  $\alpha$ -methylene protons of linolenic acid (#13d) and  
324 the methylene protons at 1.32–1.34 ppm of unsaturated fatty acids (#9) of RAO-OO blends  
325 presented intensity ranges overlapping with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quartiles of the non-RAO category, and a  
326 median intensity value lower for RAO-OO mixtures than for the other types of mixtures. The signal  
327 intensities of the methylene protons at 1.20–1.22 ppm of the acyl group of saturated fatty acids (#9)  
328 in RAO-OO blend overlapped the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quartiles of the non-RAO category.

329 The most contributing variables for the identification of HR in OO were the methyl (#7b) and  
330 allylic (#12a) protons of oleic acid, presenting higher intensities in the HR-OO blends; and the  
331 methyl (#7d), bis-allylic (#15b) and allylic (#12c) protons of linolenic acid, the vinylic protons of  
332 unsaturated fatty acids (#24), the  $\beta$ -methylene (#10a) and methyl (#7a) protons of saturated fatty  
333 acids and the methyl protons of terpenic alcohols or sterols (#2), showing lower intensities in the  
334 mixtures of HR with OO than in the other VO-OO blends. Refined hazelnut oil contains the highest  
335 amounts of oleic acid among the VOs studied, and comparable contents to those of olive oil. HR  
336 presents the lowest linolenic acid contents similar to HOSO, therefore the linolenic signal intensities  
337 overlapped with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quartiles of the non-HR category (Green et al., 2020; Guillén et al.,  
338 2003; Jović et al., 2016; Parcerisa et al., 2000; Vigli et al., 2003). Each oil type presents  
339 characteristic profiles of sterols and terpenic alcohols (Al-Ismail et al., 2010; Aparicio et al., 2013;  
340 Fernandes et al., 2017; Parcerisa et al., 2000), which in the present model contributed to the  
341 distinction of OO blends with and without HR.

342 In order to improve the classification results of the full percentage range models, further PLS-DA  
343 models were developed, the stepwise strategy proceed as follows. Once the oil sample is classified  
344 as containing OO in the first stage of the decision tree scheme (Figure 1), a PLS-DA model  
345 classifies the sample according to their level of VO in the OO, i.e. low (OOs with 0–20% VOs) and  
346 high (OOs with 30–80% VOs); the prediction abilities being of 96% and 94% for the low and high  
347 categories respectively (PLS-DA model 29 in Table 1). The most influential variables on the model  
348 were the methyl protons of saturated fatty acids (07a) and  $\beta$ -sitosterol (#4); the allylic (#12b), bis-  
349 allylic (#15a) and  $\alpha$ -methylene (#13c) of linoleic acid; and the vinylic protons (#24), the methyl  
350 protons at 1.00–1.02 ppm (#7) and the methylene protons at 1.32–1.33 ppm (#9) of unsaturated  
351 fatty acids, which exhibited lower intensities in the low category, overlapping with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>  
352 quartiles of the high category. In contrast, the <sup>1</sup>H signals of linolenic acid (#7d and #15b) and oleic  
353 acid (#12a) displayed higher intensities in the low category, overlapping with the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
354 quartiles of the high category. The chemical composition of the blends that constituted each



355 category justified these observations, since the low category contained samples with highest  
356 proportions of OO, which is the oil that contains the highest concentrations of oleic acid together  
357 with HR; whereas in the high category, blends with high percentages of VOs characterised by high  
358 linoleic and  $\beta$ -sitosterol contents were included (Al-Ismail et al., 2010; Aparicio et al., 2013;  
359 Fernandes et al., 2017; Green et al., 2020; Guillén et al., 2003; Jović et al., 2016; Parcerisa et al.,  
360 2000; Vigli et al., 2003).

361 In next stage of the decision tree scheme (Figure 1), an oil sample, classified in the low category  
362 (PLS-DA model 29 in Table 1), is predicted by binary classification models in order to identify the  
363 specific VO contained in the OO blend (PLS-DA models 44–50 in Table 2 and PLS-DA models  
364 37–43 in Table S3 in the supplementary material). The PLS-DA models developed including or not  
365 pure OO samples in the dataset were similar. The recognition and prediction abilities achieved were  
366 higher than 95% of hits in the models for detecting RPOO, CO and HOSO in OO blends; c.a. 90%  
367 for NTSO, DOSO and HR in OO blends; and c.a. 80–85% for RAO in OO blends. The most  
368 influential variables in the binary classification models for OO blends with  $\leq 20\%$  RPOO, NTSO,  
369 DOSO or HR (except the saturated fatty acid signals) were the same as in the corresponding models  
370 built for the full percentage range of VO in OO, but also other characteristic signals stood out. In  
371 the particular case of the PLS-DA models for mixtures of CO and OO, the methyl protons of the  
372 acyl group of linoleic acid (#7c) was the main responsible for the distinction of OO mixtures  
373 containing CO from those without CO. The identification of low proportions of HOSO in OO were  
374 mainly due to the higher intensity of the  $^1\text{H}$  signals of the methylene protons of saturated fatty acids  
375 (#9a) and unsaturated fatty acids with signals at 1.30–1.34 ppm (#9), which presented higher  
376 intensities in the HOSO category. The most influent signals for distinguishing low percentages of  
377 RAO in OO were those due to the polyunsaturated fatty acids. Thus, the intensities of the methyl  
378 (#7c) and  $\beta$ -methylene (#10c) protons of linoleic acid displayed intensities with similar median  
379 values in both categories but different variabilities. Furthermore, the signal intensities of the  
380 methylene protons of linolenic acid (#9c) and the methylene protons at 1.31–1.34 ppm (#9) and the

381 vinylic protons (#24) of unsaturated fatty acids were lower in the OO blends containing RAO,  
382 overlapping with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quartiles of the non-RAO category.

383 Taking into account that with the above models, all CO-OO blends and 95% of the RPOO-OO  
384 blends were identified, as well as at least 95% of the OO blends not containing CO or RPOO  
385 (Table 2 and Table S3 in the supplementary material), further classification models were developed  
386 with datasets without the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral data of RPOO-OO and CO-OO mixtures. The PLS-DA  
387 models achieved (PLS-DA models 51–55 in Table S4 in the supplementary material) afforded  
388 better classification abilities to detect NTSO and RAO in OO-blends, and similar results to resolve  
389 the presence of HOSO, DOSO or HR in OO-blends. Hence, once it is discarded that the OO sample  
390 contains RPOO or CO using the PLS-DA models 37, 38, 44 and 45 (Table 2 and S3 in the  
391 supplementary material), the presence of HOSO, NTSO, DOSO, RAO or HR in an OO blend is  
392 predicted by PLS-DA model 51–55. A part from the <sup>1</sup>H signals that were important in the previous  
393 PLS-DA models, these models presented particular influential variables that contributed to improve  
394 their classification abilities. Thus, regarding PLS-DA model 52 for NTSO-OO blends, the  
395 methylene protons of oleic acid (#9b) presented lower intensities in the NTSO category, whereas  
396 the glyceryl protons of triacylglycerides (#18) showed higher intensities in the NTSO category.  
397 Concerning PLS-DA model 54 for RAO-OO blends, the signal intensities of the methyl protons of  
398 oleic acid (#7b) and the glyceryl protons of triacylglycerides (#23) in the OO blends containing  
399 RAO were overlapping with the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quartiles of the non-RAO category; and the  $\alpha$ -  
400 methylene of linoleic (#13c) and linolenic acids (#13d), with the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quartiles of the non-  
401 RAO category. This observation is consistent with the characteristic intermediate composition of  
402 fatty acids that RAO presents, as referred above. No models to discriminate pure OOs from blends  
403 of VO<sub>s</sub> with OO were built due to the low number of pure OO samples available for modelling in  
404 the present study.

405 PLS-DA models were also developed for the blends with 20–80% VO<sub>s</sub> in OO in order to identify  
406 the VO contained in the mixture (PLS-DA models 56–62 in Table 3). The recognition and

407 prediction abilities of the binary classification models achieved for OO blends with RPOO, CO,  
408 DOSO or HR were 98–100% for both categories; OO blends with NTSO and RAO,  $\geq 91\%$  for both  
409 categories; and OO blends with HOSO, 86% for the HOSO category and 99% for the non-HOSO  
410 category. Since all blends were correctly classified by the RPOO-OO and CO-OO models, further  
411 PLS-DA models to detect 20–80% VO in OO were built using a dataset without the  $^1\text{H-NMR}$   
412 spectral data of RPOO and CO blends with OO (PLS-DA models 63–67 in Table S5 in the  
413 supplementary material). These models afforded better recognition and prediction abilities than the  
414 previous ones, except for HR-OO blend. Indeed, the models for the identification of OO mixtures  
415 with and without NTSO or HOSO allowed the correct classification of all samples of both  
416 categories; the model for RAO-OO mixtures identified all samples containing RAO and 92% of  
417 samples in the non-RAO category; and the model for DOSO-OO mixtures gave the same  
418 classification results as the model built including RPOO and CO spectral data. The model to  
419 differentiate OO mixtures with and without HR provided slightly worse classifications than  
420 previous model but over 90% of hits for both categories. In fact, the detection of the adulteration of  
421 OO with HR is one of the main challenge in fraud detection due to the close composition of both  
422 refined oils (Agiomyrgianaki et al., 2010; García-González et al., 2004; Gómez-Ariza et al., 2006;  
423 Mannina et al., 2009).

424 The PLS-DA model for OO blends with RPOO (PLS-DA model 56) disclosed that the signals of  
425 the methylene protons of saturated fatty acids (#9a), mainly due to palmitic acid, and the methylene  
426 protons of linoleic acid (#9c) were completely discriminant between OO blends containing  $\geq 20\%$   
427 RPOO and OO blends with the other VOs in the same percentages. As a result, the measurement of  
428 just one of these two variables would be enough to establish whether an OO is mixed with RPOO in  
429 percentages  $\geq 20\%$ . The trends observed for these signals were the same as in the OO blends with  
430 low proportions of VOs.

431 With regard to the binary classification model obtained to detect OO blends with  $\geq 20\%$  CO (PLS-  
432 DA model 57), the most significant variables were the same as those in the full range model, and

433 showed similar trends; even though in the model for the high range ( $\geq 20\%$  CO in OO), the  
434 methylene protons of oleic acid (#9b) and the methyl protons of linolenic acid (#7d) and  $\beta$ -sitosterol  
435 (#4) were also preponderant. Oleic acid signal presented lower intensities in the CO category and  
436 overlapped with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quartiles of the non-CO category, since corn oil together with  
437 sunflower oil are the oils with the lowest contents of this fatty acid. While the signals of linolenic  
438 acid and  $\beta$ -sitosterol displayed higher intensities in the CO category, in agreement with the known  
439 higher amounts of both compounds in corn oil compared to the other VOs blended with OO  
440 (Aparicio et al., 2013; Guillén et al., 2003; Monfreda et al., 2012; Vigli et al., 2003).

441 The models achieved to identify the presence of HOSO in OO in high proportions (PLS-DA models  
442 58 and 63) presented the highest absolute B coefficients for the same variables than in the full range  
443 model (PLS-DA model 32) and followed the same trend. In PLS-DA model 63, additional signals  
444 due to oleic acid (#12a) and linoleic acid (#9c) contributed to the discrimination. The signal due to  
445 saturated fatty acids (#9a) presented a B coefficient three times higher than the rest of the signals in  
446 this model than in the full range model.

447 The binary classification models built to detect OO blends with  $\geq 20\%$  NTSO (PLS-DA model 59  
448 and 64) presented the same influential variables and observed trends as the previous NTSO-OO  
449 models described above (the full percentage and low content models). However, once the presence  
450 of RPOO and CO in the OO blend was discarded by the PLS-DA models 56 and 57 respectively,  
451 the signals of the bis-allylic (#15a) and allylic (#12b) protons of linoleic acid, the methylene protons  
452 at 1.34–1.36 ppm (#9) and the vinylic protons (#24) of unsaturated fatty acids, and the methylene  
453 protons of oleic acid (#9b) were completely discriminant between both categories, thus any of this  
454 variable can be used as markers to determine whether an OO blend contains NTSO at concentration  
455  $\geq 20\%$ .

456 The most discriminant variables in the binary classification models for OO blends with  $\geq 20\%$   
457 DOSO (PLS-DA model 60 and 65) were the same as in the corresponding model achieved for the  
458 full percentage range. With respect to the PLS-DA models for the detection of  $\geq 20\%$  RAO in OO

459 (PLS-DA models 61 and 66), fewer <sup>1</sup>H signals were influent in these models compared to the full  
460 percentage range and the low content models. Among them, the signals of the methylene protons of  
461 oleic acid (#9b) and the allylic protons of linoleic acid (#12b) in the RAO category overlapped with  
462 the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quartiles of the non-RAO category, as a result of RAO characteristic intermediate  
463 composition of these fatty acids among the VOs studied. Meanwhile, the signal intensities of  
464 methylene protons of linolenic acids (#9c) and the vinylic protons of unsaturated fatty acids (#24)  
465 showed lower intensities in the RAO-OO blends, overlapping with the 1<sup>st</sup> quartile of the non-RAO  
466 category.

467 As for the full percentage range and the low range models built to detect HR in OO, the most  
468 contributing variables to PLS-DA models 62 and 67 for blends with  $\geq 20\%$  HR in OO were, not only  
469 the allylic protons of linoleic (#12b) and oleic (#12a) acids and the methyl protons of oleic acid  
470 (#7b), but also the methylene protons of oleic acid (#9b); all of them presenting higher intensities in  
471 the HR-OO blends. The trends of the signal intensities of the methyl protons of saturated fatty acids  
472 (#7a) and linolenic acid (#7d), the vinylic protons of unsaturated fatty acids (#24) were similar to  
473 those observed in previous models, presenting lower intensities in the HR-OO blends. The allylic  
474 (#12c) and  $\alpha$ -methylene (#13d) protons of linolenic acids were also significant for the  
475 differentiation of the OO blends with and without HR, and followed the same trend as its methyl  
476 protons (#7d).

### 477 ***3.1.2. PLS-DA models to discriminate between ‘legal’ and ‘illegal’ blends of olive oil and*** 478 ***vegetable oils***

479 Regarding the aforementioned possibilities that Reg. (EU) 29/2012 and its amendments offer to the  
480 Member States, the potential of the present multivariate approach to implement those regulations  
481 was demonstrated with the following case study. The most common seed oils used to blend with  
482 olive oil are refined conventional (normal type) sunflower oil and refined high oleic sunflower oil,  
483 thus sunflower oil was considered as a model seed oil of ‘legal’ blends. While the blends of olive  
484 oil with the other VOs studied would not be permitted in some or all of the situations specified in

485 the regulation, and therefore, were considered as ‘illegal’ blends. Binary classification models were  
486 developed to first distinguish between ‘legal’ and ‘illegal’ blends, and then differentiate which of  
487 the two types of sunflower oils, i.e. NTSO or HOSO, is in a ‘legal’ blend with OO (Figure S2 in the  
488 supplementary material). Afterwards, the percentage of NTSO or HOSO in the blend can be  
489 determined by the regression models that are reported in section 3.1.4 in order to verify the  
490 percentage of NTSO or HOSO in the declared blend or determine the level of adulteration of the  
491 OO.

492 The binary classification model discriminating between ‘legal’ blends (OO with NTSO or HOSO)  
493 and ‘illegal’ blends (OO with RPOO, CO, DOSO, RAO or HR) provided prediction abilities of  
494 86% and 98% respectively (PLS-DA model 70 in Table 4). As previously reported for ‘legal’ and  
495 ‘illegal’ blends with VOO (Alonso-Salces et al., 2020), the most influential variables in the  
496 classification model were the bis-allylic (#15b) and methyl (#7d) protons of linolenic acid, which  
497 presented higher intensities and/or variability in the ‘illegal’ category. Whereas, the methyl (#7c)  
498 and bis-allylic (#15a) protons of linoleic acid and the vinylic protons of unsaturated fatty acids  
499 (#24) showed higher intensities and/or variability in the ‘legal’ category. Other relevant variables in  
500 the model for OO blends were the allylic (#12a) and methyl (#7b) protons of oleic acid, which  
501 exhibit lower intensities and high variability in the ‘legal’ category; and the  $\alpha$ -methylene protons of  
502 linoleic acid (#13c), the methyl protons of  $\beta$ -sitosterol (#4) and the methyl protons of terpenic  
503 alcohols or sterols (#2), with higher intensities in the ‘legal’ blends. The well-known differences in  
504 the composition of fatty acids, sterols and terpenic alcohols of NTSO and HOSO respect to the VOs  
505 included in the ‘illegal’ category and OO supported these observations.

506 In order to differentiate ‘legal’ OO blends containing NTSO from those with HOSO, binary  
507 classification models were constructed affording prediction abilities of 97% for both categories  
508 (PLS-DA models 71 in Table 4). Regarding the most important variables in the model, the most  
509 discriminant variables were the methylene protons of oleic acid (#9b) and the glyceryl protons of  
510 triacylglycerides (#18), which presented higher intensities and lower variability in HOSO category;

511 and the vinylic protons at 5.30–5.32 ppm of unsaturated fatty acids (#24), which exhibited lower  
512 intensities and variabilities in HOSO category. Furthermore, the  $\alpha$ -methylene protons of oleic acid  
513 (#13b) and the vinylic protons at 5.32–5.34 ppm of unsaturated fatty acids (#24) showed higher  
514 signal intensities in HOSO blends than in NTSO blends; in contrast with the  $\alpha$ -methylene (#13d)  
515 and allylic (#12c) of linolenic acid, the methylene protons at 1.32–1.36 ppm of unsaturated fatty  
516 acids (#9) and the methyl protons of linoleic (#7c) that exhibited higher intensities and variability in  
517 NTSO blends. Indeed, HOSO contains higher amounts of oleic acid and lower concentrations of  
518 linoleic and linolenic acids (polyunsaturated fatty acids) than NTSO (Jović et al., 2016).

### 519 **3.1.3. PLS-DA models to discriminate between different blends of vegetable oils and olive oil**

520 In the case that more than one binary PLS-DA model of the decision tree scheme (Figure 1)  
521 classifies an oil sample as containing the corresponding VO, further binary classification models  
522 can be built using datasets containing only the information related to those specific VOs. For  
523 instance, PLS-DA models shown in Table 4 were built to distinguish OO mixtures containing  
524 DOSO or HR (PLS-DA model 74), RAO or HR (PLS-DA model 75), RAO or DOSO (PLS-DA  
525 model 76) and DOSO or HOSO (PLS-DA model 77).

526 The prediction abilities of the model to differentiate between mixtures with DOSO and HR were  
527 84% for the DOSO-OO blends and 95% for the HR-OO blends. The major contributing signals to  
528 this model were the allylic protons of oleic acid (#12a) and the methyl protons of saturated fatty  
529 acids (#9a) and oleic acid (#9b), which presented lower intensities in the HR-OO blends  
530 overlapping with the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quartiles of the DOSO category; and the allylic protons (#12b),  
531 bis-allylic (#15a), methyl (#7c) and methylene (#9c) protons of linoleic acid, which showed lower  
532 intensities in the DOSO-OO blends. The allylic and bis-allylic signal intensity ranges of the DOSO  
533 category partially overlapped with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quartiles of the HR category, whereas the methyl  
534 signal of the DOSO category completely overlapped with the 1<sup>st</sup> quartile, and the methylene signal,  
535 with the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quartiles of the HR category.

536 Concerning the distinction of RAO-OO and HR-OO blends, the prediction abilities achieved by the  
537 corresponding model were 82% for RAO category and 84% for HR category. The most influential  
538 variables in the model were the oleic acid signals due to the methylene (#9b), methyl (#7b) and  
539 allylic (#12a) protons of oleic acid and the methylene protons of linoleic acid (#9c), which  
540 presented higher intensities in HR-OO blends, overlapping with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quartiles of the RAO  
541 category. In contrast, the intensity range of the methylene protons of saturated fatty acids (#9a) in  
542 the RAO category overlapped with the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quartiles of the HR category. Refined hazelnut  
543 oils are known to present higher contents of oleic acid, similar concentrations of linoleic acid and  
544 lower amounts of saturated fatty acids than refined avocado oil (Green et al., 2020; Parcerisa et al.,  
545 2000).

546 With respect to the model to differentiate RAO-OO and DOSO-OO blends, the prediction abilities  
547 afforded by the model were 95% for the RAO category and 97% for the DOSO category. Among  
548 the most dominant variables in the model, the linoleic signals due to the methyl (#7c) and allylic  
549 (#12b) protons, and the methyl proton signal of squalene (#11) displayed higher intensities in RAO-  
550 OO mixtures; whereas the oleic signals due to the allylic (#12a), methylene (#9b) and methyl (#7b)  
551 protons and the signals of the methylene (#9c) and  $\beta$ -methylene (#10c) protons of linolenic acid  
552 showed higher intensities in DOSO-OO mixtures.

553 The binary classification model for the differentiation of DOSO-OO and HOSO-OO mixtures  
554 achieved prediction abilities of 95% and 100% respectively. The main signals responsible for the  
555 discrimination were the methylene protons of saturated fatty acids (#9a), which presented similar  
556 intensity values for both categories but higher variability in the HOSO-OO blends; the allylic  
557 (#12b) and methyl (#7c) protons of linoleic acid, and the vinylic protons at 5.32–5.34 ppm of  
558 unsaturated fatty acids (#24), which exhibited higher intensities in the OO blends with HOSO; and  
559 the allylic (#12a) and methylene (#9b) protons of oleic acid, and the vinylic protons at  
560 5.35–5.38 ppm of unsaturated fatty acids (#24), which presented higher intensities and variabilities  
561 in OO blends with DOSO.



562 Taking into account the trends observed for the most influential variables in the models achieved  
563 for the discrimination of DOSO-OO blends from other VO-OO mixtures, DOSO-OO blends  
564 presented higher concentrations of oleic acid than OO blends with HR, RAO and HOSO, which are  
565 the VOs that presented the highest contents according to literature (Green et al., 2020; Guillén et al.,  
566 2003; Jović et al., 2016; Parcerisa et al., 2000); and contained lower amounts of linoleic acid than  
567 the OO blends with these VOs. DOSO, which is an oil obtained from the desterolization and  
568 deodorization of high oleic sunflower oil was expected to present higher contents of linoleic acid,  
569 close to HOSO. However, DOSO blends contained even lower amounts of linoleic acid than the  
570 blends with HR and RAO. These results evidenced that during the desodorization and/or  
571 desterolization process the fatty acid profile of the oil was altered resulting in lower linoleic acid  
572 contents and higher oleic acid contents. It is already known that during this refining processes  
573 drastic conditions are used that leads to olefinic degradation of sterols, the isomerization of  
574 squalene and linoleic and linolenic acid, among other changes in the chemical composition of the  
575 oil (Aparicio et al., 2013; Grob et al., 1994).

#### 576 ***3.1.4. PLS-R models to determine the percentage of vegetable oil in a blend with olive oil***

577 After the VO contained in the blend with OO is identified using the classification models in the  
578 decision tree scheme (Figure 1 and Figure S2 in the supplementary material), a PLS regression  
579 model determines the percentage of VO contained in the mixture with OO. Thus, PLS-R models for  
580 binary mixtures of RPOO, CO, HOSO, NTSO, DOSO, RAO or HR with OO were successfully  
581 built (PLS-R models 13–27 in Table 5). The full range of % VO in the OO blend was divided in  
582 smaller sub-ranges and a PLS-R model was developed for each one. These regression models  
583 provided more accurate predictions than the PLS-R models constructed for the full range of % VO.  
584 The most influential variables on the regression models for each VO-OO blend corresponded to  
585 those observed for the classification models for that blend, and therefore, were explained by the  
586 characteristic composition in fatty acids, triacylglycerides and squalene of the oils present in the

587 blend. The coherence in the chemical interpretation of the B regression coefficients supported the  
588 robustness of the models attained.

589 All regression models disclosed for OO blends presented excellent precisions; most of the models  
590 yielded  $R^2$  values  $>0.99$ , except for the low % range models of HOSO and RAO with  $R^2$  values of  
591 0.97 and 0.93–0.96 respectively. The models permitted the quantification of the % VO in OO with  
592 accuracies under 5% R-RMSEP for contents of  $\geq 5\%$  RPOO,  $\geq 6\%$  CO,  $\geq 10\%$  HR,  $\geq 16\%$  DOSO,  
593  $\geq 16\%$  HOSO,  $\geq 9\%$  NTSO and  $\geq 31\%$  RAO; 5–15% R-RMSEP for contents of 2–5% RPOO, 2–6%  
594 CO, 3–10% HR, 5–16% DOSO, 7–16% HOSO, 3–9% NTSO and 5–31% RAO; and 15–20% R-  
595 RMSEP for contents of 2–3% HR, 4–5% DOSO, 5–7% HOSO, 2–3% NTSO and 4–5% RAO.

596 As reported in section 3.1.1, the classification abilities of the PLS-DA models to identify RAO-OO  
597 blends at low RAO percentages became better when pure OO samples were excluded of the dataset  
598 in the modelling step. This fact indicated that the samples of 2% RAO in OO and pure OO were  
599 close to the boundary and therefore misclassified. Thus, the limit of detection was established in the  
600 range between 2% and 4% RAO in OO. Indeed, RAO and OO contains similar amounts of saturated  
601 fatty acids, linoleic and linolenic acids, and RAO presents relative high contents of oleic acid  
602 respect to most of the other VOs blended with OO. The detection limits of the models to verify the  
603 presence of RPOO, CO, HOSO, NTSO, DOSO and HR in OO were under 2% VO in the blend.  
604 These results are alike or outperform those reported in literature using NMR or other analytical  
605 techniques. In previous NMR studies, high field  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR detected the adulteration of refined  
606 hazelnut oil in olive oil at a proportion of 10% using linear discriminant analysis (Mannina et al.,  
607 2009), and even at 8% using  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR and artificial neural networks (García-González et  
608 al., 2004), or as low as 1% using  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{31}\text{P}$ -NMR and canonical discriminant analysis or  
609 classification binary trees (Agiomyrgianaki et al., 2010).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR and discriminant data analysis  
610 distinguished several VOs such as sunflower, avocado, soybean and hazelnut oils at 5% in OO  
611 (Guyader, Thomas, Portaluri, Jamin, Akoka, Silvestre, et al., 2018). Other approaches that detected  
612 contents of 1–4% sunflower, soybean and corn oils in olive oil were based on voltammetric

613 fingerprinting (Tsopelas, Konstantopoulos, & Kakoulidou, 2018), mass spectrometry fingerprinting  
614 (Sánchez-Hernández, Nozal, Marina, & Crego, 2012), fluorescence spectroscopy (Tan, Li, Jiang,  
615 Shi, Xiao, Jia, et al., 2018), Raman spectroscopy (Philippidis, Poulakis, Papadaki, & Velegrakis,  
616 2017), or the determination of the composition of fatty acids, sterols, triglycerides and different  
617 chemical parameters and ratios (Contiñas, Martínez, Carballo, & Franco, 2008; Christopoulou et al.,  
618 2004; Jabeur et al., 2014; Monfreda et al., 2012; Yang et al., 2013). The analysis of the volatile  
619 profile managed to disclose hazelnut oil in olive oil in level as low as 5% (Mildner-Szkudlarz &  
620 Jeleń, 2008). FTIR or triacylglyceride fingerprints allowed the detection of high oleic sunflower oil  
621 in levels as low as 10% (De La Mata-Espinosa et al., 2011; Jović et al., 2016). The analysis of  
622 sterols and their degradation products were proposed to determine the adulteration of edible oils  
623 with desterolized sunflower oil, but the limit of detection of this approach was not determined  
624 (Biedermann, Grob, Mariani, & Schmidt, 1996; Grob et al., 1994). To the authors' knowledge, no  
625 data was found in literature regarding the adulteration of OO with avocado oil, neither virgin nor  
626 refined.

### 627 **3.2. Prediction of blends of oil of the 'virgin olive oil' or 'olive oil' categories and other** 628 **vegetable oil**

629 The composition of thirty six blind oil samples provided within the OLEUM project and eight  
630 commercial oils was predicted by the binary classification models and regression models following  
631 the complete decision tree scheme (Figure S1 and S2 in the supplementary material). Table S6  
632 (supplementary material) gathers for each sample: *i*) the PLS-DA models used, and the  
633 corresponding classification predictions regarding the category of the olive oil, the VO and the  
634 low/high level of VO in the blend; *ii*) % VO in the blend determined by the PLS-R model built for  
635 the type of blend (VO-VOO or VO-OO) previously predicted by the classification models; and *iii*)  
636 the predictions of the complementary PLS-DA models, such as PLS-DA models 74–77 (Table 4),  
637 which are specific binary classification models to distinguish mixtures of two particular VOs.

638 Most of the samples were predicted satisfactory according to the description provided. Indeed, the  
639 category of olive oil, i.e. VOO or OO, the particular VO and the percentage of VO in the oil sample  
640 were accurately determined. All 'legal' mixtures of VOO or OO with 40–60% NTSO or HOSO, all  
641 the blends of RPOO-OO and HV-VOO (5–30% VO), and the blends of EVAO-VOO and HR-OO  
642 with  $\geq 10\%$  VO were correctly identified and the percentage of VO properly figured out. Only blind  
643 samples 16, 17 and 19 were predicted to present slightly higher % VO in VOO, and blind sample  
644 26, scarcely lower % HR in OO than those given in the description. The DOSO-OO blends were  
645 satisfactory determined by the classification and regression models achieved for these mixtures; just  
646 for blind sample 36, the % DOSO in OO was barely lower than predicted. The blend of 10% DOSO  
647 in OO (blind sample 34) was confused with mixtures of 2–11% of HOSO in OO. For the blend of  
648 5% EVAO in VOO (blind sample 13), the VO contained was not recognised by any of the  
649 classification models, but the percentage of VO was within the calibration range of the regression  
650 models made for EVAO-VOO, HOSO-VOO and HR-VOO blends. Indeed, the EVAO-VOO model  
651 predicted correctly the percentage of EVAO in the mixture. The blend of 5% HR in OO (blind  
652 sample 25) was not detected by any of the HR-OO classification models but it was by the RAO-OO  
653 models. The RAO-OO blends at different proportions (blind samples 21–24) were identified by the  
654 classification models built for both RAO-OO and DOSO-OO, and the % VO in OO determined by  
655 the regression models constructed for both mixtures. However, the PLS-DA model 76 (Table 4),  
656 which distinguishes these two mixtures, predicted satisfactorily that the blends contained RAO,  
657 except for the mixture of 10% RAO in OO. Despite this, the RAO-OO regression model calculated  
658 accurately the content of RAO in the blends of 10%, as well as 20% RAO in OO. The error in the  
659 prediction of % RAO for the blend of 30% RAO in OO was 15.7%, higher than expected. The  
660 blends of 5% RAO in OO was close to the detection limit, therefore the corresponding regression  
661 model was not able to predict it properly.

662 Regarding the commercial oils analysed, they were declared to be mixtures of vegetable oils or  
663 NTSO with EVOO or VOO. Samples 37 and 38 were confirmed to contain VOO, whereas sample

664 44 was classified as an OO blend. Furthermore, these three samples were predicted to contain  
665 NTSO in accordance with their label specifications. All the other commercial oil samples (39–43)  
666 were labelled as mixtures of VOO or EVOO with rapeseed oil, however all of them were classified  
667 as blends of OO. These results are not conclusive since no blends of rapeseed oil with VOO or OO  
668 were available to be included in the modelling step of the present study. From the predictions of the  
669 classification and regression models of the decision tree scheme, it could be infer that most of these  
670 samples (39, 41–43) presented close composition to blends of 50% CO in OO or to pure HR oil.  
671 Taking into account the content of oleic acid, the main fatty acid in rapeseed, CO and HR oils,  
672 which is around 60%, 30% and 80% respectively, according to literature (Guillén et al., 2003; Jiang  
673 et al., 2018; Vigli et al., 2003; Yang et al., 2013), it may be deduced that those samples, if  
674 containing rapeseed oil, have about 25% rapeseed oil in OO, as specified in the label. Sample 40  
675 was identified by all classification models as NTSO-OO blends, and predicted to have 93% NTSO.  
676 In order to predict blends of rapeseed oil with VOO and OO, these type of blends must be included  
677 in the dataset used to build the models of the decision tree scheme, as well as any other VO that  
678 could be of interest so as to certify the percentage of VO in VOO or OO blends or detect olive oil  
679 adulterations.

#### 680 **4. Conclusion**

681 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR fingerprinting of olive oils coupled to multivariate data analysis provides chemical tools  
682 to detect blends between oils of the ‘olive oil’ category and vegetable oils, and quantify the  
683 percentage of each oil in the mixture, as reported for oil blends with the ‘virgin olive oil’ category  
684 in the first part of the present study (Alonso-Salces et al., 2020). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral data of oils of  
685 the ‘olive oil’ category and their mixtures with refined palm olein oil, corn oil, sunflower oil, high  
686 oleic sunflower oil, desterolized high oleic sunflower oil, refined avocado oil and refined hazelnut  
687 oil, was used to optimized and validated binary classification and regression models by PLS-DA  
688 and PLS-R respectively. These PLS-DA and PLS-R models were arranged in a decision tree  
689 scheme in order to determine the composition of an oil sample. Satisfactory, robust and stable

690 classification models were achieved, and excellent precisions and acceptable accuracies were  
691 afforded by the regression models developed for the determination of the percentage of VO in the  
692 OO blends. Moreover, the reliability of both classification and regression models was supported by  
693 the chemical interpretation of the most influential variables in the models. The percentage of the  
694 VO in the OO blend is determined with accuracies under the 20% of R-RMSEP for contents as low  
695 as 2% RPOO, CO, NTSO or HR, 4% DOSO or RAO and 5% HOSO in OO. The limits of the  
696 detection were under 2% RPOO, CO, HOSO, NTSO, DOSO or HR and 2–4% RAO in OO.

697 The complete stepwise strategy based on  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  fingerprinting of an oil sample in combination  
698 with chemometrics and proposed to determine the content of mixtures of oils of the ‘virgin olive  
699 oil’ or ‘olive oil’ categories and vegetable oils allow to (i) confirm the presence of VOO or OO in  
700 an oil sample; (ii) discriminate between pure olive oils and their blends with VOs to a certain  
701 extent, given by the detection limit disclosed for each VO; (iii) identify the VO in the blend with  
702 VOO or OO; (iv) distinguish between blends made with different VOs and VOO or OO, or (v) with  
703 the same VO at different concentrations; and (vi) determine the percentage of VO blended with  
704 VOO or OO. The performance and effectiveness of the proposed strategy was tested predicting  
705 blind samples, which confirmed its feasibility to support Reg. (EU) 29/2012. Further studies should  
706 be carried out with larger balanced sample sets that cover the variability of olive oils of both  
707 categories (VOO and OO) and the vegetable oils of interest. The different possible sources of  
708 variability, i.e. varieties of each botanical species, agronomical and climatic conditions, harvests  
709 and geographical origins among others, should be considered. The implementation of this approach  
710 requires the development of a databank of  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  fingerprints of oils legally blended or submitted  
711 to adulteration, as well as of the adulterants and their blends, representative of the natural oil  
712 variability and compositional differences, in order to guarantee robust models for both  
713 authentication and fraud detection. It is worth to note that this requirement is feasible in practice  
714 since among the objectives of the OLEUM project are to develop the OLEUM databank, an online  
715 integrated quality assurance database of olive oil analytical methods and chemical data, as well as

716 the OLEUM Network of a worldwide community of proficient analytical laboratories involved in  
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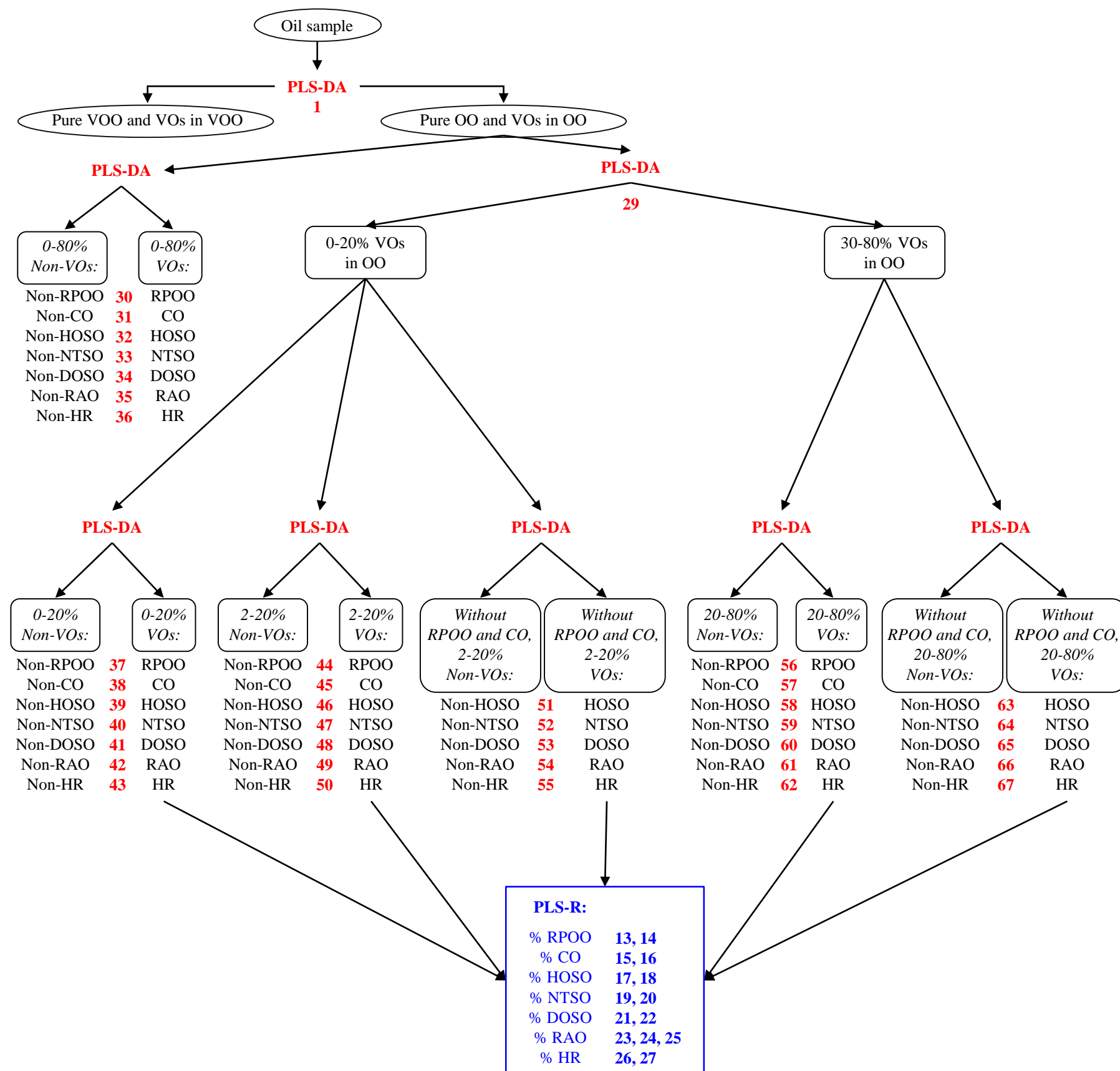
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1 **Tables**2 **Table 1**

3 PLS-DA models to discriminate between pure and blended oils containing oils of the ‘olive oil’ or  
 4 ‘virgin olive oil’ categories and vegetable oils, and binary mixtures with different proportions of  
 5 vegetable oil in olive oil.<sup>1</sup>

PLS-DA model	Data	PLS- comp	Boundary	Class <sup>2</sup>	Class code	n	p	%R	%P
1	Pure & blend VOO/OO	4	0.4079	VOO	0	838	0.70	97	97
				OO	1	356	0.30	98	98
29	Pure & blend OO	16	0.4388	0–20% VOs in OO	0	184	0.52	97	96
				30–80% VOs in OO	1	171	0.48	95	94

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7 <sup>1</sup> Abbreviations: n, number of samples; centered data; PLS-comp, number of PLS components; p, prior probability; %R, % of  
 8 recognition ability; %P, % of prediction ability in cross-validation; VOO, virgin olive oil; OO, olive oil; VO, vegetable oil; NTSO,  
 9 refined conventional sunflower oil (normal type sunflower oil); HOSO, refined high oleic sunflower oil; DOSO, deodorized and  
 10 deodorized high oleic sunflower oil; HR, refined hazelnut oil; HV, virgin hazelnut oil; S, refined soybean oil; EVAO, virgin avocado  
 11 oil; RAO, refined avocado oil; RPOO, refined palm olein oil; CO, refined corn oil.

12 <sup>2</sup> Samples contained in each class: VOO, pure VOOs and blends of VOO with VOs (NTSO, HOSO, EVAO, HV, HR or S); OO, pure  
 13 OOs and blends of OO with VOs (RPOO, CO, HOSO, NTSO, DOSO, RAO or HR); 0–20% VOs in OO, pure OOs and blends of  
 14 OO with 2–20% VOs (RPOO, CO, HOSO, NTSO, DOSO, RAO or HR); 30–80% VOs in OO, blends of OO with 30–80% VOs  
 15 (RPOO, CO, HOSO, NTSO, DOSO, RAO or HR).

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17 **Table 2**

18 PLS-DA models to detect the presence of a certain vegetable oil in a binary mixture of 2–20%  
 19 vegetable oil in olive oil.<sup>1</sup>

PLS-DA model	Data	PLS- comp	Boundary	Class <sup>2</sup>	Class code	n	p	%R	%P
44	2–20% VOs in OO	2	0.2604	non-RPOO	0	130	0.86	98	97
				RPOO	1	21	0.14	95	95
45	2–20% VOs in OO	7	0.3987	non-CO	0	132	0.87	96	96
				CO	1	20	0.13	100	100
46	2–20% VOs in OO	3	0.3359	non-HOSO	0	140	0.92	98	98
				HOSO	1	12	0.08	100	100
47	2–20% VOs in OO	12	0.3176	non-NTSO	0	114	0.75	96	89
				NTSO	1	38	0.25	97	89
48	2–20% VOs in OO	8	0.2189	non-DOSO	0	131	0.87	92	85
				DOSO	1	20	0.13	95	95
49	2–20% VOs in OO	6	0.2633	non-RAO	0	131	0.86	83	82
				RAO	1	21	0.14	90	90
50	2–20% VOs in OO	14	0.3408	non-HR	0	131	0.87	97	92
				HR	1	19	0.13	100	95

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21 <sup>1</sup> See abbreviations in Table 1.

22 <sup>2</sup> Samples contained in each class: non-RPOO, blends of OO with 2–20% VOs (CO, HOSO, NTSO, DOSO, RAO or HR); RPOO,  
 23 blends of OO with 2–20% RPOO; non-CO, blends of OO with 2–20% VOs (RPOO, HOSO, NTSO, DOSO, RAO or HR); CO,  
 24 blends of OO with 2–20% CO; non-HOSO, blends of OO with 2–20% VOs (RPOO, CO, NTSO, DOSO, RAO or HR); HOSO,  
 25 blends of OO with 2–20% HOSO; non-NTSO, blends of OO with 2–20% VOs (RPOO, CO, HOSO, DOSO, RAO or HR); NTSO,  
 26 blends of OO with 2–20% NTSO; non-DOSO, blends of OO with 2–20% VOs (RPOO, CO, HOSO, NTSO, RAO or HR); DOSO,  
 27 blends of OO with 2–20% DOSO; non-RAO, blends of OO with 2–20% VOs (RPOO, CO, HOSO, NTSO, DOSO or HR); RAO,  
 28 blends of OO with 2–20% RAO; non-HR, blends of OO with 2–20% VOs (RPOO, CO, HOSO, NTSO, DOSO or RAO); HR, blends  
 29 of OO with 2–20% HR.

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31 **Table 3**

32 PLS-DA models to detect the presence of a certain vegetable oil in a binary mixture of 20–80%  
 33 vegetable oil in olive oil.<sup>1</sup>

PLS-DA model	Data	PLS- comp	Boundary	Class <sup>2</sup>	Class code	n	p	%R	%P
56	20–80% VOs in OO	1	0.3445	non-RPOO	0	185	0.88	100	100
				RPOO	1	25	0.12	100	100
57	20–80% VOs in OO	7	0.4410	non-CO	0	178	0.85	100	100
				CO	1	31	0.15	100	100
58	20–80% VOs in OO	5	0.4063	non-HOSO	0	182	0.87	99	99
				HOSO	1	28	0.13	86	86
59	20–80% VOs in OO	6	0.3650	non-NTSO	0	151	0.72	100	99
				NTSO	1	59	0.28	93	92
60	20–80% VOs in OO	4	0.3127	non-DOSO	0	188	0.90	100	99
				DOSO	1	20	0.10	100	100
61	20–80% VOs in OO	5	0.3195	non-RAO	0	187	0.89	95	94
				RAO	1	23	0.11	91	91
62	20–80% VOs in OO	9	0.3083	non-HR	0	187	0.91	99	98
				HR	1	19	0.09	100	100

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35 <sup>1</sup> See abbreviations in Table 1.

36 <sup>2</sup> Samples contained in each class: non-RPOO, blends of OO with 20–80% VOs (CO, HOSO, NTSO, DOSO, RAO or HR); RPOO,  
 37 blends of OO with 20–80% RPOO; non-CO, blends of OO with 20–80% VOs (RPOO, HOSO, NTSO, DOSO, RAO or HR); CO,  
 38 blends of OO with 20–80% CO; non-HOSO, blends of OO with 20–80% VOs (RPOO, CO, NTSO, DOSO, RAO or HR); HOSO,  
 39 blends of OO with 20–80% HOSO; non-NTSO, blends of OO with 20–80% VOs (RPOO, CO, HOSO, DOSO, RAO or HR); NTSO,  
 40 blends of OO with 20–80% NTSO; non-DOSO, blends of OO with 20–80% VOs (RPOO, CO, HOSO, NTSO, RAO or HR); DOSO,  
 41 blends of OO with 20–80% DOSO; non-RAO, blends of OO with 20–80% VOs (RPOO, CO, HOSO, NTSO, DOSO or HR); RAO,  
 42 blends of OO with 20–80% RAO; non-HR, blends of OO with 20–80% VOs (RPOO, CO, HOSO, NTSO, DOSO or RAO); HR,  
 43 blends of OO with 20–80% HR.

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45 **Table 4**

46 PLS-DA models to discriminate between ‘legal’ and ‘illegal’ blends of olive oil and vegetable oils,  
 47 between ‘legal’ blends of OO with NTSO and HOSO, between OO blends with DOSO and HR,  
 48 between OO blends with RAO and HR, between OO blends with RAO and DOSO, and between  
 49 OO blends of with DOSO and HOSO.<sup>1</sup>

PLS-DA model	Data	PLS-comp	Boundary	Class	Class code	n	p	%R	%P
70 <sup>2</sup>	2–80% VOs in OO	13	0.3960	‘Illegal’ blend	0	199	0.61	99	98
				‘Legal’ blend	1	125	0.39	87	86
71 <sup>2</sup>	2–80% NTSO in OO	5	0.3979	NTSO	0	88	0.70	98	97
	2–80% HOSO in OO			HOSO	1	37	0.30	97	97
74 <sup>3</sup>	2–80% DOSO in OO	3	0.4805	DOSO	0	37	0.50	86	84
	2–80% HR in OO			HR	1	37	0.50	97	95
75 <sup>3</sup>	2–80% RAO in OO	3	0.5011	RAO	0	38	0.51	79	82
	2–80% HR in OO			HR	1	37	0.49	86	84
76 <sup>3</sup>	2–80% RAO in OO	6	0.4723	RAO	0	38	0.51	95	95
	2–80% DOSO in OO			DOSO	1	37	0.49	100	97
77 <sup>3</sup>	2–80% DOSO in OO	3	0.4280	DOSO	0	37	0.50	95	95
	2–80% HOSO in OO			HOSO	1	37	0.50	100	100

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51 <sup>1</sup> See abbreviations in Table 1.

52 <sup>2</sup> Samples contained in each class: ‘Illegal’ blends, blends of OO with 2–80% VOs (RPOO, CO, DOSO, RAO or HR); ‘Legal’  
 53 blends, blends of OO with 2–80% VOs (HOSO or NTSO); NTSO, blends of OO with 2–80% NTSO; HOSO, blends of OO with  
 54 2–80% HOSO.

55 <sup>3</sup> Samples contained in each class: DOSO, blends of OO with 2–80% DOSO; HR, blends of OO with 2–80% HR; RAO, blends of  
 56 OO with 2–80% RAO; HOSO, blends of OO with 2–80% HOSO.

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58 **Table 5**

59 PLS-R models to determine the percentage of a certain vegetable oil in a binary mixture with olive  
60 oil.<sup>1</sup>

PLS-R model	Data <sup>2</sup>	n	PLS- comp	R-cal	R-val	R <sup>2</sup> -val	RMSEP (% VO)
13	2–20% RPOO in OO <sup>4</sup>	20	4	0.9997	0.9993	0.9986	0.25
14	20–80% RPOO in OO <sup>3</sup>	25	1	0.9993	0.9992	0.998	0.80
15	2–10% CO in OO <sup>4</sup>	12	1	0.997	0.996	0.992	0.32
16	10–80% CO in OO <sup>3</sup>	32	1	0.99992	0.99990	0.9998	0.32
17	2–20% HOSO in OO <sup>4</sup>	10	2	0.994	0.983	0.97	1.0
18	10–80% HOSO in OO <sup>3</sup>	25	3	0.9994	0.9992	0.998	0.80
19	2–20% NTSO in OO <sup>3</sup>	34	4	0.9989	0.9978	0.996	0.45
20	20–80% NTSO in OO <sup>3</sup>	54	1	0.997	0.994	0.989	1.4
21	2–20% DOSO in OO <sup>4</sup>	19	6	0.998	0.994	0.987	0.78
22	20–80% DOSO in OO <sup>4</sup>	18	2	0.997	0.996	0.991	2.0
23	2–10% RAO in OO <sup>4</sup>	11	5	0.997	0.963	0.93	0.76
24	2–20% RAO in OO <sup>4</sup>	17	9	0.9994	0.9812	0.963	1.3
25	20–80% RAO in OO <sup>4</sup>	17	4	0.9991	0.9974	0.995	1.5
26	2–20% HR in OO <sup>4</sup>	14	3	0.9988	0.9977	0.995	0.49
27	20–80% HR in OO <sup>3</sup>	21	3	0.9997	0.9995	0.9990	0.64

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62 <sup>1</sup> Abbreviations: n, number of samples; centered data; PLS-comp, number of PLS components; R-cal, correlation coefficient in  
63 calibration; R-val, correlation coefficient in validation; R<sup>2</sup>-val, coefficient of determination in validation; RMSEP, root mean square  
64 error in the prediction (% VO).

65 <sup>2</sup> Samples used to build each model.

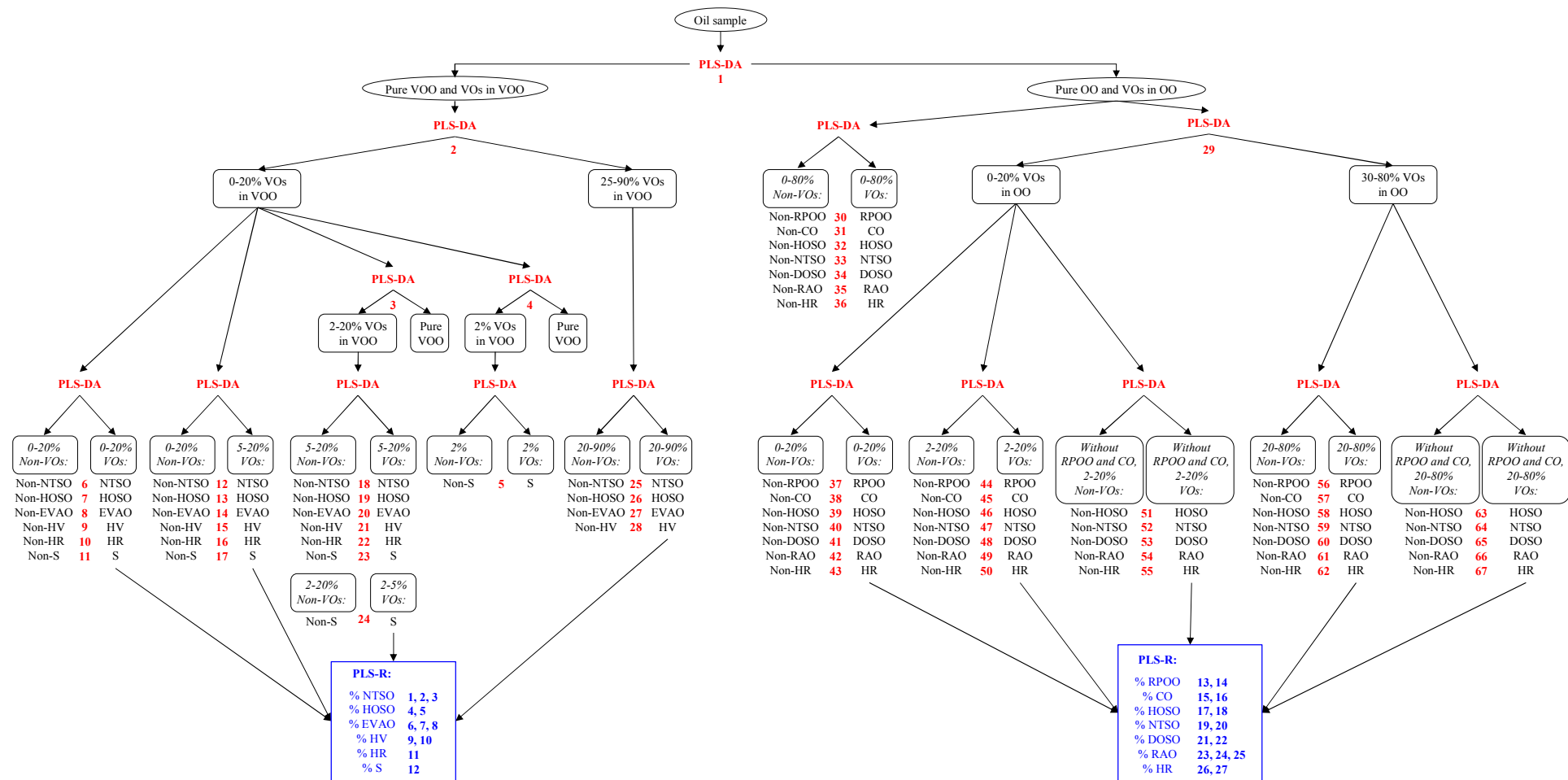
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67 <sup>4</sup> Leave-one-out cross-validation.

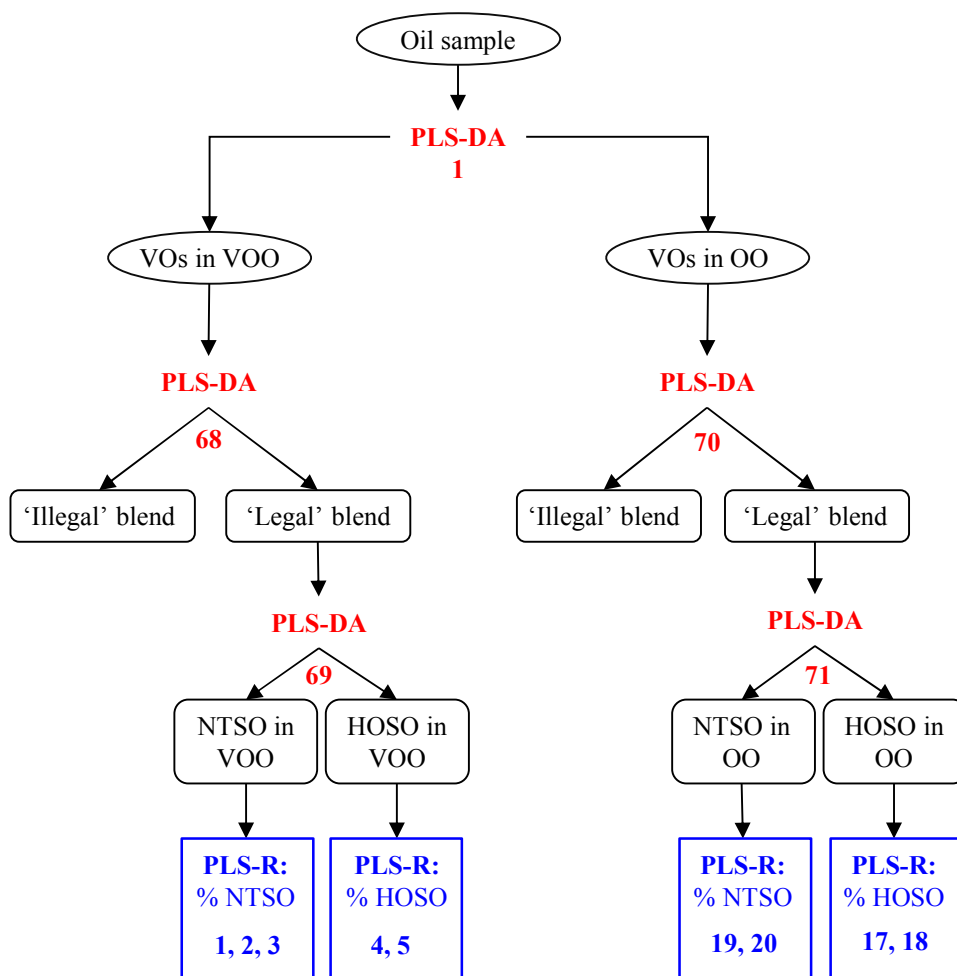
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**Supplementary material: Figures**



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**Figure S2.** Decision tree scheme constituted of PLS-DA classification and PLS-R regression models for a case study: Discrimination between ‘legal’ (containing NTSO or HOSO) and ‘illegal’ (not containing NTSO or HOSO) blends, and determination of % NTSO or HOSO in binary mixtures with oils of the ‘virgin olive oil’ or ‘olive oil’ categories. Abbreviations: VOO, virgin olive oil; OO, olive oil; VO, vegetable oil; NTSO, refined conventional sunflower oil (normal type sunflower oil); HOSO, refined high oleic sunflower oil.



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### Supplementary material: Tables

**Table S1**

Chemical shift assignments of the  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  signals of the main components in olive oil.

#	Chemical shift (ppm)	Multiplicity <sup>a</sup>	Functional group	Attribution
1	0.318	d	$-\text{CH}_2-$ (cyclopropanic ring)	cycloartenol
2	0.527	s	$-\text{CH}_2-$	alcohol, sterol
3	0.543	d	$-\text{CH}_2-$ (cyclopropanic ring)	cycloartenol
4	0.669	s	$-\text{CH}_3$ (C18-steroid group)	$\beta$ -sitosterol
5	0.687	s	$-\text{CH}_3$ (C18-steroid group)	stigmasterol
6	0.740	t	$-\text{CH}_3$ ( $^{13}\text{C}$ satellite of signal at 0.87 ppm, acyl group)	
7	0.80-1.04	t	$-\text{CH}_3$ (acyl group)	
7a	0.83	t	$-\text{CH}_3$ (acyl group)	saturated
7b	0.866	t	$-\text{CH}_3$ (acyl group)	oleic (or $\omega$ -9)
7c	0.89	t	$-\text{CH}_3$ (acyl group)	linoleic (or $\omega$ -6)
7d	0.960	t	$-\text{CH}_3$ (acyl group)	linolenic (or $\omega$ -3)
8	0.987	t	$-\text{CH}_3$ ( $^{13}\text{C}$ satellite of signal at 0.87 ppm, acyl group)	
9	1.19-1.44		$-(\text{CH}_2)_n-$ (acyl group)	
9a	1.243		$-(\text{CH}_2)_n-$ (acyl group)	saturated
9b	1.256		$-(\text{CH}_2)_n-$ (acyl group)	oleic (or $\omega$ -9)
9c	1.288		$-(\text{CH}_2)_n-$ (acyl group)	linoleic (or $\omega$ -6) and linolenic (or $\omega$ -3)
10	1.51-1.65		$-\text{OCO-CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$ (acyl group)	
10a	1.57		$-\text{OCO-CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$ (acyl group)	saturated
10b	1.58		$-\text{OCO-CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$ (acyl group)	oleic (or $\omega$ -9)
10c	1.59		$-\text{OCO-CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$ (acyl group)	linoleic (or $\omega$ -6) and linolenic (or $\omega$ -3)
11	1.662	s	$-\text{CH}_3$	squalene
12	1.96-2.07		$-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ (acyl group)	
12a	1.97		$-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ (acyl group)	oleic (or $\omega$ -9)
12b	2.01-2.03		$-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ (acyl group)	linoleic (or $\omega$ -6) and linolenic (or $\omega$ -3)
12c	2.05-2.07		$-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ (acyl group)	linolenic (or $\omega$ -3)
13	2.22-2.32	m	$-\text{OCO-CH}_2-$ (acyl group)	
13a	2.24	m	$-\text{OCO-CH}_2-$ (acyl group)	saturated
13b	2.25	m	$-\text{OCO-CH}_2-$ (acyl group)	oleic (or $\omega$ -9)
13c	2.27	m	$-\text{OCO-CH}_2-$ (acyl group)	linoleic (or $\omega$ -6)
13d	2.31	m	$-\text{OCO-CH}_2-$ (acyl group)	linolenic (or $\omega$ -3)
14	2.40-2.45	m	$-\text{OCO-CH}_2-$ ( $^{13}\text{C}$ satellite of signal at 2.26-2.32 ppm, acyl group)	

#	Chemical shift (ppm)	Multiplicity <sup>a</sup>	Functional group	Attribution
15	2.72-2.82		=CH-CH <sub>2</sub> -CH= (acyl group)	
15a	2.754	t	=CH-CH <sub>2</sub> -CH= (acyl group)	linoleic (or ω-6)
15b	2.789	t	=CH-CH <sub>2</sub> -CH= (acyl group)	linolenic (or ω-3)
16	3.69-3.73	d	-CH <sub>2</sub> OH (glyceryl group)	<i>sn</i> -1,2-diacylglycerides
17	4.05-4.09	q	>CH-OH (glyceryl group)	<i>sn</i> -1,3-diacylglycerides
18	4.09-4.32		-CH <sub>2</sub> OCOR (glyceryl group)	triacylglycerides
19	4.571	d		terpene
20	4.648	s		terpene
21	4.699	s		terpene
22	5.05-5.15	m	>CHOCOR (glyceryl group)	<i>sn</i> -1,2-diacylglycerides
23	5.22-5.28	m	>CHOCOR (glyceryl group)	triacylglycerides
24	5.28-5.38	m	-CH=CH- (acyl group)	
25	5.52-5.43	m	-CH=CH- ( <sup>13</sup> C satellite of signal at 5.28-5.38 ppm, acyl group)	
26	5.72-5.76	dt	=CH- (phenolic ring)	phenolic compounds
27	5.986		=CH- (phenolic ring)	phenolic compounds
28	6.551	dt	=CH- (phenolic ring)	phenolic compounds
29	6.607	dd	=CH- (C8'; phenolic ring)	dialdehyde of oleuropein lacking a carboxymethyl group aldehydic form of oleuropein
30	6.79-6.73	d	=CH- (C5', C7'; phenolic ring)	dialdehyde of secoiridoids (oleuropein, ligstroside) lacking a carboxymethyl group aldehydic form of secoiridoid (oleuropein, ligstroside)
31	7.05-7.00	dt	=CH- (C4', C8'; phenolic ring)	dialdehyde of ligstroside lacking a carboxymethyl group aldehydic form of ligstroside
32	7.562	s	=CH-O- (C3)	aldehydic form of secoiridoid (oleuropein, ligstroside)
33	8.14-8.06		>C(OH)OR	volatile compounds
34	9.215	d	-CHO (C1)	dialdehyde of secoiridoids (oleuropein, ligstroside) lacking a carboxymethyl group
35	9.51	d	-CHO	<i>E</i> -2-alkenals ( <i>E</i> -2-hexenal)
36	9.626	dd	-CHO (C3)	dialdehyde of secoiridoids (oleuropein, ligstroside) lacking a carboxymethyl group
		dd	-CHO (C1)	aldehydic form of secoiridoids (oleuropein, ligstroside)

**Table S2**

PLS-DA models to detect the presence of a certain vegetable oil in a binary mixture of 2–80% vegetable oil in olive oil.<sup>1</sup>

PLS-DA model	Data	PLS- comp	Boundary	Class <sup>2</sup>	Class					
					code	n	p	%R	%P	
30	0–80% VOs in OO	2	0.1815	non-RPOO	0	315	0.88	100	100	
				RPOO	1	41	0.12	95	95	
31	0–80% VOs in OO	7	0.3545	non-CO	0	310	0.87	96	95	
				CO	1	46	0.13	100	100	
32	0–80% VOs in OO	7	0.3662	non-HOSO	0	319	0.90	98	97	
				HOSO	1	37	0.10	95	95	
33	0–80% VOs in OO	12	0.2809	non-NTSO	0	268	0.75	98	97	
				NTSO	1	88	0.25	85	85	
34	0–80% VOs in OO	5	0.1652	non-DOSO	0	319	0.90	91	91	
				DOSO	1	37	0.10	84	84	
35	0–80% VOs in OO	11	0.2354	non-RAO	0	318	0.89	96	92	
				RAO	1	38	0.11	95	87	
36	0–80% VOs in OO	15	0.2270	non-HR	0	319	0.90	93	89	
				HR	1	37	0.10	100	97	

<sup>1</sup> Abbreviations: n, number of samples; centered data; PLS-comp, number of PLS components; p, prior probability; %R, % of recognition ability; %P, % of prediction ability in cross-validation; %P-EV, % of prediction ability in external validation; OO, olive oil; VO, vegetable oil; NTSO, refined conventional sunflower oil (normal type sunflower oil); HOSO, refined high oleic sunflower oil; DOSO, desterolized and deodorized high oleic sunflower oil; HR, refined hazelnut oil; RAO, refined avocado oil; RPOO, refined palm olein oil; CO, refined corn oil.

<sup>2</sup> Samples contained in each class: non-RPOO, pure OOs and blends of OO with 2–80% VOs (CO, HOSO, NTSO, DOSO, RAO or HR); RPOO, blends of OO with 2–80% RPOO; non-CO, pure OOs and blends of OO with 2–80% VOs (RPOO, HOSO, NTSO, DOSO, RAO or HR); CO, blends of OO with 2–80% CO; non-HOSO, pure OOs and blends of OO with 2–80% VOs (RPOO, CO, NTSO, DOSO, RAO or HR); HOSO, blends of OO with 2–80% HOSO; non-NTSO, pure OOs and blends of OO with 2–80% VOs (RPOO, CO, HOSO, DOSO, RAO or HR); NTSO, blends of OO with 2–80% NTSO; non-DOSO, pure OOs and blends of OO with 2–80% VOs (RPOO, CO, HOSO, NTSO, RAO or HR); DOSO, blends of OO with 2–80% DOSO; non-RAO, pure OOs and blends of OO with 2–80% VOs (RPOO, CO, HOSO, NTSO, DOSO or HR); RAO, blends of OO with 2–80% RAO; non-HR, pure OOs and blends of OO with 2–80% VOs (RPOO, CO, HOSO, NTSO, DOSO or RAO); HR, blends of OO with 2–80% HR.

**Table S3**

PLS-DA models to detect the presence of a certain vegetable oil in a binary mixture of 2–20% vegetable oil in olive oil.<sup>1</sup>

PLS-DA model	Data	PLS-comp	Boundary	Class <sup>2</sup>	Class code	n	p	%R	%P
37	0–20% VO <sub>s</sub> in OO	2	0.2399	non-RPOO	0	162	0.89	98	98
				RPOO	1	21	0.11	95	95
38	0–20% VO <sub>s</sub> in OO	12	0.3522	non-CO	0	164	0.89	97	95
				CO	1	20	0.11	100	100
39	0–20% VO <sub>s</sub> in OO	4	0.3039	non-HOSO	0	172	0.93	96	96
				HOSO	1	12	0.07	100	100
40	0–20% VO <sub>s</sub> in OO	11	0.2770	non-NTSO	0	143	0.79	93	90
				NTSO	1	38	0.21	97	89
41	0–20% VO <sub>s</sub> in OO	8	0.1904	non-DOSO	0	164	0.89	88	89
				DOSO	1	20	0.11	95	90
42	0–20% VO <sub>s</sub> in OO	7	0.2110	non-RAO	0	163	0.89	82	80
				RAO	1	21	0.11	90	81
43	0–20% VO <sub>s</sub> in OO	14	0.2809	non-HR	0	162	0.90	94	90
				HR	1	19	0.10	95	95

<sup>1</sup> See abbreviations in Table S2.

<sup>2</sup> Samples contained in each class: non-RPOO, pure OOs and blends of OO with 2–20% VO<sub>s</sub> (CO, HOSO, NTSO, DOSO, RAO or HR); RPOO, blends of OO with 2–20% RPOO; non-CO, pure OOs and blends of OO with 2–20% VO<sub>s</sub> (RPOO, HOSO, NTSO, DOSO, RAO or HR); CO, blends of OO with 2–20% CO; non-HOSO, pure OOs and blends of OO with 2–20% VO<sub>s</sub> (RPOO, CO, NTSO, DOSO, RAO or HR); HOSO, blends of OO with 2–20% HOSO; non-NTSO, pure OOs and blends of OO with 2–20% VO<sub>s</sub> (RPOO, CO, HOSO, DOSO, RAO or HR); NTSO, blends of OO with 2–20% NTSO; non-DOSO, pure OOs and blends of OO with 2–20% VO<sub>s</sub> (RPOO, CO, HOSO, NTSO, RAO or HR); DOSO, blends of OO with 2–20% DOSO; non-RAO, pure OOs and blends of OO with 2–20% VO<sub>s</sub> (RPOO, CO, HOSO, NTSO, DOSO or HR); RAO, blends of OO with 2–20% RAO; non-HR, pure OOs and blends of OO with 2–20% VO<sub>s</sub> (RPOO, CO, HOSO, NTSO, DOSO or RAO); HR, blends of OO with 2–20% HR.

**Table S4**

PLS-DA models to detect the presence of a certain vegetable oil in a binary mixture of 2–20% vegetable oil in olive oil, once the presence of RPOO or CO is discarded.<sup>1</sup>

PLS-DA model	Data	PLS-comp	Boundary	Class <sup>2</sup>	Class code	n	p	%R	%P
51	2–20% VOs in OO	2	0.3689	non-HOSO	0	98	0.89	98	97
	<i>without RPOO and CO data</i>			HOSO	1	12	0.11	100	100
52	2–20% VOs in OO	7	0.3706	non-NTSO	0	72	0.65	100	99
	<i>without RPOO and CO data</i>			NTSO	1	38	0.35	95	92
53	2–20% VOs in OO	8	0.2569	non-DOSO	0	89	0.82	91	85
	<i>without RPOO and CO data</i>			DOSO	1	20	0.18	100	95
54	2–20% VOs in OO	10	0.3905	non-RAO	0	87	0.81	91	87
	<i>without RPOO and CO data</i>			RAO	1	20	0.19	100	95
55	2–20% VOs in OO	15	0.3948	non-HR	0	89	0.82	97	92
	<i>without RPOO and CO data</i>			HR	1	19	0.18	100	95

<sup>1</sup> See abbreviations in Table S1.

<sup>2</sup> Samples contained in each class: non-HOSO, blends of OO with 2–20% VOs (NTSO, DOSO, RAO or HR); HOSO, blends of OO with 2–20% HOSO; non-NTSO, blends of OO with 2–20% VOs (HOSO, DOSO, RAO or HR); NTSO, blends of OO with 2–20% NTSO; non-DOSO, blends of OO with 2–20% VOs (HOSO, NTSO, RAO or HR); DOSO, blends of OO with 2–20% DOSO; non-RAO, blends of OO with 2–20% VOs (HOSO, NTSO, DOSO or HR); RAO, blends of OO with 2–20% RAO; non-HR, blends of OO with 2–20% VOs (HOSO, NTSO, DOSO or RAO); HR, blends of OO with 2–20% HR.

**Table S5**

PLS-DA models to detect the presence of a certain vegetable oil in a binary mixture of 20–80% vegetable oil in olive oil, once the presence of RPOO or CO is discarded.<sup>1</sup>

PLS-DA model	Data	PLS-comp	Boundary	Class <sup>2</sup>	Class code	n	p	%R	%P
63	20–80% VOs in OO	3	0.4447	non-HOSO	0	125	0.82	100	100
	<i>without RPOO and CO data</i>			HOSO	1	27	0.18	100	100
64	20–80% VOs in OO	3	0.4443	non-NTSO	0	95	0.62	100	100
	<i>without RPOO and CO data</i>			NTSO	1	59	0.38	100	100
65	20–80% VOs in OO	4	0.2963	non-DOSO	0	131	0.87	99	99
	<i>without RPOO and CO data</i>			DOSO	1	20	0.13	100	100
66	20–80% VOs in OO	2	0.3560	non-RAO	0	131	0.85	92	92
	<i>without RPOO and CO data</i>			RAO	1	23	0.15	100	100
67	20–80% VOs in OO	8	0.2858	non-HR	0	132	0.86	97	95
	<i>without RPOO and CO data</i>			HR	1	22	0.14	91	91

<sup>1</sup> See abbreviations in Table S1.

<sup>2</sup> Samples contained in each class: non-HOSO, blends of OO with 20–80% VOs (NTSO, DOSO, RAO or HR); HOSO, blends of OO with 20–80% HOSO; non-NTSO, blends of OO with 20–80% VOs (HOSO, DOSO, RAO or HR); NTSO, blends of OO with 20–80% NTSO; non-DOSO, blends of OO with 20–80% VOs (HOSO, NTSO, RAO or HR); DOSO, blends of OO with 20–80% DOSO; non-RAO, blends of OO with 20–80% VOs (HOSO, NTSO, DOSO or HR); RAO, blends of OO with 20–80% RAO; non-HR, blends of OO with 20–80% VOs (HOSO, NTSO, DOSO or RAO); HR, blends of OO with 20–80% HR.

**Table S6**

Prediction of the composition of blind oil samples using the decision tree schemes in Figures S1 and S2 in the supplementary material and the complementary PLS-DA models.<sup>1,2</sup>

Blind sample	PLS-DA		PLS-R			
	Models applied	Predictions	Predicting model	Blend	% VO	Description
1	1, 2, 25-28, 68, 69	'Legal' NTSO in VOO	3	NTSO-VOO	39.6 ± 1.9	<i>EVOO + NTSO, 60:40</i>
2	1, 2, 25-28, 68, 69	'Legal' NTSO in VOO	3	NTSO-VOO	50.8 ± 1.9	<i>EVOO + NTSO, 50:50</i>
3	1, 2, 25-28, 68, 69	'Legal' NTSO in VOO	3	NTSO-VOO	61.4 ± 1.9	<i>EVOO + NTSO, 40:60</i>
4	1, 2, 25-28, 68, 69	'Legal' HOSO in VOO	5	HOSO-VOO	40.0 ± 3.9	<i>EVOO + HOSO, 60:40</i>
5	1, 2, 25-28, 68, 69	'Legal' HOSO in VOO	5	HOSO-VOO	50.1 ± 3.9	<i>EVOO + HOSO, 50:50</i>
6	1, 2, 25-28, 68, 69	'Legal' HOSO in VOO	5	HOSO-VOO	60.3 ± 3.9	<i>EVOO + HOSO, 40:60</i>
7	1, 30-36, 29, 56-67, 70, 71	'Legal' NTSO in OO	20	NTSO-OO	41.7 ± 2.8	<i>OO + NTSO, 60:40</i>
8	1, 30-36, 29, 56-67, 70, 71	'Legal' NTSO in OO	20	NTSO-OO	51.2 ± 2.8	<i>OO + NTSO, 50:50</i>
9	1, 30-36, 29, 56-67, 70, 71	'Legal' NTSO in OO	20	NTSO-OO	62.1 ± 2.8	<i>OO + NTSO, 40:60</i>
10	1, 30-36, 29, 56-67, 70, 71	'Legal' HOSO in OO	18	HOSO-OO	39.9 ± 1.6	<i>OO + HOSO, 60:40</i>
11	1, 30-36, 29, 56-67, 70, 71	'Legal' HOSO in OO	18	HOSO-OO	49.9 ± 1.6	<i>OO + HOSO, 50:50</i>
12	1, 30-36, 29, 56-67, 70, 71	'Legal' HOSO in OO	18	HOSO-OO	60.3 ± 1.6	<i>OO + HOSO, 40:60</i>
13	1, 2, 3-24, 68, 69 73	VOO; low; non-VO; 'illegal' 2-5% HR in VOO	4	HOSO-VOO	3.9 ± 6.8	<i>EVOO + EVAO, 95:5</i>
			6	EVAO-VOO	6.5 ± 2.1	
			11	HR-VOO	3.9 ± 5.6	
14	1, 2, 3-24, 68, 69	VOO; low; EVAO; 'illegal'	6	EVAO-VOO	12.9 ± 2.1	<i>EVOO + EVAO, 90:10</i>
15	1, 2, 3-24, 68, 69	VOO; low; EVAO; 'illegal'	6	EVAO-VOO	23.9 ± 2.1	<i>EVOO + EVAO, 80:20</i>
16	1, 2, 25-28, 68, 69	VOO; high; EVAO; 'illegal'	7	EVAO-VOO	42.6 ± 3.4	<i>EVOO + EVAO, 70:30</i>
17	1, 2, 3-24, 68, 69	VOO; low; HV; 'illegal'	9	HV-VOO	9.5 ± 2.6	<i>EVOO + HV, 95:5</i>
18	1, 2, 3-24, 68, 69	VOO; low; HV; 'illegal'	9	HV-VOO	10.9 ± 2.6	<i>EVOO + HV, 90:10</i>
19	1, 2, 3-24, 68, 69	VOO; low; HV; 'illegal'	9	HV-VOO	26.0 ± 2.6	<i>EVOO + HV, 80:20</i>
20	1, 2, 25-28, 68, 69	VOO; high; HV; 'illegal'	9	HV-VOO	27.4 ± 2.6	<i>EVOO + HV, 70:30</i>

Blind sample	PLS-DA		PLS-R			Description
	Models applied	Predictions	Predicting model	Blend	% VO	
21	1, 30-36, 29, 37-67, 70, 71	OO; low; RAO, DOSO; 'illegal'	21	DOSO-OO	1.4 ± 1.6	<i>OO + RAO, 95:5</i>
	76	RAO in OO	23	RAO-OO	0.0 ± 1.5	
22	1, 30-36, 29, 37-67, 70, 71	OO; low; RAO, DOSO; 'illegal'	21	DOSO-OO	4.4 ± 1.6	<i>OO + RAO, 90:10</i>
	76	DOSO in OO	23	RAO-OO	9.0 ± 1.5	
23	1, 30-36, 29, 37-67, 70, 71	OO; low; RAO, DOSO; 'illegal'	21	DOSO-OO	13.2 ± 1.6	<i>OO + RAO, 80:20</i>
	76	RAO in OO	24	RAO-OO	22.3 ± 2.7	
24	1, 30-36, 29, 37-67, 70, 71	OO; low; RAO, DOSO; 'illegal'	21	DOSO-OO	19.2 ± 1.6	<i>OO + RAO, 70:30</i>
	76	RAO in OO	24	RAO-OO	22.6 ± 2.7	
25	1, 30-36, 29, 37-55, 70, 71	OO; low; RAO; 'illegal'	24	RAO-OO	12.7 ± 2.7	<i>OO + HR, 95:5</i>
26	1, 30-36, 29, 37-67, 70, 71	OO; low; HR, RAO; 'illegal'	25	RAO-OO	36.2 ± 3.1	<i>OO + HR, 90:10</i>
	75	HR in OO	26	HR-OO	6.4 ± 1.0	
27	1, 30-36, 29, 37-55, 70, 71	OO; low; HR; 'illegal'	26	HR-OO	15.0 ± 1.0	<i>OO + HR, 80:20</i>
			27	HR-OO	20.3 ± 1.3	
28	1, 30-36, 29, 37-55, 70, 71	OO; low; HR; 'illegal'	27	HR-OO	28.3 ± 1.3	<i>OO + HR, 70:30</i>
29	1, 30-36, 29, 37-67, 70, 71	OO; low; RPOO, RAO, DOSO; 'illegal'	13	RPOO-OO	5.2 ± 0.5	<i>OO + RPOO, 95:5</i>
30	1, 30-36, 29, 37-67, 70, 71	OO; low; RPOO, RAO, DOSO; 'illegal'	13	RPOO-OO	10.1 ± 0.5	<i>OO + RPOO, 90:10</i>
31	1, 30-36, 29, 37-67, 70, 71	OO; low; RPOO; 'illegal'	13	RPOO-OO	19.8 ± 0.5	<i>OO + RPOO, 80:20</i>
			14	RPOO-OO	20.4 ± 1.6	
32	1, 30-36, 29, 37-67, 70, 71	OO; low; RPOO; 'illegal'	14	RPOO-OO	30.7 ± 1.6	<i>OO + RPOO, 70:30</i>
33	1, 30-36, 29, 37-55, 70, 71	OO; low; DOSO; 'illegal'	21	DOSO-OO	4.8 ± 1.6	<i>OO + DOSO, 95:5</i>
34	1, 30-36, 29, 37-55, 70, 71	OO; low; DOSO/HOSO; legal-HOSO	17	HOSO-OO	2.0 ± 2.1	<i>OO + DOSO, 90:10</i>
	77	HOSO in OO	18	HOSO-OO	11.2 ± 1.6	
			21	DOSO-OO	12.4 ± 1.6	
35	1, 30-36, 29, 37-55, 70, 71	OO; low; DOSO; 'illegal'	21	DOSO-OO	21.0 ± 1.6	<i>OO + DOSO, 80:20</i>
			22	DOSO-OO	20.1 ± 4.0	
36	1, 30-36, 29, 37-55, 70, 71	OO; low; DOSO/HR; 'illegal'	22	DOSO-OO	35.1 ± 4.0	<i>OO + DOSO, 70:30</i>
	74	DOSO in OO	27	HR-OO	29.4 ± 1.3	



Blind sample	PLS-DA		PLS-R			Description
	Models applied	Predictions	Predicting model	Blend	% VO	
37	1, 2, 25-28, 68, 69	VOO; high; NTSO; legal-NTSO	3	NTSO-VOO	99.4* ± 1.9	<i>Label: EVOO + NTSO, 65:35</i>
38	1, 2, 25-28, 68, 69	VOO; high; NTSO; legal-NTSO	3	NTSO-VOO	104.9* ± 1.9	<i>Label: VOO + Vegetable oil</i>
39	1, 30-36, 29, 37-67, 70, 71 75	OO; low; CO, RAO, HR; ‘illegal’ HR in OO	16	CO-OO	56.4 ± 0.6	<i>Label: EVOO + Rapeseed oil</i>
			27	HR-OO	107.3* ± 1.3	
40	1, 30-36, 29, 56-67, 70, 71	OO; high; NTSO; legal-NTSO	20	NTSO-OO	93.2* ± 2.8	<i>Label: VOO + Rapeseed oil, 80:20</i>
41	1, 30-36, 29, 37-67, 70, 71 75	OO; low; CO, RAO, HR; ‘illegal’ HR in OO	16	CO-OO	52.0 ± 0.6	<i>Label: VOO + Rapeseed oil, 75:25</i>
			27	HR-OO	106.9* ± 1.3	
42	1, 30-36, 29, 37-67, 70, 71 75	OO; low; CO, RAO, HR; ‘illegal’ HR in OO	16	CO-OO	41.6 ± 0.6	<i>Label: VOO + Rapeseed oil, 75:25</i>
			27	HR-OO	95.5* ± 1.3	
43	1, 30-36, 29, 37-67, 70, 71 75	OO; low; CO, RAO, HR, DOSO; ‘illegal’ HR in OO	16	CO-OO	51.2 ± 0.6	<i>Label: VOO + Rapeseed oil, 80:20</i>
			27	HR-OO	106.9* ± 1.3	
44	1, 30-36, 29, 56-67, 70, 71	OO; high; NTSO; legal-NTSO	20	NTSO-OO	93.3* ± 2.8	<i>Label: VOO + Vegetable oil, 80:20</i>

<sup>1</sup> Abbreviations: VOO, virgin olive oil; OO, olive oil; VO, vegetable oil; NTSO, refined conventional sunflower oil (normal type sunflower oil); HOSO, refined high oleic sunflower oil; DOSO, desterolized and deodorized high oleic sunflower oil; HR, refined hazelnut oil; HV, virgin hazelnut oil; S, refined soybean oil; EVAO, virgin avocado oil; RAO, refined avocado oil; RPOO, refined palm olein oil; CO, refined corn oil.

<sup>2</sup> Complementary PLS-DA models: PLS-DA models 74–77 in Table 4, and PLS-DA models 72–73 in Table S1 in Alonso-Salces et al. (2020).

\* Extrapolated results (outside the calibration range).