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2 ***vulgaris* L.) germplasm collection**

3 **Running title: Common beans metabolomics across environments**

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37 **Abstract**

38 Metabolomics is one of the most powerful *-omics* to assist plant breeding. Despite the recognized
39 genetic diversity in Portuguese common bean germplasm, details on its metabolomics profiles are still
40 missing. Aiming to promote their use and to understand the environment's effect in bean
41 metabolomics profiles, 107 Portuguese common bean accessions, cropped under contrasting
42 environments, were analysed using spectrophotometric, untargeted and targeted mass spectrometry
43 approaches. Although genotype was the most relevant factor on bean metabolomics profile, a clear
44 genotype x environment interaction was also detected. Multivariate analysis highlighted, on the heat-
45 stress environment, the existence of higher levels of salicylic acid, and lower levels of triterpene
46 saponins. Three clusters were defined within each environment. White accessions presented the
47 lowest content and the coloured ones the highest levels of prenol lipids and flavonoids. Sources of
48 interesting metabolomics profiles are now identified for bean breeding, focusing either on local or on
49 broad adaptation.

50 **Keywords:** *Phaseolus vulgaris*, metabolomics, diversity, mass spectrometry, multivariate analysis,
51 correlation-based network analysis

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53 **1. Introduction**

54 In the plant kingdom, there is a vast diversity of metabolites, up to 1 000 000 compounds,
55 characterized by distinct chemical structures and present in a large range of concentrations (Obata &
56 Fernie, 2012).

57 These plant metabolites can be classified as primary and secondary metabolites. Although this
58 classification has been considered ambiguous (since the primary metabolites can also participate in
59 plant metabolism as secondary metabolites) traditionally the term primary corresponds to molecules
60 involved in living organisms' growth and survival. The term secondary concerns metabolites formed
61 from the primary ones exerting functions related to environmental conditions' adaptability, such as
62 defense against biotic and abiotic stresses, signaling and metal transport.

63 These secondary metabolites, including phenolic compounds (described as the most representative
64 secondary metabolites found in plants (Lin et al., 2016)), may also exert antioxidant, anti-
65 inflammatory and anti-carcinogenic activities in animal and human health, possessing undeniable
66 economical value for pharmaceutical, nutraceutical and agro-industries (Thirumurugan, Cholarajan,
67 Raja, & Vijayakumar, 2018).

68 Plant metabolomics, as a systematic, untargeted profiling of plant metabolites involved in core
69 essential functions and in plant interactions with their environment have been also used to access the
70 natural variance in metabolite content between individual plants representing a powerful tool to assist
71 the improvement of crops' compositional quality (Schauer & Fernie, 2006; Bueno & Lopes, 2020).

72 Metabolomics studies have been mostly applied to model plant species and major crops such as
73 tomato, rice, maize, wheat (Wu et al., 2018; Shi et al., 2020). Only a few published articles reported
74 the use of *-Omics* in the study of common bean's metabolomics profile (Hernández et al., 2009;
75 Mensack et al., 2010; Perez de Souza et al., 2019).

76 Common bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) represent one of the major grain legumes consumed worldwide
77 for its edible seeds and pods (Zhang, Yasmin, & Song, 2019), being an important source of dietary
78 protein and metabolites with potential health promoting effects, e.g. phenolic compounds and
79 terpenoids (Bueno & Lopes, 2020). Portugal as part of the Iberian Peninsula is considered a secondary

80 center of common bean genetic diversity (Santalla, Rodiño, & De Ron, 2002), with many bean
81 landraces still in cultivation (Leitão, Dinis, Veloso, Šatović, & Vaz Patto, 2017).

82 The first study on common bean metabolomics, using a non-targeted metabolite profiling approach
83 conducted by gas chromatography – mass spectrometry, characterized metabolite profile changes in
84 common bean roots, under phosphorus deficient soil conditions (Hernández et al., 2009). A second
85 study conducted only with six cultivars and not focusing on metabolites identification, associated
86 small molecules to distinct common bean centers of domestication (COD) (Mensack et al., 2010). The
87 most recent study dedicated to the metabolite profiling of different common bean organs (seedlings,
88 roots, leaves, flowers, pods) established, through an integrative network analysis, the tissue and
89 accession specific metabolic diversity (Perez de Souza et al., 2019).

90 Although the genetic diversity of Portuguese common bean germplasm has been extensively
91 recognized (Leitão et al., 2017), so far no study has focused on this germplasm metabolite diversity
92 and/or on the impact of the environment in common bean metabolomics profile diversity.

93 The present study aimed to overcome the lack of knowledge regarding the natural variance in
94 metabolites content of Portuguese common beans, in particular, and on common beans' metabolome
95 variability under challenging environmental conditions, in general. To fulfill these goals common
96 bean dry seeds from a Portuguese germplasm collection (n=107 accessions), cropped under two
97 contrasting environments (traditional *versus* heat stress), were studied.

98 Disclosing the common bean seeds metabolomics profile under contrasting environments will provide
99 useful information to breeders focused on improving common bean crop yields and quality, as well as
100 to farmers facing climate change. This information will be useful to understand the impact of the
101 environment on the beans' metabolome and therefore to predict specific metabolite levels under
102 different environmental conditions. This can have implications on some future cropping adopted
103 measures (e.g. sun exposure, irrigation conditions) in order to obtain an adequate level of specific
104 metabolites. Characterizing Portuguese common beans' metabolome will create the opportunity to
105 introduce the Portuguese common beans into breeding programs with the aim of giving response to a
106 multitude of challenges, such as future warming climate conditions, crop productivity, resilience to

107 biotic and abiotic stresses and the demand of processors and consumers for accessions with attractive
108 nutritional, nutraceutical and sensorial characteristics.

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110 **2. Materials and Methods**

111 **2.1. Chemicals**

112 Folin-Ciocalteu's phenol reagent, sodium carbonate (99%), (+)-catechin (98%), sodium nitrite (97%),
113 aluminium chloride (99.9%), and vanillin (99%) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (St. Louis,
114 USA). Sulphuric acid (95–97%) was purchased from Fluka (Seelze, Germany). Sodium hydroxide
115 (98%) was purchased from Merck (Darmstadt, Germany). Methanol (99.9%) was purchased from
116 Carlo Erba Reagents (Rodano, Italy). Acetonitrile for LC-MS Ultra Chromasolv was purchased from
117 Honeywell Riedel-de HaënTM (Seelze, Germany). Milli-Q[®] water (18.2 MΩ.cm) was obtained in a
118 Millipore – Direct Q3 UV System equipment (Molsheim, France). Formic acid (98%) was obtained
119 from Carl Roth (Karlsruhe, Germany). Eluents A and B used for Q-Orbitrap were from OptimaTM
120 LC/MS Grade, Fisher Scientific (NH, USA). Gallic acid, protocatechuic acid, *p*-hydroxybenzoic acid,
121 sinapic acid, catechin, epicatechin, caffeic acid, *p*-coumaric acid, *t*-ferulic acid, kaempferol, quercetin
122 were obtained from Sigma-Aldrich Co. (Steinheim, Germany).

123 **2.2. Plant material**

124 A total of 107 different common beans (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) accessions was provided by the
125 Research Unit of Biotechnology and Genetic Resources germplasm bank at INIAV (PRT05),
126 Portugal, covering different morphological characteristics (seeds color and size) as well as different
127 gene pool of origin, as described previously (Leitão et al., 2017), **Table S1**. The different accessions
128 were cropped in two contrasting environments, a traditional common bean cultivation environment at
129 Cabrela in Portugal (latitude – 38°52'6.816''N and longitude – 9°21'15.804''W) and a stressful
130 environment at Córdoba in Spain (latitude – 37°53'29.58''N and longitude – 4°46'21.90''W),
131 following a randomized complete block design with two blocks (two biological replicates per
132 accession, each containing 20 plants). The two environments were characterized by different average

133 temperatures (18 – 21 °C, in Cabrela, and 15 – 32°C, in Córdoba), different average relative humidity
134 (66 – 80%, in Cabrela, and 31 – 63%, in Córdoba) and different types of soil (eutric cambisol in
135 Cabrela and fluvisol in Córdoba) (Mecha et al., 2021).

136 **2.3. Samples' preparation and extraction**

137 The mature dried seeds of the viable plants were collected and milled (Falling n° 3100 – Perten,
138 Sweeden) to a particle size of 0.8 mm and stored at -20 °C, until further analysis. Extracts of the
139 milled common bean seeds were prepared in duplicate (technical replicates), as previously described
140 (Mecha et al., 2019). Briefly, one gram of dry whole seed flour was extracted with 20 mL of
141 methanol: water (60:40, v/v) solution, followed by sonication for 60 minutes. After centrifugation at
142 420 x g during 15 minutes, the supernatant was collected and the final volume adjusted to 20 mL. The
143 prepared extracts were filtered through a 0.22 µm 13 mm CA syringe filter (GE Whatman™,
144 Malborough, MA, USA) and kept at -20 °C, until analysis.

145 **2.4. Total phenolic content and total flavonoids content**

146 Total phenolic content (TPC) and total flavonoids content (TFC) were measured by
147 spectrophotometric methods as previously described (Mecha, et al., 2019). For TPC, after testing for
148 the appropriate dilution, 3.5 mL of diluted extract were mixed to 0.100 mL of *Folin-Ciocalteu's*
149 reagent. Sodium carbonate solution (35% w/v), 0.400 mL, was added to the mixture 3 min after. The
150 absorbance was measured, after keeping the mixture during one hour in the dark, at 725 nm, in a
151 Spectrophotometer DU-70 (Beckman®, Brea, CA, USA). A blank of water was also prepared in the
152 same conditions and the gallic acid used as the external standard in a concentration range of 1 – 6
153 mg/L. The final results were expressed as mg of Gallic acid equivalents (GAE) per g of flour dry
154 weight.

155 For TFC, after testing the appropriate dilution, 1 mL of diluted extract was added to 4 mL of Milli-Q®
156 water and 0.300 mL of sodium nitrite (5%, w/v). After 5 min, 0.300 mL of aluminum chloride (10%,
157 w/v) was added and to complete the reaction, after 6 minutes, 2 mL of 1 M sodium hydroxide solution
158 were added. Milli-Q® water was applied to complete a final volume of 10 mL. Absorbance was

159 measured in a Spectrophotometer DU-70 (Beckman[®], Brea, CA, USA), at 510 nm, against water. (+)-
160 Catechin was applied as the external standard in a concentration range of 20 to 100 mg/L and the final
161 results expressed as mg of (+)-catechin equivalents (CE) per g of flour dry weight (DW). The
162 moisture content (%) of the raw flour used in the present study was retrieved from (Mecha et al.,
163 2021) and determined by Near Infrared (NIR) analyser (MPA; Bruker, Billerica, MA, USA).

164 **2.5. Untargeted metabolomics analysis by Q Exactive[™] Focus Hybrid Orbitrap**

165 The analysis of metabolites by untargeted metabolomics, in common bean extracts, was achieved by
166 Orbitrap high-resolution mass spectrometry using a Q Exactive[™] Focus Hybrid Q-Orbitrap (Thermo
167 Scientific, MA, USA). For metabolites separation a XBridge BEH C18 (130 Å, 3.5 µm, 2.1 x 150
168 mm) column (Waters, MA, USA) was used. The elution was ensured with a binary system consisting
169 of 0.1% formic acid in water (eluent A) and 0.1% formic acid in acetonitrile (eluent B), at a constant
170 flow rate of 400 µL/min, during 20 minutes. The following gradient elution programme was applied:
171 gradual increase of eluent B percent (from 1% of B at 1 minute to 99% of B at 13 minutes), followed
172 by a steady percent of 99% of B during 2 minutes. At 15 minutes, the percent of B eluent returned to
173 the initial conditions (1% of B) in one minute (from 99% of B at 15 minutes to 1% of B at 16
174 minutes). These conditions were maintained during 4 minutes before the next analysis starting. The
175 UHPLC system (Dionex UltiMate 3000, Thermo Scientific, MA, USA) was coupled with a Q-
176 Orbitrap mass spectrometer equipped with an electrospray ionization source working in negative and
177 positive modes. The data were acquired in full-MS scan mode (scan range from 75 – 1125 m/z) with a
178 resolution of 70 000 (at 200 m/z), 1x10⁶ automatic gain control (AGC) and internal calibration with
179 lock mass (112.98550 m/z). The identification of compounds was fulfilled by Data-dependent method
180 (ddMS2). The 3 most intense ions were subjected to higher energy collisional dissociation, HCD, 17
181 500 resolution, 20, 40, 60 normalized collision energy (NCE) and 1x10⁵ AGC. The maximum
182 injection time was set at 100 ms and 6 s of dynamic exclusion. A quality control (QC) sample was
183 prepared as a pool of distinct common bean extracts obtained from different common bean accessions
184 (n=32). The selected accessions were characterized by distinct colours, seed size and gene pool of

185 origin, representing 30% of the total number of analysed accessions. In the sequence analysis, the
186 quality control (QC) was analysed at every 63 injections, maximum once per day.

187 **2.5.1. Data processing, identification and relative quantification of compounds**

188 The collected data were analysed using the Finnee2016 toolbox for untargeted metabolomics analysis
189 (Erny, Acunha, Simó, Cifuentes, & Alves, 2016). For more details please see supplementary material
190 for materials and methods, **MMS1**.

191 The final excel file included a total of 1122 compounds (defined by m/z values) aligned accordingly to
192 the retention time for further statistical analysis. For each feature (compound) the coefficient of
193 variation between the obtained areas of the QC samples was lower than 20%.

194 The final excel file was exported to MetaboAnalyst (version 4.0) freely available at
195 <https://www.metaboanalyst.ca/>, for statistical analysis and metabolites selection (Chong et al., 2018).

196 The data were log transformed and pareto-scaled. Multivariate analysis by partial least square-
197 discriminant analysis (PLS-DA) allowed to select the most relevant compounds responsible by
198 genotype, gene pool of origin and environment differences, based on values of variable importance in
199 projection (VIPs) higher than 0.8, as reviewed elsewhere (Mehmood, Liland, Snipen, & Sæbø, 2012).

200 A *Venn* diagram was performed by *Venny* 2.1 (freely available at
201 <https://bioinfogp.cnb.csic.es/tools/venny/> (Oliveros, 2007)) applied as a tool to quickly distinguish the
202 compounds exclusively responsible by genotype, gene pool of origin or environment distinction and
203 the ones shared by the different groups.

204 After confirming the mass of the most abundant isotopes using XCalibur software (Thermo Fisher
205 Scientific, MA, USA), the compounds were identified using the Compound Discoverer software,
206 version 2.1, (Thermo Scientific™, MA, USA).

207 Considering the complexity of *Phaseolus* spp. metabolism it is worthy to notice that a clear
208 identification by untargeted metabolomics can be difficult to attain, since the availability of authentic
209 standards is often limited and the online databases are frequently incomplete or inconsistent.
210 Therefore, to increase accuracy, for the putative identification (annotation) of metabolites, multiple
211 databases were used (Zhou, Wang, & Resson, 2012). The proposed annotations were considered

212 acceptable if there was at least match with one of the online databases (m/zCloud and/or Chemspider);
213 a mass accuracy, $\frac{\text{Predicted } m/z - \text{Observed } m/z}{\text{Predicted } m/z} \times 1000\ 000, \leq 1\ \text{ppm}$ at least in one of the ionization modes;
214 at least one fragment with relation signal-to-noise higher than three, different from the parent ion, in
215 common with the described fragmentation pattern (m/zCloud match score indicating similarity
216 between experimental and described fragmentation spectra and Fragment Ion Search (FISh) scoring
217 algorithm explaining fragment ions based on literature defined chemical reactions) and/or the
218 compound was previously identified in Plantae kingdom and preferentially related to Fabaceae family.
219 Whenever possible, freely available databases and published articles were used for data comparison
220 (Table S2). For reliable annotations and since m/zCloud is a curated database of high-resolution tandem mass
221 spectra, primacy was given to the identification made by this database, namely to compounds with m/zCloud
222 match score higher than 80.0 (Table 1). All the retained fragment ions were characterized by intensity values higher than 10
223 000 counts. Classification of compounds into SuperClass level, Class level and categories within the
224 Class was automated using the web-based application ClassyFire as described elsewhere (Feunang et
225 al., 2016), freely available at <http://classyfire.wishartlab.com/> (Feunang et al., 2016). The relative
226 quantification was conducted by comparison of the percent area of individual compounds considering
227 the different analysed common bean accessions.

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229 **2.6. Targeted metabolomics by UPLC-Q-TOF-MS**

230 For quantification of individual phenolic compounds, the common bean extracts were analysed by
231 targeted metabolomics using UPLC-Q-TOF-MS, in an Agilent 6550 iFunnel Accurate-Mass Q-TOF
232 MS (Agilent, Waldbronn, Germany) equipment, with commercially available standards, following the
233 procedure described elsewhere (Feliciano, Boeres et al., 2016). For more details please see
234 supplementary material for materials and methods, MMS2. The quantified compounds were identified
235 by comparison with the retention time and *m/z* values of the standards. Contents were expressed as μg
236 per gram of raw flour in DW. The quantified concentrations were higher than the MQL previously
237 described (Feliciano, Mecha, Bronze, & Rodriguez-Mateos, 2016). As described above classification

238 of the targeted compounds was also conducted by application of a web-based application, ClassyFire,
239 freely available at <http://classyfire.wishartlab.com/> (Feunang et al., 2016).

240 **2.7. Statistical analysis**

241 Using IBM® SPSS® Statistics, version 22 (IBM®, NY, USA), normality assumption was tested for
242 each analysed parameter (Kolmogorov-Smirnov test at a significance level of 1%, variable's
243 distribution in histogram and normal Q-Q plots) and when necessary different transformations were
244 tested (logarithmic, inverse, square root, cubic root, fourth root and fractional ratio transformations) in
245 order to achieve residuals' normality. Levene's test was used to test homoscedasticity at a significance
246 level of 1%. The impact of the accession, environment, as well as the accession x environment
247 interaction factors, was tested by nested ANOVA at a significance level of 5%. Significant differences
248 were defined by post-hoc Scheffe's test or Games-Howell test, depending, respectively, on the
249 presence or absence of equal variances. Eta² (%) was used to analyse the contribution of the different
250 factors for parameters' variability. The adjusted R² indicated the quality of the models. One-way
251 ANOVA was applied to test significant differences in the studied parameters considering the
252 environmental conditions as a fixed factor and, for each environment, to test the existence of
253 significant differences among the morphological aspects of common bean seeds, such as seed coat
254 colour and seed size, as well as the gene pool of origin, at a significant level of 1%.

255 Multivariate analysis by principal component analysis (PCA) was performed to explore accessions'
256 spatial grouping. The number of retained components was based on the Kaiser's criterion, eigenvalues
257 higher than one, and the retained components applied in articulation with cluster analysis (K-means
258 cluster analysis) to predict clusters' membership. For multivariate analysis purposes only the analysed
259 parameters with communalities above 0.4 in the retained components were considered. The number of
260 clusters was defined by a percentage of explained variance higher than 50%. Leave-one-out cross
261 validation was applied in SPSS to assess the accuracy of the classification model. The probability of
262 membership was determined by discriminant analysis. To sharpen groups' separation and establish
263 correlations between the studied parameters and the defined clusters Partial Least Square –
264 Discriminant Analysis (PLS-DA) was applied using Unscrambler® X 10.4.1, Camo Analytics

265 Software (Oslo, Norway). To facilitate the visualization of differences between clusters a heat map
266 was established considering the relative quantification of the annotated compounds by Orbitrap-MS
267 and the quantified parameters (TPC, TOF and metabolites quantified by Q-TOF-MS). The data
268 collected by untargeted and targeted metabolomics were processed using the Correlation Calculator
269 for Metabolomics data, freely available in the Metscape website (Basu et al., 2017). Metabolites
270 pairwise partial correlations were calculated using DSPC (Debiased Sparse Partial Correlation) in
271 order to measure the association between two metabolites without the confounding effect of all other
272 metabolites related to them (Basu et al., 2017).

273 **3. Results and Discussion**

274 Only few metabolomics studies have been dedicated to the qualitative and quantitative diversity in
275 common bean dry seeds (Llorach et al., 2019) or to the environmental impact, e.g. site of growth,
276 (Quiroz-Sodi, Mendoza-Díaz, Hernández-Sandoval, & Carrillo-Ángeles, 2018), in their metabolomics
277 profiles. In order to enlarge the existent knowledge to increase the efficiency of common bean
278 breeding and production, the present study was conducted with 107 different underexploited
279 Portuguese common bean accessions cropped in two contrasting environments and metabolite profiles
280 from the harvested common bean dry seeds were further analysed by spectrophotometric and LC-
281 Mass spectrometry methodologies.

282 **3.1. Metabolic diversity of common bean dry seeds**

283 The majority of metabolites were identified in the negative ionization mode, since it allows improved
284 sensitivity (ionization efficiency) and lower detection limits, as described by Liigand et al., 2017, for
285 the majority of metabolites non-anthocyanins.

286 Although anthocyanins are the major metabolites responsible by common bean seeds colour, in black,
287 red and speckled common beans (Choung et al., 2003; Kan et al., 2016), herein the anthocyanins were
288 not explored, since the existent online libraries are still limited in anthocyanins annotations and the
289 selected m/z values, by PLS-DA, as the most important compounds responsible by samples'
290 discrimination were mostly non-anthocyanins metabolites. The annotation of metabolites was carried

291 out using available online databases by comparison with mass accuracy, MS spectra and MS/MS
292 fragmentation spectra. By using Q-Orbitrap-MS, 70 compounds, **Table S2**, from a dataset of 827
293 selected compounds were annotated, **Figure S1**. For the compounds' selection, PLS-DA analysis of
294 an initial dataset of 1122 compounds was performed considering the environment, the accession and
295 the gene pool of origin as fixed factors. Only the compounds with VIP scores higher than 0.8
296 (Mehmood et al., 2012) were selected. As shown in *Venn's* diagram, only 35.6 % of the selected
297 compounds were responsible for the common bean samples' discrimination considering accession,
298 gene pool of origin or environmental conditions, **Figure S1**. From the 70 annotated compounds
299 identified in the negative ionization mode only ten of them were concomitantly identified in the
300 positive ionization mode, fifteen and four of the annotated compounds showed respectively in the
301 negative and positive mode reliable annotations with a mass accuracy lower or equal than one ppm
302 and a m/zCloud match score higher than 80.0, **Table 1**, **Figure S2**. As shown in **Table S2**, 42
303 compounds were tentatively described, for the first time, in Fabaceae species, namely in common
304 bean. Although multiple databases were used for compounds identification (Zhou, Wang, & Resson,
305 2012), compounds annotation was impaired by the quality of the MS spectra and MS/MS
306 fragmentation spectra published online. In fact, the previous poor investment in the legume
307 metabolomics research field (only 10699 articles of plant metabolomics from a universe of 1262205
308 articles dedicated to plants at the date of manuscript writing, 09 July 2021) (Pubmed-NCBI) has
309 overall hampered compounds annotation. The annotated compounds, **Figure 1A**, **Figure S3**, were
310 classified, accordingly to the web-based application, ClassyFire, into seven different superclasses:
311 organoheterocyclic compounds; phenylpropanoids and polyketides; organic oxygen compounds;
312 benzenoids; lipids and lipid-like molecules; nucleosides, nucleotides and analogues and into the
313 superclass of organic acids and derivatives. Most of the newly described compounds belonged to
314 phenylpropanoids and polyketides as well as to lipids and lipid-like molecules superclasses. The
315 phenylpropanoid and polyketides superclass was the one with higher diversity of compounds. This
316 vast superclass of compounds comprises the largest pool of secondary metabolites, representing 20%
317 of the total carbon in biosphere (Yu & Jez, 2008). Characterized by an aromatic ring linked to a three-
318 carbon propene chain these compounds derived from deamination of phenylalanine (Fraser &

319 Chapple, 2011), **Figure S4**. With strong effects on plant growth and development, these compounds
320 are also involved in the plant response to biotic and abiotic stresses, contributing to plant
321 environmental adaptability and survival (Vogt, 2010). As shown in **Figure 1B**, the phenylpropanoid
322 and polyketides superclass shares with the benzenoids superclass several metabolic pathways
323 including the alkaloids and terpenoids biosynthesis. Additionally, phenylpropanoid and polyketides
324 participate through the AMPK signalling pathway, **Figure 1B**, on downregulation of processes such
325 as gluconeogenesis, lipid and protein synthesis, promoting fatty acid oxidation and autophagy, which
326 may have interest for the treatment of type II diabetes, obesity and cancer (Jiménez-Sánchez et al.,
327 2017; Thirumurugan et al., 2018). Within this superclass, the flavonoids class was the most abundant
328 with a total of 21 tentatively identified compounds. Flavonoids are known to play several key roles in
329 plants, contributing for the establishment of symbiotic relationships between plants and
330 microorganisms, as well as in plant survival through the action of compounds that may induce insects
331 and herbivores repelling and/or pollinators' attractiveness, e.g. anthocyanins (Ghasemzadeh &
332 Ghasemzadeh, 2011).

333 The second most abundant superclass was the one named as lipids and lipid-like molecules, which
334 included a total of 21 compounds. Into this superclass, the prenol lipids class was one of the most
335 diversified classes with a total of 15 tentatively annotated compounds. Eleven of the 15 compounds
336 were classified as triterpene saponins and triterpenoid compounds. Triterpenes are ubiquitous
337 compounds in the plant kingdom, comprising six isoprene units in their structure. They can act as
338 signalling molecules or as in the case of glycosylated triterpenes (saponins) as protecting compounds
339 against pathogens (Thimmappa, Geisler, Louveau, O'Maille, & Osbourn, 2014). Triterpenes can be
340 biosynthesized through the cytosolic mevalonate (MVA) pathway or alternatively by the plastidial
341 non-mevalonate pathway (2-C-methyl-D-erythritol 4-phosphate/1-deoxy-D-xylulose 5-phosphate),
342 MEP/DOXP pathway, **Figure S4**. Several factors such as light and heat stress affect metabolic routes
343 involved in the delivery and/or competition for carbon precursors (Liu et al., 2019), including the lipid
344 and phenylpropanoid biosynthesis, **Figure S4**. Although a possible connection between the metabolic
345 routes of terpenoids and phenylpropanoids exist, further studies are required to understand the
346 regulation of both pathways (Tholl, 2015).

347 The benzenoids superclass includes compounds described in Kegg and MetaCyc databases as
348 metabolites involved in the shikimate pathway, which participate in the synthesis of compounds with
349 several essential roles in plant physiology (e.g. hormones, folate, amino acids and secondary
350 metabolites biosynthesis). Involved in siderophore group biosynthesis, salicylic acid attenuates plant
351 iron deficiency, especially in calcareous soil, where the availability of Fe (II) is impaired (Bakker,
352 Ran, & Mercado-Blanco, 2014). Salicylic acid as a metabolite produced by the family Fabaceae has
353 also an ecological role in the phytoremediation of contaminated soils participating in the degradation
354 pathways of several soil contaminants/ pollutants such as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, dioxins,
355 toluene, naphthalene and bisphenol, **Figure 1B** (Hall, Soole, & Bentham, 2011; Saibu, Adebusoye, &
356 Oyetibo, 2020).

357 The high qualitative diversity of metabolites described above was identified in the common bean
358 accessions regardless of the cropping environmental conditions.

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360 **3.2. Effect of contrasting environments and accessions in common bean dry seeds metabolomics** 361 **diversity**

362 In the present study although no significant differences were found, under contrasting environments,
363 in the overall total phenolic content (TPC) and total flavonoids content (TFC) determined by
364 spectrophotometric methodologies, the use of hyphenated high-resolution separation techniques with
365 accurate tandem mass spectrometry in conjugation with bioinformatic tools allowed the identification
366 of specific metabolites that could be synergistically involved in common beans heat tolerance, **Table**
367 **S2**. Under heat stress environmental conditions (Córdoba) the relative percent area of individual
368 compounds classified as a pteridine derivative (Cp1), flavonoids (Cp16, Cp43, Cp51 and Cp52),
369 isoflavonoid (Cp44), coumarin (Cp56), stilbene (Cp35), macrolide (Cp66), organo oxygen
370 compounds (Cp3, Cp13), benzenoids (Cp9, Cp42, Cp45), fatty acyls (Cp65, Cp69), prenol lipids
371 (Cp23, Cp38, Cp47, Cp54, Cp67, Cp68, Cp70) and carboxylic acids (Cp53) was significantly higher
372 than in the milder traditional cropping environment of Cabrelá, **Table S3**. The quantified benzenoid

373 compound (Cp72) and cinnamic acid (Cp77) also presented higher concentration in Córdoba than in
374 Cabrela field trial, **Table S4**.

375 Multivariate analysis summarized the common bean dry seeds quantitative metabolomics diversity
376 under contrasting environments (traditional, Cabrela *versus* stressful, Córdoba), **Figure 2**. The
377 principal component analysis (PCA) established in a bi-dimensional space explained 58.4% of the
378 total variance, and showed along the second principal component axis a clear separation in the
379 metabolomics composition of common bean samples cropped under contrasting environmental
380 conditions. Metabolites such as the reliably annotated, triterpene saponin (Cp60), **Table 1**, and the
381 compounds annotated as fatty acyl Cp30 and purine nucleoside Cp26, **Table S2**, contributed to
382 differentiate samples cropped in Cabrela from the ones cropped in Córdoba. The samples collected
383 from Córdoba were projected mostly to the bottom of the representation as a consequence of the
384 contribution of metabolites such as the reliably annotated salicylic acid (Cp42), the organo oxygen
385 compound Cp13, the pteridine derivative Cp1, and the prenol lipid Cp47. The slightly higher
386 contribution of environmental conditions (42 – 43%) to some metabolites variability (e.g. salicylic
387 acid, Cp42, and pteridine compound, CP1) compared to the contributions attributed to accession or to
388 accession x environment interaction, **Figure 3** and **Table S5**, unveiled the importance of these
389 metabolites for common beans' survival and environmental adaptation.

390 The superimposition of the gene pool of origin in the bi-dimensional space indicated a potential trend
391 in the metabolites abundance of common bean accessions classified into different gene pools of origin
392 and cropped into different environmental conditions. On both environments, the common bean
393 accessions classified into the Mesoamerican gene pool of origin were concentrated mostly in the left
394 side of the first principal component axis, being generally characterized, by lower levels of
395 phenylpropanoids and polyketides, total phenolic content (TPC) and total flavonoids content (TFC)
396 than the majority of accessions belonging to other gene pools of origin. Although until now no
397 metabolomics study has been performed in common bean accessions to understand the role of specific
398 metabolites in common beans' heat tolerance, the obtained results are aligned with previous studies
399 performed in other plant species. Under heat stress conditions, the development of reproductive
400 organs and the nodulation process in legumes are impaired which decreases, respectively, the

401 fertilization and the nitrogen fixation (Bhandari et al., 2017). Despite the scarcity of metabolomics
402 studies reporting the specialized effect of individual metabolites in legumes adaptation to challenging
403 environmental stressful conditions, the activation of phenylpropanoid biosynthetic pathway under
404 abiotic stress is well recognized. As a consequence of the phenylalanine ammonia lyase increased
405 activity and polyphenol oxidase decreased activity, phenolic compounds responsible by plant
406 protection against reactive oxygen species accumulate in plant cells, enabling stress tolerance and
407 adaptation to challenging environments (Sharma et al., 2019). Triterpene saponins have also a key
408 role on plant growth and nodulation. Nevertheless, further investigation regarding their impact on
409 plant heat-stress tolerance is still required (Moses, Papadopoulou, & Osbourn, 2014). Regardless of
410 the high relative percent area of lipids and lipid-like molecules superclass, particularly prenol lipids,
411 **Table S3**, in Cabrelá field trial, under heat-stress circumstances (Córdoba), the high percent area of
412 specific lipids and lipid-like metabolites (e.g. Cp23, Cp38, Cp47, Cp54, Cp67, Cp68, Cp70, Cp53)
413 anticipate their important contribute for the establishment and progress of nodulation counteracting
414 the adverse abiotic stress promoted by the temperature rising.

415 The role of metabolites such as pteridines derivatives (Cp1) has been described, in drought stress
416 conditions, as a co-factor for reactive oxygen species (ROS) scavenging enzymes, e.g. glutathione
417 reductase and NADPH-thiol reductase (Deng, Jin, Yang, Lin, & Zhang, 2014) and salicylic acid
418 (Cp42) showed, in wheat, the ability of improving photosynthesis under heat stress conditions through
419 enhancement of proline accumulation and inhibition of ethylene production (Khan, Iqbal, Masood,
420 Per, & Khan, 2013). Metabolomics studies conducted in other plant species such as in the carrots
421 showed the relevance of coumaric and caffeic acid as heat stress protectors (Commisso et al., 2016).

422 Notwithstanding the significantly high accession impact and the A x E interaction contribution
423 relatively reduced, < 20%, for the majority of the studied metabolites, **Figure 3** and **Table S5**, in just
424 a few metabolites such as the annotated compounds, azelaic acid (Cp33), hesperetin (Cp52),
425 succinylsalicylic acid (Cp53), 6,7-Dihydroxy-4-methylcoumarin or isomer (Cp56) and ursolic acid
426 (Cp67), the contribution of A x E interaction to compounds' variability was $\geq 20\%$. These last
427 metabolites could be explored in breeding programs guided for the improvement of common bean

428 varieties' metabolomics profile only under particular homogeneous environments (varieties with local
429 adaptation).

430 Cluster analysis of the PCA factor scores allowed the classification of common bean samples into six
431 different groups, **Table S6**, which showed 98.3% of cross-validated grouped samples correctly
432 classified.

433 The six groups explained 84.8% of the total variability and the difference between them sharpened by
434 PLS-DA, **Figure 4**. The total explained variance of the different analysed parameters (predictors) and
435 clusters (response) attributed to the two first components was respectively, 58% and 35%.

436 Although the common bean samples collected from Cabrela and Córdoba were clearly separated
437 along the second component, the parameters with higher contribution for the first component were
438 particularly relevant to distinguish common bean accessions within each environment. In fact, the
439 spatial distribution of common bean samples from the same accession along the first principal
440 component was quite similar within Cabrela and Córdoba field trials. On both environments, there
441 were three clusters of common bean accessions (clusters 1, 3 and 4 for most of the Cabrela accessions
442 and clusters 2, 5 and 6 for most of the Córdoba accessions) characterized by different metabolites
443 abundance, **Figure 5, Table S7**. Clusters 2 and 3, located in the left side of the first component axis
444 included, respectively, the common bean samples from Córdoba and Cabrela characterized by the
445 lowest levels of TPC, TFC, catechin, epicatechin, annotated phenylpropanoids and polyketides (e.g.
446 procyanidin C1, Cp7, quercetin-3-glucoside, Cp18, phloridzin or isomer, Cp16 and Cp20, quercetin,
447 Cp46, plantagoside, Cp14, Calceolarioside B, Cp12 and phloretin, Cp49) and some specific lipids and
448 lipid-like molecules (e.g. Cp61 and Cp69). The accessions included in these clusters were
449 morphologically characterized by white seed coats. The observed differences in the TPC and TFC
450 values among the diversity of Portuguese common bean seed coat colours, with white accessions
451 showing the lowest content, **Table S8**, has been consistently documented previously in Portuguese
452 (Mecha et al., 2019) accessions. The remaining clusters, morphologically characterized by coloured
453 accessions, showed a huge qualitative and quantitative diversity of metabolites. In opposition to
454 clusters 2 and 3, clusters 6 and 1, included respectively, the common bean accessions from Córdoba
455 and Cabrela with the highest TPC, TFC and annotated phenylpropanoids and polyketides, **Figure 5**.

456 The richness of accessions, included in clusters 6 and 1, in metabolites mainly influenced by the
457 accession factor (e.g. quercetin, Cp46, astragalin, Cp21, phloridzin or isomer, Cp20 and phloretin,
458 Cp49) may have interest for future breeding programs focused in common beans broad adaptation. In
459 fact, phenylpropanoids and polyketides (e.g. phenolic compounds) have been described as
460 fundamental plant metabolites that improve the interaction between plant and rhizobacteria enhancing
461 nutrient uptake and minerals mobilization. As antioxidants these metabolites can also protect plant
462 cells from harmful conditions (e.g. UV radiation, temperature rising) that promote DNA mutations
463 and ROS production (Sharma et al., 2019).

464 However there were huge differences in the abundance of some specific metabolites (e.g. Pteridine
465 derivative, Cp1, benzenoids, Cp9 and Cp42, organooxygen compound, Cp13, and the prenol lipid,
466 Cp23) which stood out in cluster 6, as an adaptation strategy to the environmental conditions. For
467 future breeding programs focused in the development of varieties prone to heat-stress tolerance,
468 breeders should focus mostly in accessions from cluster 6 particularly rich in metabolites, such as the
469 benzenoid salicylic acid (Cp42), the organooxygen compound paeonoside (Cp13), the pteridine
470 derivative Cp1 and the prenol lipid Cp47, with potential impact in common beans adaptability to
471 specific environmental conditions. Cluster 1 included the accessions with the highest abundance of
472 lipids and lipid-like molecules such as Cp61, Cp62, Cp63 as well as the highest abundance of
473 benzenoids Cp73, Cp 28 and Cp37. While Clusters 1 and 6 were mostly composed by common bean
474 accessions of large seed size (80% of the seeds), in the remaining clusters there were a predominance
475 of medium and large seeds. Clusters 5 and 4 included, respectively in Córdoba and Cabrela, the
476 common bean accessions with intermediate abundance of phenylpropanoids and polyketides. Cluster
477 4 stood out by the highest abundance of the triterpene saponins (Cp57, Cp59 and Cp60) and the
478 triterpenoid Cp58, **Figure 5**. Regarding the gene pool of origin, the majority of common bean
479 accessions with Mesoamerican origin were concentrated in clusters 2 and 5 as well as in clusters 3 and
480 4, which corresponded, overall, to clusters of common bean accessions characterized by the lowest or
481 the intermediate abundance of the analysed parameters, as previously described.

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483 **3.3. Integrative approach to metabolite-metabolite interaction**

484 As indicated by the partial correlations established between the analysed metabolites, **Table S9**, there
485 were, strong interactions between the metabolites classified into the same superclass. The
486 phenylpropanoids and polyketides superclass, which included the higher number of metabolites
487 analysed, stood out by the high number of significant partial correlations, higher than 0.75, $p < 0.05$ ($-\log p > 1.30$). The compound annotated as kaempferol (Cp50) established partial correlations higher
488 than 0.75 with astragalin (Cp21), 2'-acetylastragalin (Cp24), luteolin 7-O-(6-O-malonyl- β -glucoside)
489 (Cp25), maesopsin (Cp34), and quercetin (Cp46). The last one was also highly and positively
490 correlated to quercetin-3- β -D-glucoside (Cp18), taxifolin (Cp22) and protocatechuic acid (Cp72). The
491 flavonol compounds, Cp50 and Cp46 share a common molecular backbone C6-C3-C6 consisting of
492 two benzene rings (A and B) connected by a heterocyclic pyrane ring (C) and only few substitutions
493 on the C ring (Cp21, Cp24, Cp18 and Cp22) or on the A (Cp25) rings explain the structure of the
494 highly correlated metabolites. Cp34 and Cp72 classified, respectively, as an aurone flavonoid and as a
495 hydroxybenzoic acid share with the flavonoids Cp50 and Cp46 the same biosynthetic pathway. As
496 shown in **Figure S4**, aurone flavonoids and flavonols are synthesized via the phenylpropanoid
497 pathway from the same precursor, p-coumaroyl-CoA. The dihydroxybenzoic acid, Cp72, can be
498 produced via shikimate/chorismate or via phenylpropanoids (Widhalm & Dudareva, 2015), sharing
499 with flavonoids, such as Cp46, a concomitant increase in their synthesis. This highly positive strong
500 interaction was also observed between other annotated metabolites classified as benzenoids (aurantio-
501 obtusin β -D-glucoside, Cp37, homovanillic acid, Cp28 and syringic acid acetate, Cp9) and
502 phenylpropanoids' metabolites (diosmin, Cp48, 5,7-dihydroxy-4-methylcoumarin or isomer, Cp40,
503 sinapoyl D-glucoside, Cp27 and sinapic acid, Cp79), which supported the existence of common
504 precursors in the metabolic routes responsible by the biosynthesis of metabolites classified into the
505 two distinct superclasses.

507 The negative significant moderate partial correlations (-0.5 to -0.75 , $p < 0.05$), between some
508 metabolites classified into the phenylpropanoids and polyketides superclass (Cp50 *versus* Cp18; Cp50
509 *versus* kaempferol-3-O-rutinoside, Cp36) showed the complexity on the regulation of metabolites
510 characterized by a similar backbone structure. Possible interconversions based on few substitutions at
511 C, A and/or B rings are responsible by differences in the relative metabolites' proportion, in common

512 bean accessions. Such difference might be related to the natural variability in the flavanone-3-
513 hydroxylase (F3H) enzymatic activity as well as in the flavonol UDP-glycosyltransferases among the
514 different common bean accessions. As previously reported in safflower (*Carthamus tinctorius* L.) the
515 existence of differential accumulation patterns of flavonoids could be attributed to different levels of
516 F3H expression (Tu et al., 2016). F3H participates in flavonoid biosynthetic pathway acting in the 3-
517 hydroxylation of flavanones into dihydroflavonols. Low expression of F3H could affect downstream
518 the flavonol (e.g kaempferol) content (Tu et al., 2016). Moreover the qualitative diversity and the
519 natural variability in the expression levels of flavonol UDP-glycosyltransferases (UGTs) could
520 contribute to explain the accumulation of flavonols' glycosylated forms with concomitant reduction of
521 flavonols upstream the flavonol biosynthetic pathway (Su et al., 2018). Besides the negative
522 correlations between metabolites of the same superclass, there were also negative linear correlations
523 established between metabolites of distinct superclasses, especially between compounds from
524 benzenoids (e.g. Cp37) and lipids superclass (e.g. Cp38), as well as between phenylpropanoids (e.g.
525 Cp66) and lipids superclass (e.g. Cp61), **Table S9**. A possible displacement of carbon precursors into
526 the metabolic route of benzenoids and phenylpropanoid synthesis with a simultaneous downregulation
527 in lipids and lipid-like molecules synthesis, **Figure S4**, (Vogt, 2010) could contribute for the observed
528 differences in the proportion of metabolites belonging to distinct superclasses.

529 **4. Conclusions**

530 In the present study conducted with 107 Portuguese common bean accessions, cropped in two
531 contrasting environments, 70 compounds, from an initial dataset of 1122 compounds, classified into
532 seven different superclasses, were annotated. The compounds' annotation, performed by Q-Orbitrap-
533 MS was impaired by the limited diversity of compounds described in available online libraries, as
534 well as by the experimental and reported quality of MS spectra and MS/MS fragmentation spectra.
535 Some of these compounds classified as phenylpropanoids and polyketides as well as lipids and lipid-
536 like molecules were described for the first time in common bean extracts.

537 The multivariate data analysis showed the contribution of factors such as accession, environment and
538 accession x environment interaction to metabolomics variability.

539 Despite the absence of significant differences in the total phenolic and total flavonoid contents
540 determined in common bean accessions cropped under contrasting environments (traditional, Cabrelá,
541 Portugal *versus* heat stress, Córdoba, Spain), there were significant differences in individual
542 metabolites content, namely in benzenoids (e.g. Cp42), lipids and lipid-like molecules (e.g. Cp57,
543 Cp58, Cp59 and Cp60) and in organoheterocyclic compounds (e.g. Cp1).

544 Considering morphological traits such as seed coat colour, the coloured accessions highlighted, in
545 both environments, as the ones with higher percent area of metabolites, including the ones classified
546 as phenylpropanoids. Among coloured common bean accessions, two distinct clusters, based on
547 metabolites abundance, were defined by PLS-DA analysis, within each environment. In relation to the
548 gene pool of origin, accessions with Mesoamerican origin were mostly included in clusters
549 characterized by lower percent area of metabolites than the accessions with an Andean or mixed
550 origin. For the majority of the studied parameters, accession was the factor with the highest
551 contribution ($\text{Eta}^2 > 50\%$) suggesting the high potential of the Portuguese common bean germplasm
552 for future quality breeding programs. Common beans rich in metabolites mainly influenced by
553 accession effect (e.g. astragalín, Cp21; quercetin, Cp46) will be interesting parental lines in breeding
554 programs focused on the development of new varieties characterized by metabolomics profiles
555 associated to higher potential nutraceutical effect, regardless of the environmental conditions where
556 they will be cultivated (breeding for broad adaptation). Conversely, common bean accessions rich in
557 metabolites with contents highly influenced by environmental conditions (e.g. salicylic acid, Cp42)
558 may have interest for the breeding of varieties in challenging heat-stress environments (breeding for
559 local adaptation). The metabolites pairwise partial correlations summarized the complex interactions
560 established between the metabolites included into different superclasses, (defined in accordance to the
561 ClassyFire web-based compounds classification) which contributed to elucidate shared metabolic
562 pathways. Moreover, the list of detailed metabolites characterized in common bean accessions, and
563 presented herein, may represent a starting point for future *in vitro* and *in vivo* studies focused on the

564 impact of single and multiple common beans' metabolites for human health, namely for the
565 prevention of human non-communicable diseases.

566 **Supplementary material:**

567 **MMS1.** Untargeted metabolomics data processing (Finnee2016 toolbox); **MMS2.** Targeted metabolomics by
568 UPLC-Q-TOF-MS; **List of References** (MMS1, MMS2, Table 1 and Table S2); **Table S1.** Morphological
569 aspects of seeds and described gene pool of origin (Mesoamerican; Andean; Mixed) of Portuguese common
570 bean accessions (Leitão, et al., 2017); **Table S2.** Tentative identification of metabolites in common bean
571 accessions using *Compound Discoverer* software. The compounds tentatively identified, by m/zCloud and/or
572 Chemspider (CS) identifications (ID), using the negative and/or positive electrospray ionization modes (ESI –
573 and/or ESI+) are presented. The majority of tentative identifications were achieved in the negative ionization
574 mode. For few compounds, the data collected in negative and positive ionization modes are presented. For more
575 details about the references please consult the list provided in Supplementary material; **Table S3.** Comparison
576 of compounds' relative quantification, %, (average \pm standard deviation, SD) determined in common bean
577 accessions, cropped under contrasting environmental conditions, using Orbitrap-MS. ^{a,b} significant differences
578 ($p < 0.01$) *Below limit of quantification; **Table S4.** Total phenolic content (TPC) in mg GAE/g DW, total
579 flavonoids content (TFC) in mg CE/g DW and quantification of individual metabolites (Cp71, Cp72, Cp73,
580 Cp74, Cp75, Cp76, Cp77, Cp78, Cp79, Cp46 and Cp50), average \pm SD, by UPLC-Q-TOF-MS in $\mu\text{g/g}$ DW,
581 determined in the Portuguese common bean accessions cropped in in contrasting environments (1, Cabrela and
582 2, Córdoba). ^{a,b} significant differences between average values *Below the limit of quantification (Feliciano,
583 Mecha, et al., 2016); **Table S5.** Detailed information regarding the impact of accession (A), environment (E),
584 block within environment (B(E)) and accession x environment (AxE) interaction in common beans' metabolites
585 variability; **Table S6.** Classification of common bean accession in the different clusters (CL1 – CL6). Values in
586 bold indicate probabilities of memberships higher than 0.5000; **Table S7.** Common bean clusters, per
587 environment, considering the parameters relevant for the two first principal components (communalities higher
588 than 0.4). All the results were expressed as average \pm standard error of mean (SEM). For Cp72, Cp73, Cp74 and
589 Cp76 the results were presented as $\mu\text{g/g}$ DW. For total phenolic content (TPC) and total flavonoids content
590 (TFC) as mg of gallic acid equivalents (GAE)/ g dry weight (DW) and mg of catechin equivalents (CE)/g DW,
591 respectively. The remaining parameters were expressed as percent areas (%); **Table S8.** Total phenolic content
592 (TPC) in mg GAE/g DW, total flavonoids content (TFC) in mg CE/g DW, relative quantification of metabolites'
593 superclasses in % and quantification of phenolic compounds (Cp71, Cp72, Cp73, Cp74, Cp75, Cp76, Cp77,

594 Cp78, Cp79, Cp46 and Cp50) in $\mu\text{g/g}$ DW, average \pm standard deviation (SD), considering the white and
595 coloured common bean accessions cropped in the two contrasting environments (Cabrela and Córdoba); **Table**
596 **S9**. Partial correlations and correspondent significance ($-\log_{10}$ p-value) determined between pairs of annotated
597 metabolites by DSPC (Debiased Sparse Partial Correlation); **Figure S1**. Venn diagram showing the number of
598 selected compounds related with differences in accessions, cropping environment and common beans gene pool
599 of origin. The number of compounds shared by the different factors is shown in the intersection zones. The
600 number underlined inside squares indicates the number of compounds with acceptable annotations; **Figure S2**.
601 MS and MS² spectra of the annotated metabolites with mass accuracy (Δ mass) lower than 1 ppm and *mzCloud*
602 match score higher than 80.0, in common bean accessions using *Compound Discoverer* software. MS² spectra of
603 annotated compounds were compared to the described spectra in online libraries (*m/z* Cloud and ChemSpider);
604 **Figure S3**. Molecular structure of identified common bean metabolites, organized into the different compounds'
605 classes; **Figure S4**. Simplified representation of the metabolic pathways involved in common bean metabolites'
606 synthesis (G-6-P, glucose-6-phosphate; Ribulose 5-P, ribulose 5-phosphate; Erythrose-4-P, erithose-4-phosphate;
607 Glyceraldehyde 3-P, glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate; Pentose-P, pentose-phosphate; MEP/DOXP, 2-C-methyl-D-
608 erythritol 4-phosphate/1-deoxy-D-xylulose 5-phosphate ; VLCFA, very long chain fatty acids; L-Phe, L-
609 Phenylalanine), adapted (Vogt, 2010).

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Table 1. Tentative identification of metabolites, with mass accuracy (Δ mass) lower than 1 ppm and m/z Cloud match score higher than 80.0, in common bean accessions using *Compound Discoverer* software. For more details about the references please consult the list provided in Supplementary material. Consult **Table S2** for information regarding the remaining annotated metabolites

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Phenylpropanoids and polyketides	Flavonoids (Flavonoid-3-O-glycosides)	Cp15	Rutin	C ₂₇ H ₃₀ O ₁₆	7.224	-	609.14600	610.15338	610.15323	0.26	90.7	22.86	63.02348; 65.00316; 71.01135; 83.01385 (C ₈ H ₇ O ₂); 93.03432; 107.01379; 108.02193 (C ₆ H ₅ O ₂); 109.02912; 119.05016; 121.02897; 125.02473 (C ₆ H ₅ O ₃); 148.01617; 151.00362 (C ₇ H ₅ O ₄); 163.00389; 165.01881; 177.01878; 178.99857; 185.06102; 187.04041; 199.03963; 211.04004; 226.02658; 227.03464; 243.02951; 245.04579 (C ₁₃ H ₉ O ₅); 254.02158; 255.02982; 271.02478; 271.06067; 272.03287; 283.02481; 299.01941; 300.0275 (C ₁₅ H ₈ O ₇); 301.03555 (C ₁₅ H ₈ O ₇); 609.14624 (C ₂₇ H ₂₉ O ₁₆)	m/z Cloud (28) CS (4444362)	(Dueñas et al., 2015) (Common bean)
		Cp18	Quercetin-3 β -D-glucoside or isomer	C ₂₁ H ₂₀ O ₁₂	7.388	+	465.10266	464.09548	464.09546	0.04	99.3	62.50	53.03882; 55.01797 (C ₃ H ₃ O); 57.03354 (C ₃ H ₃ O); 61.02851 (C ₂ H ₂ O ₂); 65.03843; 68.99693 (C ₃ H ₃ O ₂); 69.03353 (C ₃ H ₃ O); 71.04902; 73.02831 (C ₃ H ₃ O ₂); 81.03361 (C ₃ H ₃ O); 83.01222; 83.36504; 84.26059; 85.02836 (C ₄ H ₃ O ₂); 87.04388 (C ₄ H ₃ O ₂); 91.03872 (C ₃ H ₃ O ₃); 93.03338; 97.02830 (C ₃ H ₃ O ₂); 99.04412 (C ₃ H ₃ O ₂); 108.24567; 109.02860 (C ₆ H ₅ O ₂); 111.00771 (C ₃ H ₃ O ₃); 119.29704; 121.02814 (C ₇ H ₅ O ₂); 123.50369; 127.03898 (C ₆ H ₅ O ₃); 137.02318 (C ₇ H ₅ O ₃); 145.04955 (C ₆ H ₅ O ₄); 145.06482; 149.02348 (C ₈ H ₅ O ₃); 153.01817 (C ₇ H ₅ O ₄); 155.04997; 159.36479; 163.03905; 164.88551; 165.01794 (C ₈ H ₅ O ₄); 173.05930; 183.02849; 183.04318; 187.03889; 190.98940; 195.02887 (C ₈ H ₅ O ₄); 201.05424; 205.04939; 219.06479; 228.04182; 229.04921; 247.05968 (C ₁₃ H ₁₁ O ₈); 257.04413; 274.04538; 285.03873 (C ₁₃ H ₉ O ₆); 286.04498; 303.04953 (C ₁₅ H ₁₁ O ₇); 304.05255; 360.00449	m/z Cloud (1472) CS (4444361)	(Dueñas et al., 2015) (Common bean)
		Cp21	Astragalín (Kaempferol-3-O-glucoside)	C ₂₁ H ₂₀ O ₁₁	7.669	-	447.09302	448.10056	448.10031	0.55	82.7	17.11	63.02389; 65.00321; 83.0136; 91.01852; 93.03452; 107.01379; 108.02133; 109.02919; 117.03447 (C ₈ H ₇ O); 125.02403; 132.02153; 135.00864; 137.02403; 143.05026; 145.02919; 151.00366; 153.019; 154.04243; 155.04982; 157.0659; 159.04495; 163.00334; 164.01151; 165.01952; 167.0497; 169.06581; 171.04466; 174.03226; 178.99818; 182.03697; 183.04501; 185.02484; 185.06064; 187.0399; 189.05603; 190.99911; 195.04393; 197.06096; 199.04019; 200.04802; 201.0553; 210.03252; 211.03999; 212.04787; 213.01994; 213.05571; 214.02745; 215.035; 226.02658; 227.03491; 228.04253; 229.05031 (C ₁₃ H ₉ O ₄); 239.03462; 240.04268; 241.05019; 243.02991; 255.02974 (C ₁₄ H ₇ O ₅); 256.03751; 257.04535 (C ₁₄ H ₉ O ₅); 267.02914; 269.04529 (C ₁₅ H ₉ O ₅); 283.02496; 284.0325 (C ₁₅ H ₁₈ O ₆); 285.04034 (C ₁₅ H ₉ O ₆); 299.05554; 327.05203; 447.09299 (C ₂₁ H ₁₉ O ₁₁)	m/z Cloud (8165) CS (4445311)	(Lin et al., 2008) (Common bean)
		Cp22	Taxifolin	C ₁₅ H ₁₂ O ₇	7.678	+	305.06552	304.05830	304.05811	0.63	98.1	69.70	111.0439 (C ₆ H ₇ O ₂); 121.0285 (C ₇ H ₅ O ₂); 123.0441 (C ₇ H ₅ O ₂); 139.0394 (C ₇ H ₇ O ₃); 149.0235 (C ₈ H ₇ O ₃); 153.0183 (C ₇ H ₅ O ₄); 161.0235 (C ₈ H ₅ O ₃); 167.0339 (C ₈ H ₇ O ₄); 185.0599; 195.0287 (C ₉ H ₇ O ₅); 213.0548 (C ₁₃ H ₉ O ₅); 231.0652 (C ₁₃ H ₁₁ O ₄); 259.0600 (C ₁₄ H ₁₁ O ₅); 287.0548 (C ₁₅ H ₁₁ O ₆); 305.0652 (C ₁₅ H ₁₃ O ₇)	m/z Cloud (3490) CS (388626)	(Ombra et al., 2016) (Common bean)
		Cp46	Quercetin	C ₁₅ H ₁₀ O ₇	8.761	-	301.03510	302.04265	302.04246	0.65	94.2	15.38	63.02383; 65.00312; 65.00629; 83.01382; 93.03444; 107.01377; 109.02908; 121.02931; 124.01637; 139.03981; 149.02422 (C ₈ H ₅ O ₃); 151.00354 (C ₇ H ₅ O ₄); 159.04453; 161.02376; 164.01181; 169.01451; 178.99828; 187.03966; 193.0139; 201.05533; 227.03516; 229.04999; 245.04446; 255.02936; 273.03983 (C ₁₄ H ₉ O ₆); 301.0351 (C ₁₅ H ₉ O ₇)	m/z Cloud (27) CS (12269344)	(López et al., 2013) (Common bean)
					+	303.04959	302.04265	302.04231	1.12	98.6	54.55	65.03845 (C ₃ H ₃); 68.99716 (C ₃ H ₃ O ₂); 93.03331 (C ₆ H ₅ O); 95.04880; 109.02841 (C ₆ H ₅ O ₂); 111.00748 (C ₅ H ₅ O ₃); 115.05424; 121.02830 (C ₇ H ₅ O ₂); 123.04385 (C ₇ H ₅ O ₂); 131.04883; 137.02330 (C ₇ H ₅ O ₃); 145.06441; 149.02342 (C ₈ H ₅ O ₃); 151.03865 (C ₈ H ₇ O ₃); 153.01826 (C ₇ H ₅ O ₄); 155.04915; 159.04407; 161.05884; 163.03882 (C ₈ H ₇ O ₃); 165.01797 (C ₈ H ₅ O ₄); 166.02570 (C ₈ H ₅ O ₄); 173.05937; 179.03448; 183.02866; 183.04422; 187.04001; 191.03358; 195.02794; 201.05464 (C ₁₂ H ₉ O ₃); 219.06552 (C ₁₂ H ₁₁ O ₄); 228.04173 (C ₁₃ H ₈ O ₄); 229.04933 (C ₁₃ H ₉ O ₄); 247.05934; 257.05081 (C ₁₄ H ₁₀ O ₆); 274.04700 (C ₁₄ H ₁₀ O ₆); 285.03879 (C ₁₅ H ₉ O ₆); 303.04968 (C ₁₅ H ₁₁ O ₇); 303.17813			

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Phenylpropanoids and polyketides	Cp50	Kaempferol	C ₁₅ H ₁₀ O ₆	9.404	+	287.05469	286.04774	286.04762	0.40	99.5	51.11	68.99722 (C ₃ HO ₂); 79.05413; 105.03358 (C ₇ H ₅ O); 107.04905 (C ₇ H ₇ O); 109.02851 (C ₆ H ₅ O ₂); 111.00774 (C ₈ H ₃ O ₃); 121.02856 (C ₇ H ₅ O ₂); 133.02863 (C ₈ H ₅ O ₂); 137.02344 (C ₇ H ₅ O ₃); 147.04431 (C ₉ H ₇ O ₂); 153.01840; 157.06502; 160.97350; 161.97682; 165.01855 (C ₈ H ₅ O ₄); 171.04436; 183.02901; 185.05959; 213.05467 (C ₁₃ H ₉ O ₃); 231.06577 (C ₁₃ H ₁₁ O ₄); 241.04932 (C ₁₄ H ₉ O ₄); 258.05252 (C ₁₄ H ₁₀ O ₃); 259.05954 (C ₁₄ H ₁₁ O ₃); 287.05499 (C ₁₅ H ₁₁ O ₆); 287.14081	m/z Cloud (966) CS (4444395)	(López et al., 2013) (Common bean)
	Cp32	Genistein	C ₁₅ H ₁₀ O ₅	8.098	-	269.04523	270.05282	270.05257	0.94	87.3	13.33	91.01887; 133.0294; 135.00899; 153.01956; 157.06618; 169.06619; 180.05835; 181.06633; 183.04524; 197.06108; 199.03879; 207.04538; 225.05507; 241.05103 (C ₁₄ H ₉ O ₄); 269.04535 (C ₁₅ H ₉ O ₅)	m/z Cloud (24) CS (4444448)	(López et al., 2013) (Common bean)
	Cp39	Daidzein	C ₁₅ H ₁₀ O ₄	8.524	-	253.05034	254.05791	254.05766	0.96	95.7	33.33	91.01878 (C ₆ H ₆ O); 132.0215; 133.02974; 135.00883 (C ₇ H ₅ O ₃); 135.04501; 195.04478 (C ₁₃ H ₇ O ₂); 196.05251; 197.06056; 208.05275; 209.06039; 223.04062 (C ₁₄ H ₇ O ₃); 224.04826; 225.05556; 252.04214; 253.0504 (C ₁₅ H ₉ O ₄)	m/z Cloud (680) CS (4445025)	(López et al., 2013) (Common bean)
	Cp44	Glycitein	C ₁₆ H ₁₂ O ₅	8.633	-	283.06097	284.06847	284.06824	0.81	80.4	4.55	91.01885; 108.02149; 132.02179; 135.00879; 148.0166; 153.01938; 156.05812; 160.01695; 183.04543; 184.05299; 195.04518; 196.05325; 211.04012; 212.04794; 223.04013; 224.04764; 239.03484; 240.04282; 251.03471; 267.02979; 268.03754; 283.0611 (C ₁₆ H ₁₁ O ₅)	m/z Cloud (428)	(Yang, Gan, Ge, Zhang, & Corke, 2018) (common beans)
Benzene derivatives M-methoxybenzoic acids derivatives	Cp34	Maesopsin (2,4,6-Trihydroxy-2-(4-hydroxybenzyl)-1-benzofuran-3(2H)-one)	C ₁₅ H ₁₂ O ₆	8.206	-	287.05591	288.06339	288.06319	0.69	94.1	2.78	57.03433; 63.02388; 65.0032; 81.03452; 83.01379; 93.034; 107.0138; 107.04974; 109.02916; 121.02886; 123.04467; 124.01658; 125.0243; 131.0499; 133.0302; 134.03682; 135.04494; 151.00362; 152.01143; 153.01945; 156.05838; 157.06549; 159.04526; 172.05269; 173.06056; 177.05565; 178.99837; 199.07549; 201.05568; 213.05539; 215.07123; 241.05026; 243.06662; 259.06094; 269.04568; 287.056 (C ₁₅ H ₁₁ O ₆)	m/z Cloud (7874) CS (141288)	(Thuy et al., 2016) (<i>Artocarpus tonkinensis</i>)
	Cp6	Vanillic acid	C ₈ H ₈ O ₄	6.379	-	167.03491	168.04226	168.04216	0.57	87.3	50.00	108.02164 (C ₆ H ₆ O ₂); 123.0444; 152.01141 (C ₇ H ₄ O ₄); 167.03424	m/z Cloud (1471) CS (8155)	(Díaz-Batalla, Widholm, Fahey, Castaño-Tostado, & Paredes-López, 2006) (Common bean)
Benzene and substituted derivatives (Salicylic acid)	Cp42	Salicylic acid	C ₇ H ₆ O ₃	8.589	-	137.02420	138.03169	138.03158	0.84	98.5	85.71	65.0396 (C ₅ H ₅); 93.03452 (C ₆ H ₅ O); 136.86255; 137.02434 (C ₇ H ₅ O ₃)	m/z Cloud (643) CS (331)	(Radwan, Lu, Fayez, & Mahmoud, 2008) (<i>Vicia faba</i>)

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Lipids and lipid-like molecules	Fatty acyls (Medium chain fatty acids)	Cp30	Suberic acid	C ₈ H ₁₄ O ₄	7.452	-	173.08174	174.08921	174.08909	0.70	93.3	66.67	57.03433; 83.05014; 109.0658 (C ₇ H ₉ O); 111.0814 (C ₇ H ₁₁ O); 129.0919; 173.0817 (C ₈ H ₁₃ O ₄)	m/z Cloud (1393) CS (10025)	(FooDB_1.0) FDB003340 (Food and Fabaceae plants)
		Cp31	2-hydroxycaproic acid	C ₆ H ₁₂ O ₃	8.013	-	131.07123	132.07864	132.07855	0.68	87.0	50.00	68.99545; 85.0658 (C ₅ H ₆ O); 87.04478; 131.07123 (C ₆ H ₁₁ O ₃)	m/z Cloud (153) CS (90191)	(FooDB_1.0) FDB022697 (Food)
		Cp33	Azelaic acid	C ₉ H ₁₆ O ₄	8.118	-	187.09749	188.10486	188.10473	0.68	96.3	60.00	57.03428; 69.03455; 83.05016; 95.05 (C ₆ H ₇ O); 97.06575; 123.08144 (C ₈ H ₁₁ O); 125.097 (C ₈ H ₁₃ O); 143.10765 (C ₈ H ₁₃ O ₂); 169.08716 (C ₉ H ₁₅ O ₃); 187.09734 (C ₉ H ₁₅ O ₄)	m/z Cloud (331) CS (2179)	(FooDB_1.0) FDB012192 (Food and Fabaceae plants)
	Fatty acyls (Long chain fatty acids)	Cp69	16-Hydroxyhexadecanoic acid	C ₁₆ H ₃₂ O ₃	15.352	-	271.22766	272.23514	272.23489	0.93	91.2	55.56	116.92824; 223.20638; 225.22226 (C ₁₅ H ₂₉ O); 253.21724 (C ₁₆ H ₂₉ O ₂); 271.22763 (C ₁₆ H ₃₁ O ₃)	m/z Cloud (2551) CS (10034)	(HMDB) HMDB000629 4 (ChEBI) ChEBI 55328 (Plants)
	Prenol lipids (Triterpene saponins)	Cp60	(3β,5ξ,9ξ,18ξ)-22-Hydroxyolean-12-en-3-yl 6-deoxy-α-L-mannopyranosyl-(1->2)hexopyranosyl-(1->2)-β-D-glucopyranosiduronic acid	C ₄₈ H ₇₈ O ₁₇	10.430	-	925.51642	926.52390	926.52368	0.24	94.8	65.12	67.0188 (C ₄ H ₅ O); 68.99813 (C ₃ H ₃ O ₂); 69.03454; 71.01375 (C ₃ H ₃ O ₂); 72.99297 (C ₂ H ₃ O ₃); 73.02941 (C ₃ H ₃ O ₂); 75.00863 (C ₂ H ₃ O ₃); 83.01382 (C ₄ H ₅ O ₂); 85.0294 (C ₄ H ₅ O ₂); 86.00087 (C ₃ H ₃ O ₃); 87.00861 (C ₃ H ₃ O ₃); 87.04495; 89.02431 (C ₃ H ₃ O ₃); 95.01371; 97.02949 (C ₃ H ₃ O ₂); 99.00867 (C ₄ H ₅ O ₃); 99.04505 (C ₃ H ₃ O ₂); 101.02426 (C ₄ H ₅ O ₃); 103.03989 (C ₄ H ₇ O ₃); 111.00871; 112.01671; 113.02428 (C ₃ H ₃ O ₃); 115.0036 (C ₄ H ₅ O ₄); 115.03993 (C ₃ H ₃ O ₃); 119.03474; 125.02441 (C ₄ H ₅ O ₃); 127.04015 (C ₆ H ₇ O ₃); 131.03481; 139.00389 (C ₆ H ₇ O ₄); 143.03481 (C ₆ H ₇ O ₄); 145.05037 (C ₆ H ₇ O ₄); 157.01384 (C ₆ H ₇ O ₃); 161.04543 (C ₆ H ₇ O ₃); 163.06107; 205.07155 (C ₈ H ₁₃ O ₆); 423.33044; 439.35764; 509.3996; 599.39862; 833.39819; 879.41077; 907.50928; 925.51624 (C ₄₈ H ₇₇ O ₁₇)	m/z Cloud (8183) CS (22913504)	-
	Prenol lipids (Triterpene saponins)	Cp67	Ursolic acid	C ₃₀ H ₄₈ O ₃	14.767	-	455.35272	456.36035	456.35995	0.87	80.5	33.33	79.9569; 319.22989; 455.35263 (C ₃₀ H ₄₇ O ₃)	m/z Cloud (771) CS (58472)	(Seo et al., 2018) (Fruits and vegetables)

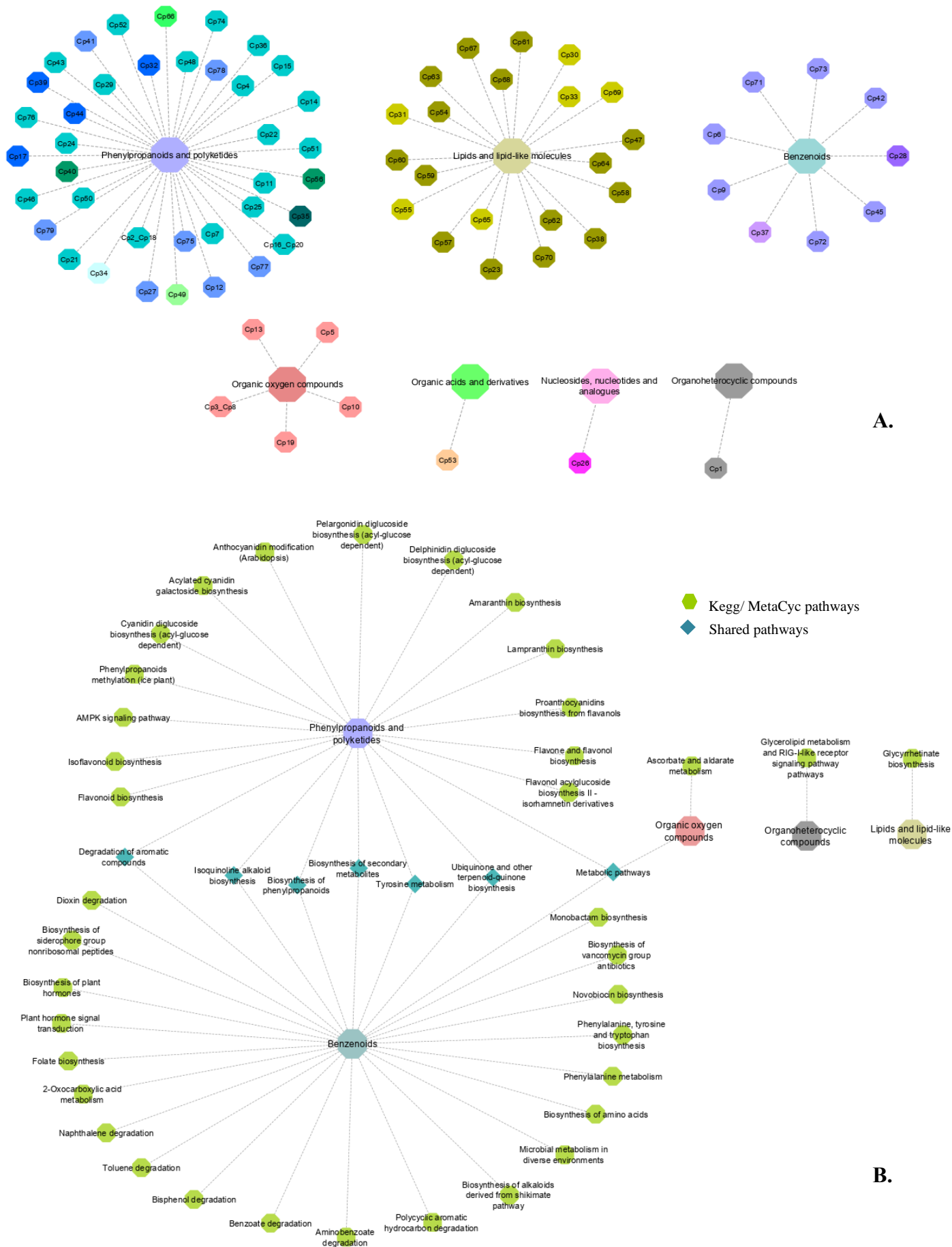


Figure 1. A. Classification of metabolites into different superclasses. **B.** Schematic representation of the described pathways in which the different superclasses of metabolites participate.

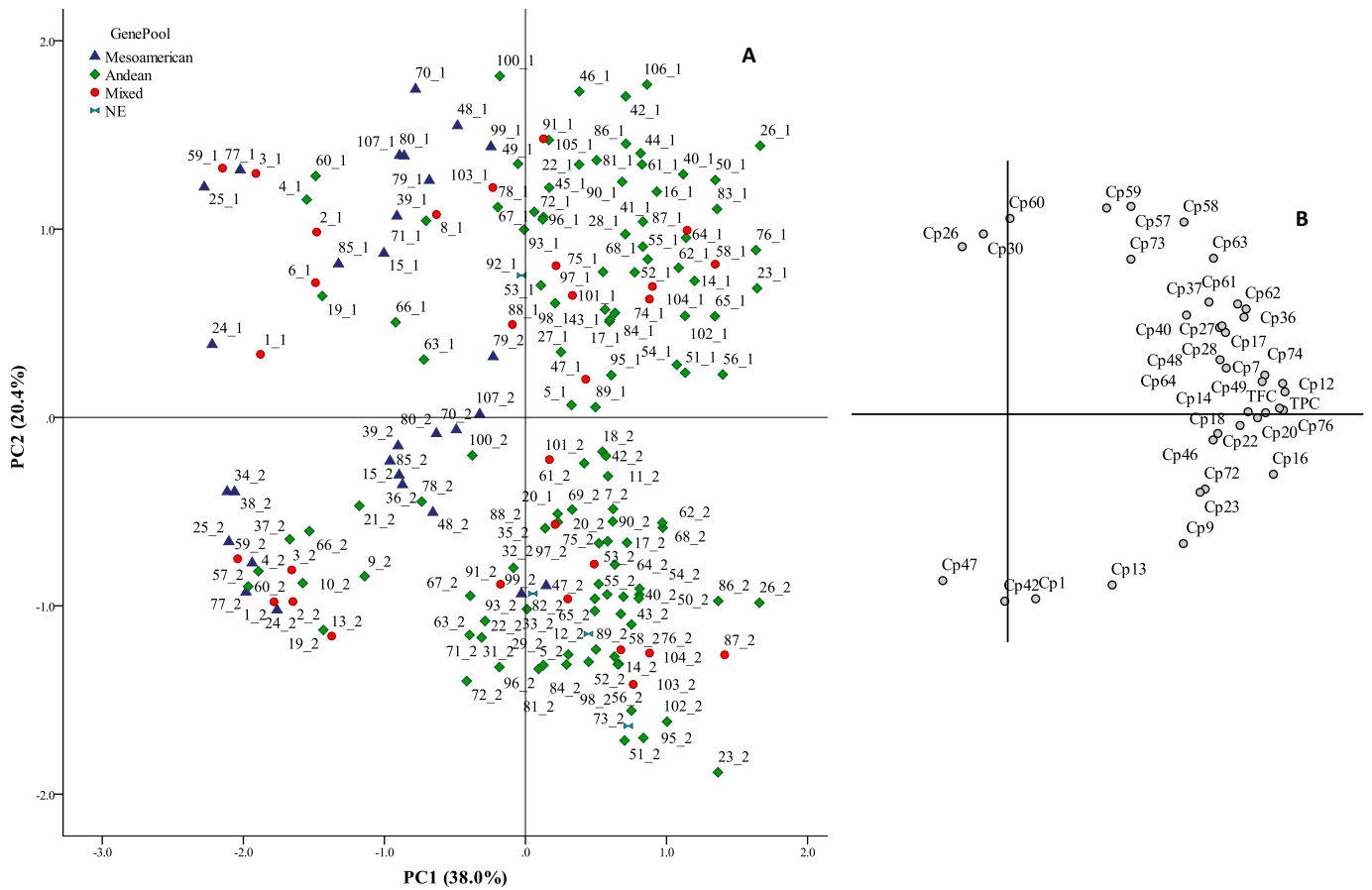


Figure 2. A. Score plot obtained by principal component analysis (PCA), showing common bean accessions, cropped in contrasting environments. The different accessions were named by the numbers attributed in **Table S1**, followed, after underscore, by the corresponding environment (1-Cabrela and 2-Córdoba). The gene pool of origin of the different accessions, Mesoamerican, Andean, mixed and NE – not evaluated, was superimposed in the representation using different symbols and colours. B. Correlation loading plot of parameters responsible by common bean accessions' projection, including TPC, total phenolic content; TFC, total flavonoid content; the area of compounds, named in accordance to **Table 1**, quantified by Q-Orbitrap-MS and the absolute concentration of compounds, named in accordance to **Table S5**, quantified by Q-TOF-MS.

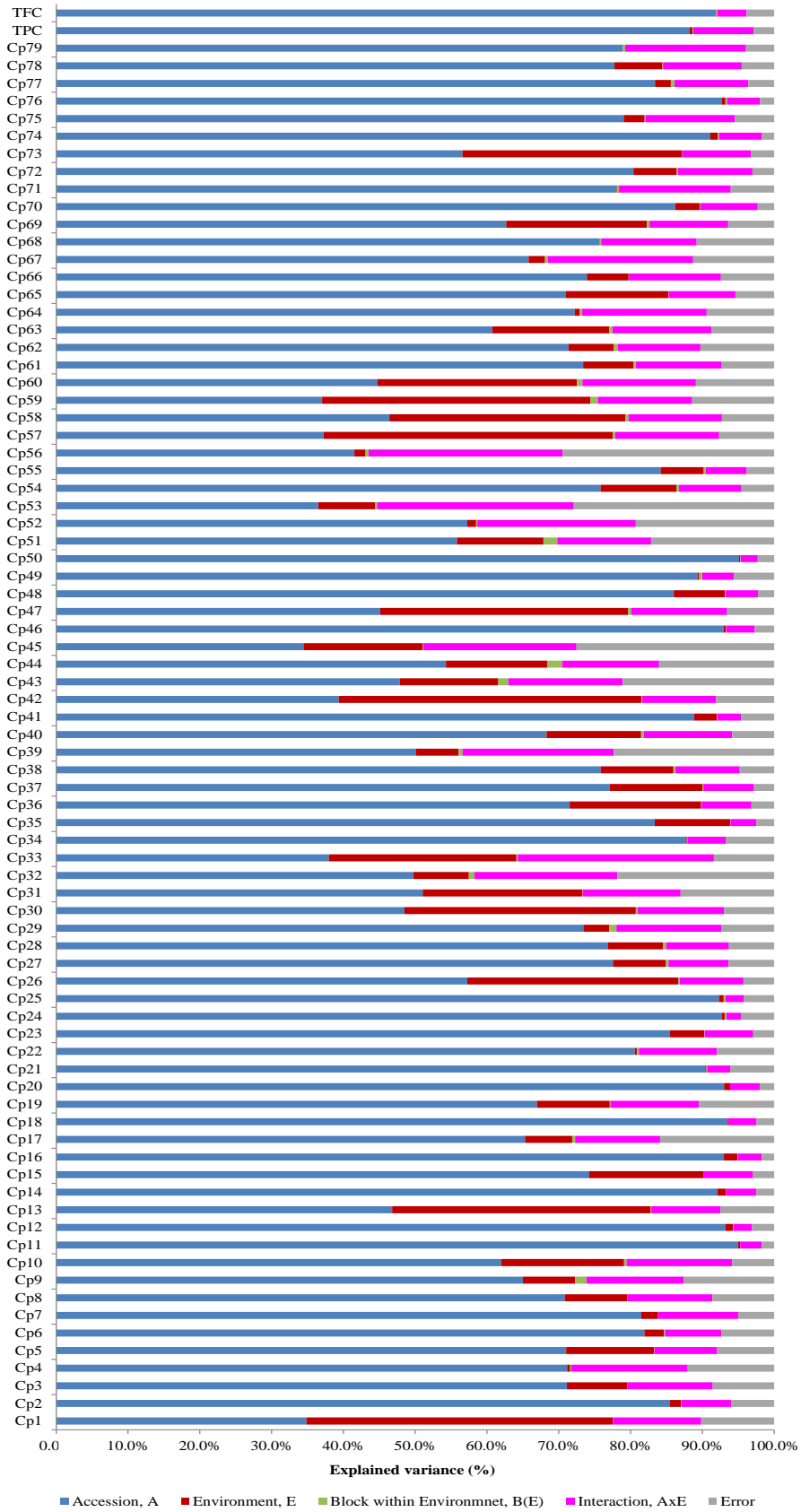


Figure 3. Contribution in % of **accession (A)**, **environment (E)**, **block within environment (B(E))**, and **accession x environment (AxE)** interaction to the variability of the analysed parameters.

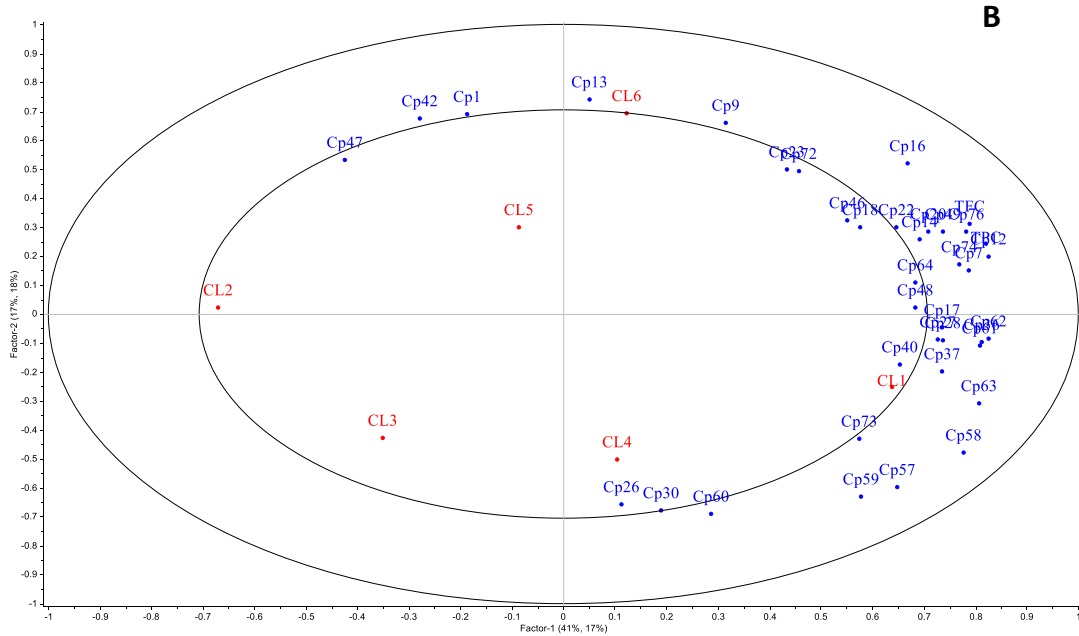
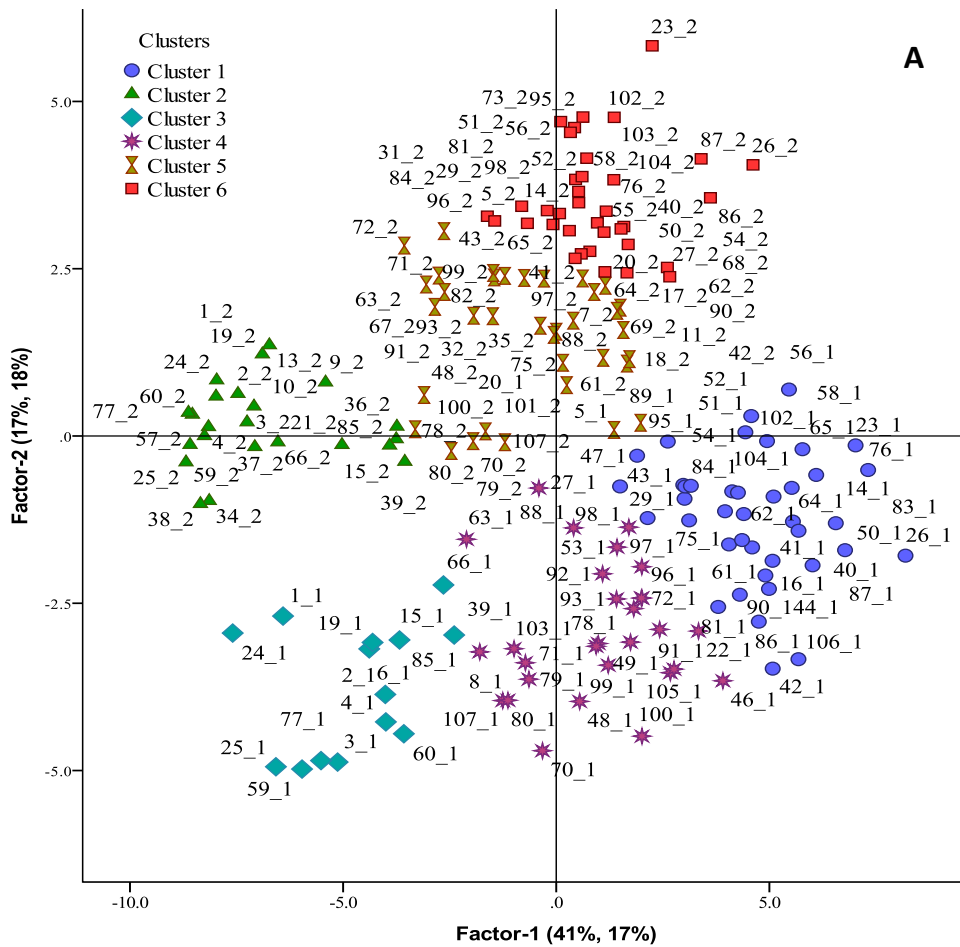


Figure 4. A. Score plot of common bean accessions, obtained by partial least square – discriminant analysis (PLS_DA), showing common bean accessions cropped in Cabela and Córdoba, grouped into different clusters along the two first factors. The explained variance (%) of predictors (X variables) and responses (Y variables) attributed to the first and second component, factor # (X%, Y%), are shown in the figure. The different common bean accessions were named as reported in **Figure 2. B.** Correlation loading plot of clusters and parameters, named in accordance to **Figure 2.** The majority of parameters were located between the inner and outer (50 and 100%) explained circles. $R^2(X) = 0.5840$; $R^2(Y) = 0.3474$; $RMSECV = 0.2988$; $RMSEC = 0.2934$; $Q^2 = 0.1331$ and $R^2-Q^2 = 0.2143$, difference < 0.3 (Kiralj & Ferreira, 2009), indicate the quality of the model.

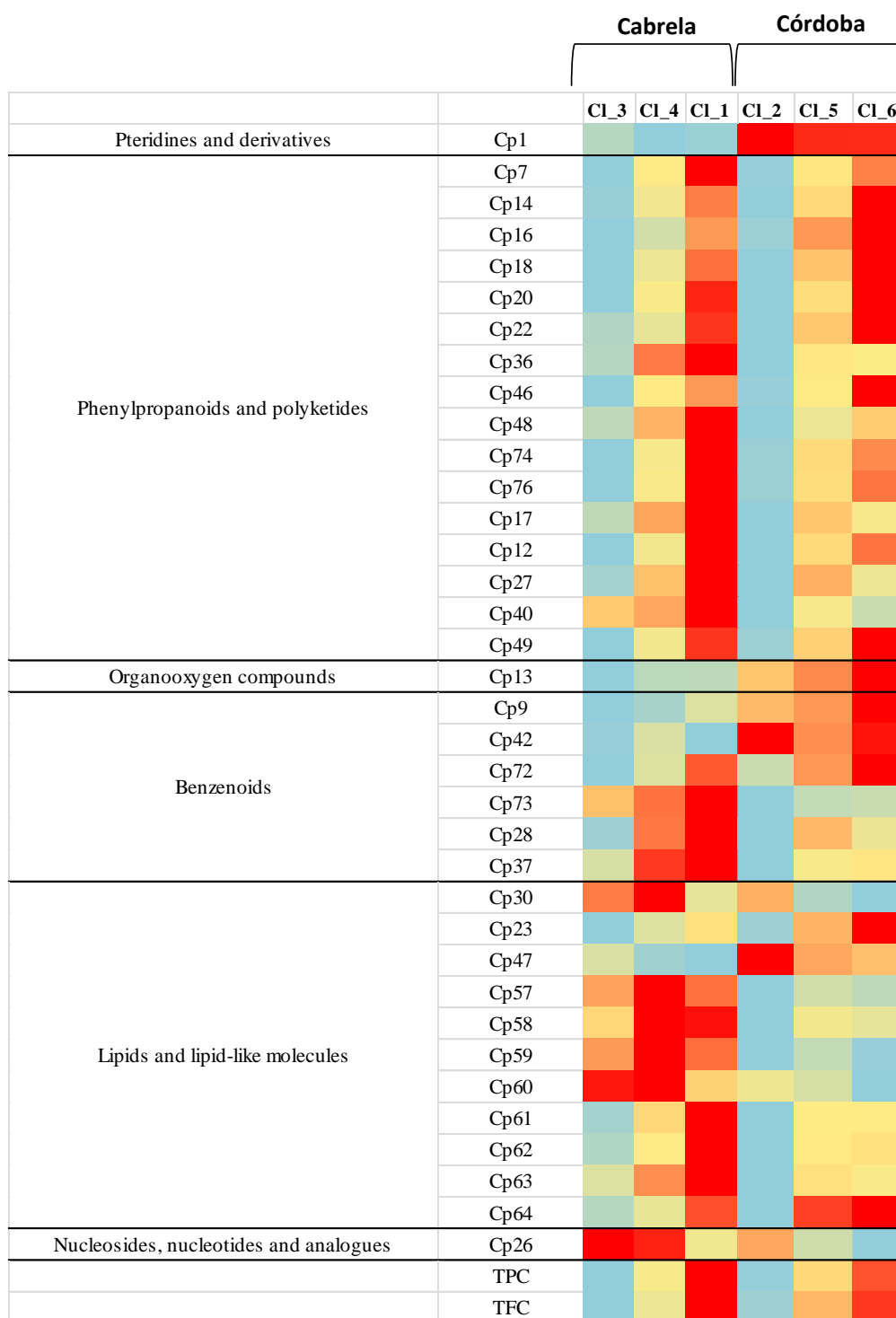


Figure 5. Heat map showing the abundance of the parameters (low - L to high - H) responsible by common bean accessions' projection, **Figure 4**, into the different clusters. Clusters 3, 4 and 1 were mostly characterized by common bean accessions from Cabrela environment and clusters 2, 5 and 6 included mostly accessions from Córdoba. For data details please consult **Table S7**.