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## Title page

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**Abstract**

1 This study was conducted to evaluate the use of the phenolic-rich *Sonchus oleraceus* residue as an  
2 environmentally safe approach to induce the nutritive and health-promoting values of common bean  
3 (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L. cv. Bronco). *S. oleraceus* shoot residue, at rates of 150 and 300 g m<sup>-2</sup>, has  
4 improved soil fertility via accumulation of soil macronutrients, organic matter, organic carbon and  
5 total phenolics. The growth and yield of bean was significantly increased. Moreover, chemical  
6 composition of the treated seeds was significantly altered, whereas higher levels of total  
7 antioxidant capacity, proteins, carbohydrates and most of the individual phenolic acids,  
8 flavonoids, vitamins, essential amino acids, and unsaturated fatty acids were recorded.  
9 Interestingly, concentration dependent effect was also observed, for instance a lower saturated-to-  
10 unsaturated fatty acid ratio was only observed in case of the lower residue rate. These  
11 findings recommend the use of *S. oleraceus*, in organic farming of bean to enhance the health  
12 benefits of the produced beans.

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## 14 **1. Introduction**

15 Common beans (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) are widely consumed as a dietary source for proteins,  
16 minerals, carbohydrate, vitamins, fibers, antioxidants and nutraceuticals<sup>1,2</sup>. Like other legumes, beans  
17 are believed to play a beneficial role in prevention of obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and  
18 cancer<sup>3,4</sup>. These pharmaceutical benefits are mainly linked to the polyunsaturated fatty acids,  
19 vitamins, phenolic and flavonoid ingredients of the seed<sup>5-8</sup>. Actually, the normal level of these  
20 compounds in plant sources, including beans, is less than the optimal for health maintenance<sup>9</sup>, thus  
21 improving the accumulation of such health-beneficial phytochemicals in beans is worthwhile.  
22 Moreover, maximizing the productivity of crop plants is a demand to supply the growing population  
23 with sufficient food. Therefore, more efforts should be devoted to improve quantity and quality of  
24 crops, while bearing in mind the environmental safety.

25 In the last decades, organic farming has been attracted much attention as an alternative approach to  
26 minimize the environmental hazards of synthetic fertilizers and pesticides in the agro-ecosystems<sup>10</sup>.  
27 Regarding the public health, organic fruits and vegetables are believed to be health-promoting, where  
28 it contains lower level of nitrate and pesticide residues and higher contents of vitamins, secondary  
29 metabolites and essential amino acids when compared with conventional ones<sup>11,12</sup>. Unfortunately,  
30 due to restriction in the use of synthetic pesticides and fertilizers, plant diseases and nutrients  
31 management are major threats for organic agriculture<sup>13</sup>. In this regard, there are evidence that  
32 exogenous application of plant phenolic compounds could play a beneficial role in controlling  
33 phytopathogens, either directly by altering the ultrastructure and physiology of the pathogen or  
34 indirectly by inducing the innate plant defence mechanisms<sup>14,15</sup>. Moreover, the release of phenolic  
35 compounds into soil has been found to be beneficial for plants suffering nutrient deficiency by  
36 helping in solubilization and release of nutrient, like P and Fe, into the soil solution<sup>16</sup>. These

37 compounds could also improve the nitrogen use efficiency through inhibition of biological  
38 nitrification and therefore minimizing the loss of nitrogen from the soil <sup>17</sup>. From a metabolic point of  
39 view, exogenous application of phenolic compounds has been reported to promote the accumulation  
40 of carbohydrates, proteins, antioxidants, phenolic acids, flavonoids in the receptor plant <sup>18-20</sup>.  
41 Therefore, utilization of phenolic-rich plant residues in organic farming could not only help in plant  
42 diseases and nutrients management, but also could improve the nutritive and health-promoting value  
43 of crop plants.

44 Among plants characterized by high level of phenolic compounds in their tissues is the annual  
45 sowthistle (*Sonchus oleraceus* L.), one of the cosmopolitan weed species dominating the weed  
46 communities in the agro-ecosystems and orchards <sup>21-23</sup>. During the hoeing practices in the agro-  
47 ecosystem, the Egyptian farmers uproot this plant and leave it onto or mix it directly with the soil  
48 during the tillage process. This process may affect the incoming crop, in a species-dependent manner,  
49 due to the potential release of phytochemicals from the residues. In this regard, larger-seeded species  
50 were reported to be highly tolerant to the effects of plant residues <sup>24</sup>, the trait that could qualify beans  
51 to withstand and give vigorous growth in the presence of plant residue, particularly at low or  
52 moderate doses. Recently, we have reported that inclusion of *S. oleraceus* residue into the soil has  
53 enhanced its organic matter and nutrients <sup>25</sup>. Moreover, the impact of *S. oleraceus* residue or its  
54 extract on growth and some metabolic factors of certain crop and weed species has been investigated,  
55 under greenhouse conditions <sup>25,26</sup>. Nevertheless, no field data is available about the effect of *S.*  
56 *oleraceus* residue on the nutritive and health-promoting value of crop plants. Accordingly, in the  
57 present study we aim, to present a field investigation about the implication of *S. oleraceus* residue on  
58 the yield quantity and quality of common beans (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.), with a special emphasis on  
59 the accumulation of health-beneficial phytochemicals. To achieve this purpose, the regulatory role of  
60 the manure of this weed on productivity and accumulation of individual minerals, primary and

61 secondary metabolites and non-enzymatic antioxidants in seeds of *P. vulgaris* was assessed, under  
62 field conditions.

## 63 **2. Materials and Methods**

### 64 ***2.1. Residue collection and site description***

65 Fresh shoots of *S. oleraceus* were collected during the growing season (October 2014 to April 2015),  
66 from different localities in the agro-ecosystems of Beni Suef governorate, Egypt. Collection process  
67 was performed during the early fruiting stage in order to facilitate the distinction of *S. oleraceus*  
68 from its congener *S. asper*. Furthermore, at this stage, plants mostly produce the maximum amounts  
69 of bioactive metabolites<sup>27</sup>. Plant materials were put in polyethylene bags and immediately carried to  
70 the laboratory for further processing. Once in the lab, fruits and inflorescences were completely  
71 removed and the plant materials were air dried and stored in refrigerator at 4 °C until use. The study  
72 site was about 12 km south west to Beni Suef University (29° 09.13 N, 31° 08.36 E). The field soil  
73 was classified as sandy clay loam. Soil physicochemical characteristics were pH (1:2.5 H<sub>2</sub>O) 7.97,  
74 EC (mS cm<sup>-1</sup>) 0.40, organic matter 2.97%, organic carbon 1.69 (%), available N, P, K and Zn 99,  
75 2.83, 607.5, 5.98 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>, respectively, and the field capacity was about 39%.

### 76 ***2.2. Field experiment***

77 First, the field of study was mechanically homogenised and subdivided into quadrates/plots (2×2 m<sup>2</sup>,  
78 each). Under field conditions, *S. oleraceus* residues were amended with the soil at the rates 150 and  
79 300 g m<sup>-2</sup>, whereas the un-amended quadrates were left as control. These amounts were mostly  
80 coinciding with low and moderate amounts of the residue (Hassan et al., 2014). Thirty-two common  
81 bean seeds (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L. cv. Bronco) were then sown within each m<sup>2</sup> (at 2.5 cm in depth),  
82 buried and watered. The emerging seedlings were thinned to the most similar sixteen ones. The  
83 effects of *S. oleraceus* residue were evaluated in the bean field from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015 to the end of  
84 January 2016. This period may synchronize with the time of cultivation of this crop. During the

85 period of cultivation, weeding process was performed twice in order to avoid the interference of  
86 weeds with the cultivated crop. The overall experiment was conducted in a complete randomized  
87 design (CRD), including two different levels of manure, with four replicates. At harvest, the most  
88 similar and dominant pods from each quadrat were carefully removed from the vegetative parts.  
89 Some growth parameters, particularly shoot length, biomass and leaf area, were estimated. Besides,  
90 yield parameters including the number, length, fresh weights of pods per individual and per plot were  
91 measured. Some other individuals were left until the seed output to record the number of seeds  
92 formed per pod and the seed yield per plot. For biochemical analysis, seeds were collected from the  
93 parent plant at the senescence stage to obtain the mature dry seeds. The seeds were washed, cleaned,  
94 finely ground and stored at -20°C till processing.

#### 95 *2.2.1. Soil analysis*

96 At the harvest process, three soil samples were collected from each quadrat at 0–30 cm depth to  
97 form a one composite sample for each treatment. Soil properties including pH, electrical conductivity  
98 (EC), organic carbon (OC), organic matter (OM), available nutrients such as nitrogen, phosphorus,  
99 potassium, and Zinc were determined. These parameters were determined using the standard methods  
100 <sup>28</sup>.

### 101 **2.3. Analyses of metabolites**

#### 102 *2.3.1. Determination of individual Minerals*

103 A 0.1 g dry plant sample was digested in a HNO<sub>3</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O solution (5:1 v/v) in an oven according to  
104 Agusa et al. <sup>29</sup>. The macro-minerals and trace elements were determined (ICP-MS, Finnigan Element  
105 XR, Scientific, Bremen, Germany). Standards were also prepared in 1% nitric acid.

#### 106 *2.3.2. Quantitative estimation of Sugars*

107 Mono, di and poly saccharides in the legumes were measured by using high-performance liquid  
108 chromatography (HPLC) following Hamad et al. <sup>30</sup>. 150 mg of dry plant tissue was vigorously

109 homogenized in 2 ml of acetonitrile:water solution (1:1 v/v) for 5 min. Samples were boiled for sure  
110 denaturation of sugar enzymes. After 15 min of incubation at 55–60 °C in water bath, filtration was  
111 performed through Whattman NO. 1 filter paper. Further, 20 ml of solvents were also added to the  
112 remaining pulp. The column temperature was adjusted at 30 °C and injection volume was 20 µl.  
113 Filtered mobile phase (mixture of acetonitrile and HPLC-grade water (75:25 v/v) at 1 ml min<sup>-1</sup>). The  
114 existing sugars were identified and quantified on the basis of peak areas and comparison with a  
115 calibration curve obtained with the corresponding standards ranging from 1 to 10 mg 100 ml<sup>-1</sup> of the  
116 same extracting solution. Extraction and determination of soluble, insoluble and total carbohydrates  
117 were performed following the method described by Clark and Switzer<sup>31</sup>.

#### 118 2.3.3. Organic acids analysis

119 The quantitative determination of organic acids was performed according to<sup>30</sup>. Briefly, 500 mg  
120 of powdered seeds were homogenized in 0.1% phosphoric acid containing 0.003%  
121 butylated hydroxyanisole. After centrifugation at 14,000 rpm and 4 °C for 30 min, the supernatants  
122 were passed through Millipore micro filters. Organic acids were detected by HPLC using a  
123 SUPELCOGEL C-610H column (300 mm × 7.8 mm, Supelco, Sigma, St. Louis, MO, USA) coupled  
124 to UV detection system set at 210 nm (LaChrom L-7455 diode array, LaChrom, Tokyo, Japan).  
125 Phosphoric acid (0.1%) at a flow rate of 0.45 ml min<sup>-1</sup> was used as a mobile phase. The  
126 concentrations of individual organic acids were calculated using a calibration curve of corresponding  
127 standards.

#### 128 2.3.4. Amino acids quantification

129 A 0.2 g dry plant samples were homogenized in a 5 ml 80% aqueous ethanol using a MagNALyser  
130 (Roche, Vilvoorde, Belgium) for 1 min, at 5000 rpm<sup>32</sup>. After centrifugation at 14,000 rpm for 20  
131 min, the supernatant was evaporated under vacuum, and the pellet was re-suspended in 5 ml  
132 chloroform. Immediately, the residue was re-extracted with 1ml deionized water (HPLC grade) and

133 the centrifugation was repeated. The supernatant was re-mixed with the pellet suspended in  
134 chloroform and then centrifuged for 10 min. The aqueous phase was filtered using Millipore micro  
135 filters (0.2  $\mu$ M pore size). The amino acids were determined by using a Waters Acquity UPLC-tqd  
136 system (Milford, Worcester County MA, USA) equipped with a Sinha BEH amide 2.1  $\times$  50 column.

#### 137 *2.3.5. Analysis of fatty acid*

138 Fatty acids quantification was performed by gas chromatography according to <sup>33</sup>. A 200 mg dry plant  
139 samples were used to obtain lipophilic fractions via extraction in aqueous methanol (1:1 w/v) at 25 °C  
140 until discoloration of the tissues occurred. In this process, nonadecanoic acid was used as an internal  
141 standard. GC/MS analysis was carried out on a Hewlett Packard 6890, MSD 5975 mass spectrometer  
142 (Hewlett Packard, Palo Alto, CA, USA), with an HP-5 MS column (30 m  $\times$  0.25 mm  $\times$  0.25 mm).  
143 Lipids were identified with the NIST 05 database and Golm Metabolome Database,  
144 <http://gmd.mpimp-golm.mpg.de>).

#### 145 *2.3.6. Phenolics and flavonoids determination*

146 A 0.1 g plant sample was extracted in 250 ml acetone-water solution (4:1 v/v) at room temperature  
147 for 24 on orbital shaker. The extracts were filtered, centrifuged and supernatant was concentrated  
148 using a rotary evaporator (IKA-WERKE-RV06ML, Stanfer, Germany) to obtain DPF  
149 hydroxyacetone crude extract. The residue was dissolved in HPLC grade methanol to give a  
150 concentration of 1000 ppm and measured by injecting 20  $\mu$ l sample into Shimadzu HPLC system  
151 (SCL-10 A vp, Shimadzu Corporation, Kyoto, Japan) <sup>30</sup>. The HPLC system consisted of a diode-array  
152 detector and a Lichrosorb Si-60, 7 $\mu$ m, 3 x 150 mm column. The mobile phase consisted of water-  
153 formic acid (90:10, v/v); and acetonitrile/water/formic acid (85:10:5, v/v/v). individual phenolic  
154 compounds and flavonoids were quantified by comparing with the corresponding standards.

155 For determination of total phenols and flavonoids, 100 mg dry plant samples were homogenized in  
156 0.5 ml 80% aqueous ethanol. After centrifugation, pellet was washed twice each with 0.5 ml 80%  
157 ethanol and supernatants were pooled. Total phenolic content was determined using Folin–Ciocalteu  
158 assay according to Saleh et al.<sup>18</sup>. Gallic acid was used as a standard. The total flavonoid content was  
159 estimated using the modified aluminum chloride calorimetric method<sup>30</sup> with quercetin as a standard.

#### 160 *2.3.7. Quantitative analysis of Ascorbate and tocopherols*

161 Ascorbate content was determined in 100 mg dry plant tissue by reversed phase HPLC. Separation  
162 and detection processes by UV detector were performed following Potters et al.<sup>34</sup> protocol. Total  
163 ascorbate concentration was determined after reduction with DTT (0.04 M) for 10 min at room  
164 temperature. The redox status was calculated as the ratio of the reduced form to the total  
165 concentration. Tocopherols were extracted in hexane<sup>35</sup>. The extract was dried under vacuum  
166 conditions (CentriVap concentrator, Labconco, KS, USA) and was re-suspended in hexane.  
167 Tocopherols were separated and quantified by HPLC (Shimadzu, Hertogenbosch, Netherlands) using  
168 normal phase conditions (Particil Pac 5 µm column material, length 250 mm, i.d. 4.6 mm). 5,7-  
169 dimethyltolcol (DMT; 5 ppm) was used as an internal standard. Data were analyzed with Shimadzu  
170 Class VP 6.14 software provided by the HPLC system (Shimadzu, Tokyo, Japan).

#### 171 *2.4. Determination of total Antioxidant Capacity (TAC)*

172 TAC were measured in 100 mg samples as mentioned by Benzie and Strain<sup>36</sup>. Known volume of  
173 sample was mixed with reaction mixture in a micro-plate. The mixture was kept on ice for 20 min and  
174 read at 600nm. Antioxidant Trolox was used as standard.

#### 175 *2.5. Statistical analyses*

176 Data collected were analysed using the SPSS Statistics software package, version 20 (IBM  
177 Corporation, USA). The Kolmogorov-Smirnov and Levene tests for homogeneity of variances were

178 applied to check the data for normality and homoscedasticity. The data that presented normality and  
179 homoscedasticity were analyzed by the parametric statistic, using one-way ANOVA followed by  
180 Tukey's test for multiple comparisons of means. The data that were not normal or heteroscedastic  
181 were analysed via Kruskal-Wallis H test. Values were compared at 0.05 probability level. For data of  
182 metabolite analyses, cluster analysis was performed by using Pearson distance metric by using  
183 MultiExperiment Viewer (MeV)<sup>TM</sup> 4 software package (version 4.5, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute,  
184 Boston, MA, USA).

### 185 **3. Results and Discussion**

#### 186 ***3.1. S. oleraceus residue improves soil fertility***

187 To reveal the effect of *S. oleraceus* residue on the physicochemical properties of the soil; pH, EC,  
188 OC, OM, total phenolics and some mineral nutrients were analyzed at harvest (Table 1). No  
189 significant effect of *S. oleraceus* amendment on soil pH was observed, however EC, OC and OM  
190 were significantly increased at the two rates of residue amendments (150 and 300 g m<sup>-2</sup>). In this  
191 regard, we have reported that *S. oleraceus* shoot residue had resulted in a rate-dependent increase in  
192 the EC, OC and OM of the soil under greenhouse conditions<sup>25</sup>. Similar improvements of soil OC and  
193 OM was reported in response to residue amendments of different crop plants<sup>37-39</sup>.

194 A manifold increase in the content of phenolic compounds was observed in soil amended with *S.*  
195 *oleraceus*, with the highest concentration of phenolics recorded at the higher residue rate (Table 1).  
196 This result could be attributed to the high phenolic content, 560 µg g<sup>-1</sup> dry weight, of *S. oleraceus*  
197 shoot residues (Table 2). Among these, ferulic acid and catechol were the most abundant, while  
198 sinapic acid and resorcinol were detected in moderate amounts. In the same context, previous studies  
199 of our and others have been reported the presence of various phenolic acids and flavonoids in *S.*  
200 *oleraceus*<sup>23,40</sup>. However, some kind of variability is existed in phenolic profile of *S. oleraceus*, which

201 may be attributed to the genetic variability and conditions of the agroecosystem. In a related research,  
202 we have detected that phenolic compounds released from *S. oleraceus* residues show some  
203 persistence in soil, where the concentration of individual phenolic compounds peaks at 8 d after  
204 residue application then decreased gradually <sup>25</sup>. Moreover, Martens <sup>39</sup> reported significant  
205 improvements in the concentration of total phenolic acids in Webster soil treated with residues of  
206 several plant species. He recorded that the content of phenolic acids decreased gradually over 84 d of  
207 residue incorporation.

208 Regarding the level of available soil macronutrient, both rates of *S. oleraceus* residue had improved  
209 the concentration of exchangeable N and P, however no significant difference was observed between  
210 the two rates. In contrast, the level of available soil K did not significantly affected by incorporation  
211 of *S. oleraceus* residue. The increase in available soil macronutrient could be attributed to  
212 mineralization of the residue and/or improvement of minerals desorption from soil particles.  
213 Supporting this idea, the study of Iqbal <sup>41</sup> revealed a positive impact of crop residues in reducing the  
214 strong absorption of P by soil particles. Moreover, several investigations had recorded elevated levels  
215 of exchangeable N, P and K in soil incorporated with residues of different plans, as compared with  
216 residue free soil <sup>37,38,42</sup>. In addition, some reports point to a role of plant residues in promoting the  
217 processes of biological nitrogen fixation and nodulation <sup>38,43,44</sup>.

### 218 **3.2. *S. oleraceus* residue improves growth and yield of *P. vulgaris***

219 Incorporation of *S. oleraceus* residue at the rates of 150 and 300 g m<sup>-2</sup> soil had no evident impact on  
220 shoot growth parameters except for the leaf area that is significantly improved (Table 3). Such  
221 improved leaf area could enhance yield production through its impact on the process of seed filling <sup>45</sup>.  
222 Supporting this idea, both lower and higher rates of residue significantly improved the fruit yield of  
223 common bean by about 65 and 33%, respectively, as compared with the control (Table 3). However,

224 seed yield was significantly enhanced by the lower residue rate only. Such enhancement in yield  
225 production may be a logical consequence of the enhanced soil fertility due to release of nutrients  
226 during residue decomposition. Beside, residue incorporation in the soil is believed to improve water  
227 retention, nodulation and biological nitrogen fixation<sup>43,44</sup>. In accordance with our results, Bahrani et  
228 al.<sup>38</sup> reported significant increases in yield and seed weight of red bean (*P. vulgaris* L.) cultivated in  
229 soil amended with wheat residue. Moreover, similar improvement in yield of wheat and tomato was  
230 obtained in soil treated with different plant residues<sup>37,42</sup>. From another point of view, the higher  
231 productivity of plants grown in soil amended with *S. oleraceus* residue may be attributed to the  
232 phenolics ingredient of the decomposed residue that could reduce the susceptibility of plants to  
233 phytopathogens, therefore maintain yield, either directly by harming soil born phytopathogens or  
234 indirectly through induction of plant defense mechanisms. Supporting this idea, Al-Wakeel et al.<sup>15</sup>  
235 reported that priming of sunflower seeds with two phenolic compounds, salicylic acid and coumarin,  
236 has induced the plant systemic resistance and reduced the incidence of charcoal rot disease. In  
237 addition, phenolic rich extracts from several plant species have been reported to possess strong  
238 antifungal activities<sup>14</sup>.

239 Our results manifested that shoot biomass and the number of seeds produced in both treated and  
240 control plants remained statistically constant. However, the total yield with respect to fruit yield and  
241 seed weight was stimulated to some extent in the residue-amended soils. This result suggests that the  
242 treated plants seem to succeed in their reproductive allocation. This could be attributed to the  
243 enhanced availability of soil organic matter and nutrients, which reduces competition among plants  
244 for such resources. Supporting this interpretation competitive interactions is known to affect  
245 reproductive allocation<sup>46</sup>.

### 246 ***3.3. S. oleraceus soil amendment modulates the chemical composition of P. vulgaris seeds***

247 *3.3.1. Accumulation of minerals in bean seeds is enhanced by S. oleraceus residue*

248 Quantitative analysis of minerals in bean seeds showed that K was the most abundant one followed  
249 by P and Mg (Table 3). Incorporation of *S. oleraceus* residue had significantly improved the  
250 accumulation of all the measured minerals, except for P that had inhibited by the higher residue rate  
251 (300 g m<sup>-2</sup> soil). Seeds produced in soil amended with 150 g m<sup>-2</sup> *S. oleraceus* residue had  
252 accumulated about 11, 13 and 36 % K, Mg and P, respectively, over those produced in soil with no  
253 residue. In this context, different varieties of *P. vulgaris* show a high variability in their mineral  
254 composition<sup>47,48</sup>. The elevated levels of seed minerals as affected by *S. oleraceus* residue could be  
255 attributed to higher availability and/or improved uptake of these minerals via plant roots. In this  
256 regard, plant residues have been reported to increase the level of exchangeable minerals in the soil  
257 solution<sup>37,38,42</sup>.

258 *3.3.2. S. oleraceus residue improves the contents of soluble and insoluble sugars while decreases the*  
259 *levels of the major organic acids*

260 Data presented in Table 4 show that soluble sugars detected in bean seeds followed the order fructose  
261 > glucose > sucrose. Incorporation of *S. oleraceus* residue in the soil had no significant effect on the  
262 levels of glucose and fructose, while significantly improved the accumulation of sucrose and total  
263 soluble sugars at both rates of soil amendments. Moreover, both lower and higher rates of *S.*  
264 *oleraceus* residues had significantly increased the content of insoluble sugars by about 23 and 31%,  
265 respectively, as compared with the control. The induced accumulation of soluble and insoluble sugars  
266 in seeds produced in *S. oleraceus* amended soil may be attributed to a higher rate of photosynthesis  
267 due to improved soil N and P. Supporting this interpretation, the relationship between N and P  
268 nutrition and the photosynthetic efficiency of plants has been extensively discussed in the literature  
269<sup>49,50</sup>. Moreover, phenolic ingredient of the residue may play a role in promoting the photosynthetic

270 machinery and accumulation of sugars. In this regard, some investigations reported that lower  
271 concentrations of exogenously applied phenolics might exert positive effects on accumulation of  
272 photosynthetic pigments and Rubisco activity<sup>18,51</sup>.

273 Six organic acids were detected in bean seeds including citric, fumaric, isobutyric, malic, oxalic and  
274 succinic acids (Table 4). Among these, malic acid was the predominant compound where it accounted  
275 for about 70% of the organic acid pool in seeds. The levels of citric, oxalic and succinic acids did not  
276 significantly affected by incorporation of *S. oleraceus* residue. However, seeds produced in *S.*  
277 *oleraceus* amended soils contained significantly lower levels of malic and isobutyric acids and higher  
278 amounts of fumaric acid, relative to those produced in residue free soil. In consistence with these  
279 results, malic acid was recorded as the major organic acid in seeds of different varieties of *P. vulgaris*  
280<sup>52</sup>. Beside its role as flavour enhancers, organic acids, except for oxalic, possess health benefits for  
281 human such as restraining the undesired microflora and helping in absorption of nonheme Fe from  
282 vegetarian food<sup>53</sup>.

### 283 3.3.3. Individual amino acids is differentially influenced by *S. oleraceus* residue

284 Regarding the essential amino acid, leucine was the most dominant while phenylalanine, lysine and  
285 histidine were detected in moderate amounts (Table 4). On the other hand, glutamate was the  
286 abundant non-essential amino acid. These results are in agreement with Baptista et al.<sup>8</sup> who reported  
287 that leucine, phenylalanine and lysine were the major essential amino acids, whereas glutamic and  
288 aspartic acids were the predominant non-essential amino acids detected in *P. vulgaris* and two other  
289 pulse species.

290 Total protein content of *P. vulgaris* seeds was improved as affected by *S. oleraceus* residues (Table  
291 4). Such improvement was accompanied with significant enhancements in the total content of  
292 essential amino acids, at both residue rates. Seeds produced in soil amended with the lower residue

293 rate ( $150 \text{ g m}^{-2}$ ) contained significantly higher levels of lysine and phenylalanine, while the higher  
294 values of leucine was observed in case of the higher rate of soil amendment. On the other hand, the  
295 level of total non-essential amino acids was only improved by the higher residue rate ( $300 \text{ g m}^{-2}$ ).  
296 Such improvement was a consequence for the elevated levels of glutamate, glutamine and alanine.  
297 The elevated levels of some amino acids in seeds produced in soil amended with *S. oleraceus* residue  
298 suggest a positive impact for residue on the biosynthesis of amino acids probably through  
299 enhancements in available soil N (Table 1), nitrogen fixation and/or nodulation. In this context,  
300 previous investigations have revealed that decaying plant residues could enrich the exchangeable soil  
301 N and promote the processes of biological nitrogen fixation and nodulation<sup>25,38,43,44</sup>. Moreover, The  
302 improved accumulation of essential amino acids, as affected by *S. oleraceus* residue could enhance  
303 the nutritive value of bean, being one of the major dietary source of plant-based proteins<sup>4</sup>.

#### 304 3.3.4. *S. oleraceus* residue induces the levels of MUFA and PUFA but not SFA

305 To reveal the impact of *S. oleraceus* amendment on the fatty acids (FA) composition of bean seeds,  
306 individual saturated (SFA), monounsaturated (MUFA) and polyunsaturated (PUFA) fatty acids were  
307 analyzed by GC/MS. Results presented in Table 4 show that palmitic acid (C16:0) was the most  
308 dominant SFA, while  $\alpha$ -linolenic (C18:3,  $\text{cis-}\Delta^{9,12,15}$ ) and linoleic acids (C18:2,  $\text{cis-}\Delta^{9,12}$ ) were the  
309 abundant PUFA. These results are in accordance with previous studies on bean seeds<sup>8,54,55</sup>.  
310 Dissimilar to the results of Baptista et al.<sup>8</sup>, palmitoleic acid (C16:1,  $\text{cis-}\Delta^7$ ) was the most dominant  
311 MUFA that detected in the current study.

312 The lower rate of *S. oleraceus* residue ( $150 \text{ g m}^{-2}$ ) has decreased the level of total SFA by about 12%,  
313 however the higher amendment rate exerted a positive impact on the accumulation of SFA, about  
314 22% over the control. Moreover, about 16 and 11 % improvements in the content of total MUFA and  
315 PUFA, respectively, were observed by the lower rate of residue. On contrary, the accumulation of

316 UFA was negatively influenced by the higher residue rate (Table 4). Interestingly, a lower  
317 SFA/(MUFA + PUFA) ratio was obtained in case of the lower *S. oleraceus* residue rate, as compared  
318 to the control. This result suggests a greater health-promoting value for seeds obtained after  
319 incorporation of *S. oleraceus* residue in the soil (150 g m<sup>-2</sup>), where lower SFA/(MUFA + PUFA) ratio  
320 in diet is correlated with cardioprotective effects<sup>56</sup>. The alteration in the accumulation of fatty acids  
321 as affected by *S. oleraceus* treatment may suggest a possible impact on the process of dark  
322 respiration, whereas malonyl-CoA, the precursor of fatty acids biosynthesis, is produced from ATP-  
323 dependent carboxylation of the glycolytic pathway intermediate, acetyl-CoA<sup>57</sup>.

### 324 3.3.5. Accumulation of phenolics and flavonoids is upregulated by *S. oleraceus* residue

325 Data presented in Table 5 show the phenolic and flavonoid composition of bean seeds. Eight phenolic  
326 acids, were detected including caffeic, chlorogenic, ferulic, gallic, p-coumaric, protocatechuic,  
327 resorcinol and syringic acids. This result is more or less similar to previous studies on bean varieties  
328 <sup>7,58,59</sup>. Among the detected phenolic acids, gallic acid was the most abundant, while p-coumaric and  
329 ferulic were found in moderate amounts. In this regard, gallic, vanillic, and chlorogenic acids were  
330 the predominant phenolic acids identified in two varieties of *P. vulgaris* L., pinto and black beans<sup>59</sup>.  
331 Moreover, in a comparative study conducted using fifteen variety of dry bean (*P. vulgaris* L.), Luthria  
332 and Pastor-Corrales<sup>58</sup> reported that ferulic acid was the most dominant phenolic acid followed by p-  
333 coumaric and sinapic acids. On the other hand, the present results revealed the presence of five  
334 flavonoids in bean seeds, among them catechin was the predominant one followed by quercetin and  
335 its derivative, rutin. These results are quite similar to those in the literature, however distinct  
336 differences were recorded among the different varieties of beans<sup>59,60</sup>.

337 Incorporation of *S. oleraceus* residue in the soil significantly improved the concentration of the  
338 majority of individual phenolic acids and flavonoids as well as their totals in the produced seeds

339 (Table 5). The lower rate of residue amendment ( $150 \text{ g m}^{-2}$ ) has improved the total phenolic and  
340 flavonoid contents by 23 and 13%, respectively, while the higher rate ( $300 \text{ g m}^{-2}$ ) has resulted in  
341 about 43 and 15% increase in their contents. The elevated levels of phenolic compounds in response  
342 to *S. oleraceus* residue could be attributed to the phenolic ingredient of the residue, where  
343 exogenously applied phenolics have been reported to upregulate the phenylpropanoids pathway  
344 leading to accumulation of phenolic acids and flavonoids<sup>18-20</sup>. Similarly, in a pot experiment, Gomaa  
345 et al.<sup>26</sup> reported that application of *S. oleraceus* shoot residue at the rate of  $10 \text{ g kg}^{-1}$  soil has  
346 improved the accumulation of individual and total flavonoids in shoot of *Trifolium alexandrinum*.  
347 From health prospective, the elevated levels of phenolic acids and flavonoids, as affected by *S.*  
348 *oleraceus* soil amendment, could improve the health-promoting capacity of bean, where phenolic  
349 compounds extracted from different bean varieties have been reported to have antioxidant, anticancer  
350 and antimutagenic activities<sup>5,6,61</sup>. Moreover, phenolic compounds have been found to inhibit the  
351 digestion and intestinal absorption of carbohydrates and fats by altering glucosidase and lipase  
352 activities, therefore could provide anti-diabetic properties<sup>62,63</sup>.

### 353 3.3.6. Induced Vitamins and TAC as affected by *S. oleraceus* residue

354 Vitamins are among the most beneficial ingredient of fruits and vegetable<sup>64</sup>. In the present study, the  
355 levels of ascorbic acid (vitamin C) and the different forms of tocopherols (vitamin E) were measured  
356 in bean seeds (Table 5). The results revealed that ascorbic acid was the most dominant vitamin  
357 followed by  $\alpha$ -tocopherol. The lower rate of *S. oleraceus* amendment ( $150 \text{ g m}^{-2}$ ) had significantly  
358 improved the accumulation of ascorbic acid in bean seeds, while the higher rate of residue was  
359 inhibitory. Regarding the levels of the detected tocopherols, both rates of *S. oleraceus* residue have a  
360 significant positive impact on the levels of individual, except for  $\gamma$ -tocopherol, and total tocopherols.  
361 In accordance with the present results, similar pattern of vitamins were detected in different varieties

362 of *P. vulgaris*, however a little difference in the concentration and relative dominance of these  
363 vitamins was documented <sup>8,55</sup>. The enhanced accumulation of vitamins C and E in response to *S.*  
364 *oleraceus* soil amendment could contribute to the health-promoting properties of the produced seeds  
365 through improvement of its antioxidant capacity <sup>65</sup>. Supporting this explanation, seeds produced in  
366 soil amended with both rates of *S. oleraceus* residue showed higher TAC as compared with those  
367 produced in soil with no residue (Table 5). Beside, such improved TAC could be attributed to the  
368 higher phenolic and flavonoid contents, where these compounds are known for their free radical  
369 scavenging activity <sup>66</sup>. In this regard, Amarowicz et al. <sup>61</sup> reported a significant correlation between  
370 total phenolic compounds and TAC of seed extracts from different types of bean. Moreover, a strong  
371 positive correlation was existed between the antioxidant capacity of different plant species and their  
372 contents of both phenolics and flavonoids <sup>14</sup>.

### 373 ***3.4. The effect *S. oleraceus* residue on metabolite accumulation is concentration-dependent and*** 374 ***metabolite-specific***

375 A cluster analysis was performed to explore more details about the metabolic implications provoked  
376 by *S. oleraceus* soil amendment on chemical composition of bean seeds. (Figure 1). Measured  
377 metabolites can be separated into five clusters based on their response to different residue rates. The  
378 first cluster, mainly organic acids, were decreased by lower or higher residue rate. Total primary  
379 metabolites, total flavonoid, P, ascorbic acid and unsaturated fatty acids, were strongly increased by  
380 the low residue rate but decreased by the higher one (the second cluster). The third cluster showed  
381 increased minerals and sucrose levels by the high residue rate; however, the fourth cluster, mainly  
382 other sugars, were increased by both residue rates and the last cluster contained mainly non-essential  
383 amino acids which were strongly increased by the higher residue rate but decreased by the lower one.  
384 These results clearly indicate that the effect of *S. oleraceus* residue on accumulation of

385 phytochemicals in bean seeds was a function of the concentration applied and the type of metabolites.  
386 Similarly, previous studies reported that the effect of pure phenolic compounds or plant residues on  
387 metabolism of the receptor plant is dependent on the concentration applied<sup>18,40,67</sup>.

#### 388 4. Conclusion

389 The findings of the present study suggest that incorporation of phenolic-rich plant residues, such as  
390 *S. oleraceus*, in the soil is a promising ecofriendly approach in organic farming of *P. vulgaris*.  
391 Such soil amendment could support soil fertility by increasing the level of exchangeable soil  
392 macronutrients such as N and P that may be released through mineralization of the residue,  
393 improvement of minerals desorption from soil particles and/or the effect of residue's bioactive  
394 phytochemicals on the processes of biological nitrogen fixation and nodulation. Moreover,  
395 *S. oleraceus* soil amendment, in a concentration-dependent manner, could improve the health-  
396 beneficial value of the produced seeds as indicated by the elevated levels of certain minerals,  
397 essential amino acids, USFA, vitamins, phenolic acids and flavonoids. The improved accumulation of  
398 these health-beneficial compounds could be attributed to phenolic compounds of the residue, which  
399 are reported for their regulatory effect on the biosynthesis of primary and secondary plant  
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### Figure Caption

**Figure 1.** Heatmap of metabolite accumulation in common bean seeds produced in either control or *S. oleraceus* amended soils at the rates of 150 and 300 g m<sup>-2</sup>. The relative accumulation patterns are shown in the heatmap based on the average value (n=4) for each metabolite. Red and blue colors indicate lower and higher concentrations, respectively.

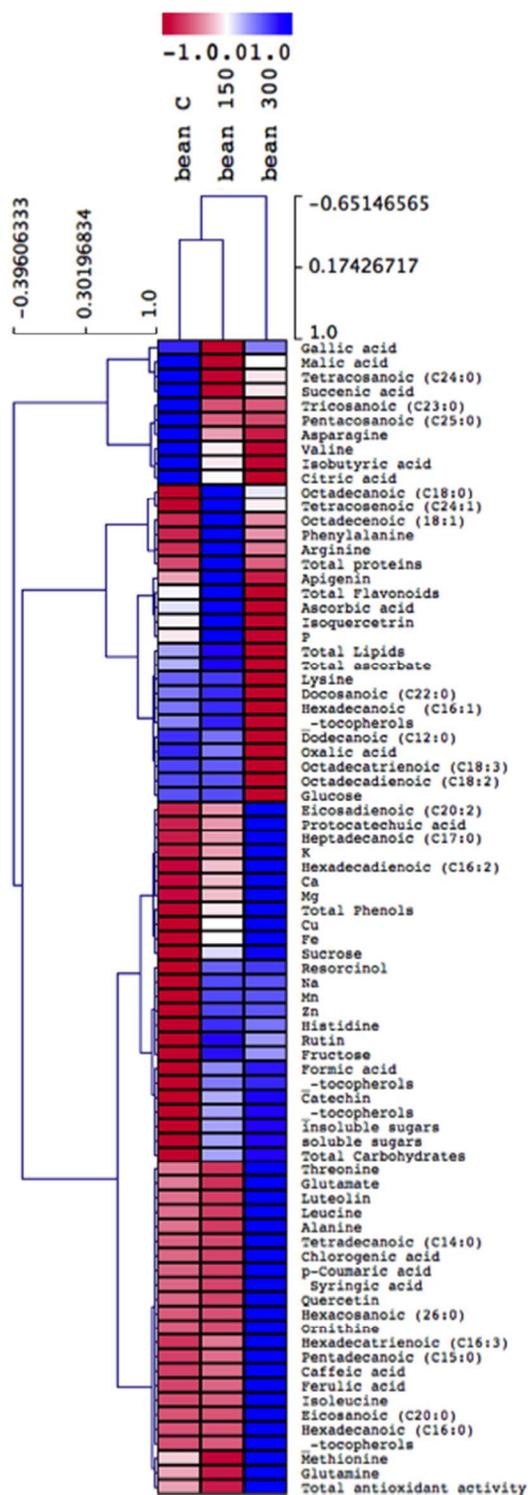


Table 1. Influence of *S. oleraceus* residue at the rates 150 and 300 g m<sup>-2</sup> on some soil properties. At the time of harvesting bean, soil samples were collected from each quadrat at 0–30 cm depth to form a one composite sample for each treatment. Residue-free plots were left as control. Values are mean ± standard error of four independent replicates. Means followed by the same lower-case letter in a row do not differ significantly at the 0.05 probability level. EC: electrical conductivity, OC: organic carbon, OM: organic matter.

Soil properties	Rates of <i>S. oleraceus</i> residue (g m <sup>-2</sup> soil)			
	Control	150	300	
pH	7.92 <sup>a</sup> ±0.01	7.96 <sup>a</sup> ±0.02	7.95 <sup>a</sup> ±0.04	
EC (mS cm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.33 <sup>a</sup> ±0.08	0.41 <sup>b</sup> ±0.1	0.47 <sup>b</sup> ±0.09	
OC (%)	1.57 <sup>a</sup> ±0.06	1.73 <sup>b</sup> ±0.15	1.83 <sup>b</sup> ±0.12	
OM (%)	2.73 <sup>a</sup> ±0.1	3.0 <sup>ab</sup> ±0.26	3.18 <sup>b</sup> ±0.21	
Total phenolics mg/kg soil	31.13 <sup>a</sup> ±2.9	195.25 <sup>b</sup> ±23.1	273.31 <sup>c</sup> ±36.7	
Available	N (mg kg <sup>-1</sup> soil)	98.0 <sup>a</sup> ±11.0	138.0 <sup>b</sup> ±13.0	152.0 <sup>b</sup> ±7.2
	P (mg kg <sup>-1</sup> soil)	2.61 <sup>a</sup> ±0.43	3.25 <sup>b</sup> ±0.59	4.48 <sup>b</sup> ±0.99
	K (mg kg <sup>-1</sup> soil)	683.0 <sup>a</sup> ±24.0	669.0 <sup>a</sup> ±86.0	727.0 <sup>a</sup> ±89.0
	Zn (mg kg <sup>-1</sup> soil)	4.63 <sup>a</sup> ±1.05	4.35 <sup>a</sup> ±0.88	4.56 <sup>a</sup> ±0.48

Table 2. Contents of individual and total phenolic compounds in *S. oleraceus* residue. Phenolic compounds were extracted from dried *S. oleraceus* shoot residue using hydro-acetone, then quantified by HPLC system coupled with diode-array detector. Values are mean  $\pm$  standard error of four independent replicates.

Compound	Content ( $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$ dry weight)
Caffeic acid	0.32 $\pm$ 0.19
Catechol	96.67 $\pm$ 37.36
Ferulic acid	104.13 $\pm$ 30.45
p-coumaric acid	0.49 $\pm$ 0.11
p-hydroxybenzoic acid	2.07 $\pm$ 0.80
Resorcinol	31.10 $\pm$ 8.70
Sinapic acid	39.70 $\pm$ 19.05
Total phenolics	560.5 $\pm$ 28.22

Table 3. Shoot growth and yield parameters and concentrations of the different nutrient elements (mg 100 g<sup>-1</sup> dry weight) measured in *P. vulgaris* as affected by *S. oleraceus* residue at the rates of 150 and 300 g m<sup>-2</sup>. Bean plants were grown in soils amended with different rates of *S. oleraceus* residues. At harvest, shoot growth and yield parameters were recorded. The produced seeds were analyzed for their minerals using ICP-MS. Values are mean  $\pm$  standard error of four independent replicates. Means followed by the same lower-case letter in a row do not differ significantly at the 0.05 probability level.

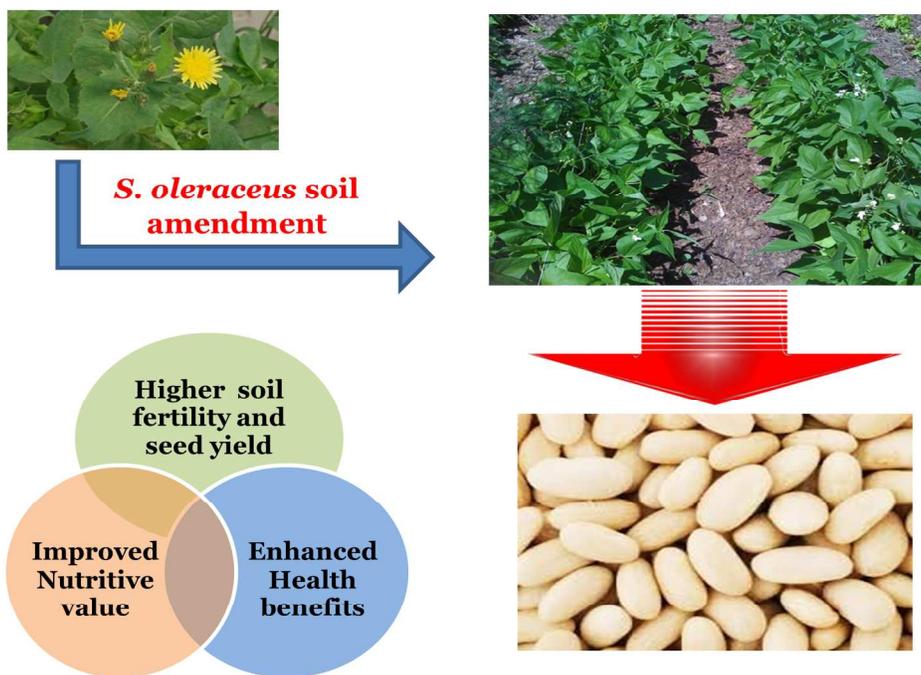
Yield parameter	Rates of <i>S. oleraceus</i> residue (g m <sup>-2</sup> soil)		
	Control	150	300
<b><i>Shoot growth and yield parameters</i></b>			
Shoot length (cm)	12.8 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 1.8	14.2 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 1.3	13.44 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 1.5
Shoot biomass (g individual <sup>-1</sup> )	6.5 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 1.0	7.5 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.9	7.6 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.88
Leaf area individual <sup>-1</sup> (cm <sup>2</sup> )	602.23 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 89.5	988.6 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 119.7	1141.37 <sup>c</sup> $\pm$ 88.4
Fruit yield (g m <sup>-2</sup> )	831.25 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 83.6	1368.5 <sup>c</sup> $\pm$ 122.3	1110.0 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 90.08
Pod length (cm)	9.87 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 1.1	11.13 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 1.2	11.08 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.79
NO. of pods individual <sup>-1</sup>	19.14 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 2.5	20.0 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 2.5	20.4 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 1.71
NO. of seeds pod <sup>-1</sup>	5.13 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.6	6.1 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.9	5.22 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.83
Seed yield (g m <sup>-2</sup> )	3220.1 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 337.5	5822.2 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 598.0	3759.9 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 611.7
<b><i>Nutrient elements</i></b>			
K	927.0 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 13.97	1031.82 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 15.55	1330.72 <sup>c</sup> $\pm$ 52.39
Ca	1.13 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.01	1.27 <sup>ab</sup> $\pm$ 0.11	1.57 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.14
Mg	119.47 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 5.27	135.06 <sup>ab</sup> $\pm$ 6.22	165.86 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 10.10
P	161.1 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 10.92	220.34 <sup>c</sup> $\pm$ 14.94	114.17 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 7.74
Na	13.05 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 1.45	18.12 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 2.0	17.99 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 1.99
Cu	0.98 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.08	1.14 <sup>ab</sup> $\pm$ 0.09	1.31 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.11
Fe	0.41 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.03	0.48 <sup>ab</sup> $\pm$ 0.04	0.55 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.04
Mn	0.58 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.04	0.81 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.05	0.80 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.05
Zn	2.23 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.15	3.10 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.21	3.07 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.20

Table 4. Concentrations of sugars, organic acids, amino acids and fatty acids measured in *P. vulgaris* seeds in response to *S. oleraceus* residue at the rates of 150 and 300 g m<sup>-2</sup>. Bean plants were grown in soils amended with different rates of *S. oleraceus* residues. The produced seeds were analyzed for their sugars, organic acids, amino acids and fatty acids using HPLC and GCMS. Values are mean ± standard error of four independent replicates. Means followed by the same lower-case letter in a row do not differ significantly at the 0.05 probability level. SFA: saturated fatty acids, MUFA: monounsaturated fatty acids, PUFA: polyunsaturated fatty acids

Compound	Rates of <i>S. oleraceus</i> residue (g m <sup>-2</sup> soil)			Compound	Rates of <i>S. oleraceus</i> residue (g m <sup>-2</sup> soil)						
	Control	150	300		Control	150	300				
<b>Sugars (g 100 g<sup>-1</sup> dry weight)</b>											
Glucose	7.75 <sup>a</sup> ±0.0	7.76 <sup>a</sup> ±0.85	6.87 <sup>a</sup> ±0.43	Glutamate	1.65 <sup>a</sup> ±0.25	1.71 <sup>a</sup> ±0.46	2.79 <sup>b</sup> ±0.48				
Fructose	9.22 <sup>a</sup> ±0.49	9.88 <sup>a</sup> ±1.09	9.72 <sup>a</sup> ±0.87	Glutamine	0.21 <sup>a</sup> ±0.05	0.16 <sup>a</sup> ±0.003	0.34 <sup>b</sup> ±0.003				
Sucrose	2.59 <sup>a</sup> ±0.0	6.40 <sup>b</sup> ±0.063	9.13 <sup>c</sup> ±0.17	Ornithine	1.43 <sup>a</sup> ±0.14	1.42 <sup>a</sup> ±0.25	1.50 <sup>a</sup> ±0.16				
Total soluble sugars	31.10 <sup>a</sup> ±0.64	38.21 <sup>b</sup> ±2.60	40.89 <sup>b</sup> ±0.96	Total non-essential	2.15 <sup>a</sup> ±0.34	2.19 <sup>a</sup> ±0.61	3.50 <sup>b</sup> ±0.68				
Total insoluble	10.88 <sup>a</sup> ±0.23	13.38 <sup>b</sup> ±0.91	14.51 <sup>b</sup> ±0.34	<b>Total proteins (g 100 g<sup>-1</sup> dry weight)</b>	16.13 <sup>a</sup> ±2.67	22.47 <sup>b</sup> ±1.19	21.15 <sup>b</sup> ±2.30				
Total sugars	41.98 <sup>a</sup> ±0.87	53.36 <sup>b</sup> ±1.91	55.20 <sup>b</sup> ±1.38	<b>Fatty acids (mg 100 g<sup>-1</sup> dry weight)</b>							
<b>Organic acids (mg g<sup>-1</sup> dry weight)</b>											
Citric acid	0.27 <sup>a</sup> ±0.06	0.27 <sup>a</sup> ±0.08	0.26 <sup>a</sup> ±0.06	Dodecanoic (C12:0)	46.93 <sup>b</sup> ±0.0	45.83 <sup>b</sup> ±6.60	38.22 <sup>a</sup> ±0.0				
Fumaric acid	1.13 <sup>a</sup> ±0.19	2.14 <sup>b</sup> ±0.13	2.41 <sup>b</sup> ±0.10	Tetradecanoic (C14:0)	4.95 <sup>a</sup> ±0.11	5.20 <sup>a</sup> ±0.012	72.11 <sup>b</sup> ±11.29				
Isobutyric acid	3.30 <sup>b</sup> ±0.39	2.62 <sup>ab</sup> ±0.50	2.08 <sup>a</sup> ±0.01	Hexadecanoic (C16:0)	175.22 <sup>a</sup> ±24.30	160.05 <sup>a</sup> ±24.31	234.36 <sup>b</sup> ±62.77				
Malic acid	17.68 <sup>c</sup> ±2.94	8.68 <sup>a</sup> ±1.44	13.20 <sup>b</sup> ±1.80	Heptadecanoic (C17:0)	0.21 <sup>a</sup> ±0.005	3.68 <sup>b</sup> ±0.086	13.35 <sup>c</sup> ±0.57				
Oxalic acid	1.90 <sup>a</sup> ±0.005	1.85 <sup>a</sup> ±0.40	1.57 <sup>a</sup> ±0.67	Octadecanoic (C18:0)	0.041 <sup>a</sup> ±0.002	3.56 <sup>c</sup> ±0.008	1.99 <sup>b</sup> ±0.27				
Succinic acid	0.18 <sup>a</sup> ±0.08	0.11 <sup>a</sup> ±0.03	0.14 <sup>a</sup> ±0.02	Eicosanoic (C20:0)	37.84 <sup>a</sup> ±3.26	37.50 <sup>a</sup> ±0.08	91.69 <sup>b</sup> ±12.25				
<b>Amino acids (g 100 g<sup>-1</sup> dry weight)</b>											
Histidine	0.81 <sup>a</sup> ±0.15	1.22 <sup>a</sup> ±0.28	1.15 <sup>a</sup> ±0.23	Docosanoic (C22:0)	95.45 <sup>b</sup> ±10.07	92.10 <sup>b</sup> ±13.2	49.93 <sup>a</sup> ±7.01				
Isoleucine	0.21 <sup>a</sup> ±0.04	0.35 <sup>a</sup> ±0.06	0.45 <sup>b</sup> ±0.07	Tricosanoic (C23:0)	66.17 <sup>b</sup> ±4.48	30.25 <sup>a</sup> ±0.78	20.957 <sup>a</sup> ±2.60				
Leucine	2.94 <sup>a</sup> ±0.09	2.74 <sup>a</sup> ±0.08	3.94 <sup>b</sup> ±0.20	Tetracosanoic (C24:0)	0.08 <sup>a</sup> ±0.001	0.049 <sup>a</sup> ±0.003	0.062 <sup>a</sup> ±0.02				
Lysine	0.84 <sup>a</sup> ±0.17	1.31 <sup>b</sup> ±0.15	0.93 <sup>a</sup> ±0.26	Pentacosanoic (C25:0)	1.17 <sup>b</sup> ±0.09	0.47 <sup>a</sup> ±0.017	0.43 <sup>a</sup> ±0.02				
Methionine	0.62 <sup>a</sup> ±0.15	0.64 <sup>a</sup> ±0.19	1.08 <sup>b</sup> ±0.26	<b>Total SFA</b>	428.06 <sup>b</sup> ±43.91	378.69 <sup>ab</sup> ±39.25	523.01 <sup>b</sup> ±97.64				
Phenylalanine	0.88 <sup>a</sup> ±0.22	1.73 <sup>b</sup> ±0.24	1.06 <sup>a</sup> ±0.27	Hexadecanoic (C16:1, cis-Δ <sup>7</sup> )	283.37 <sup>b</sup> ±27.23	323.3 <sup>c</sup> ±8.00	233.12 <sup>a</sup> ±15.18				
Valine	0.62 <sup>b</sup> ±0.05	0.52 <sup>ab</sup> ±0.04	0.26 <sup>a</sup> ±0.03	Octadecenoic (C18:1, cis-Δ <sup>9</sup> )	1.24 <sup>a</sup> ±0.03	5.33 <sup>c</sup> ±0.36	2.07 <sup>b</sup> ±0.35				
Threonine	0.23 <sup>b</sup> ±0.04	0.21 <sup>a</sup> ±0.02	0.46 <sup>c</sup> ±0.17	Tetracosenoic (C24:1, cis-Δ <sup>9</sup> )	0.044 <sup>a</sup> ±0.004	3.74 <sup>c</sup> ±0.08	1.73 <sup>b</sup> ±0.23				
Total essential	7.16 <sup>a</sup> ±0.38	8.71 <sup>b</sup> ±0.43	9.34 <sup>b</sup> ±0.49	<b>Total MUFA</b>	284.65 <sup>a</sup> ±29.72	332.37 <sup>ab</sup> ±41.38	236.92 <sup>a</sup> ±17.29				
<b>Non-essential</b>											
Alanine	0.028 <sup>a</sup> ±0.005	0.017 <sup>a</sup> ±0.006	0.114 <sup>b</sup> ±0.019	Octadecadienoic (C18:2, cis-Δ <sup>9,12</sup> )	119.32 <sup>b</sup> ±10.80	128.81 <sup>c</sup> ±0.67	96.31 <sup>a</sup> ±0.26				
Arginine	0.046 <sup>a</sup> ±0.011	0.104 <sup>b</sup> ±0.018	0.056 <sup>a</sup> ±0.014	Eicosadienoic (C20:2, cis-Δ <sup>11,14</sup> )	0.42 <sup>a</sup> ±0.01	7.47 <sup>b</sup> ±0.17	31.64 <sup>c</sup> ±10.62				
Asparagine	0.07 <sup>a</sup> ±0.002	0.05 <sup>a</sup> ±0.001	0.04 <sup>a</sup> ±0.003	Hexadecatrienoic (C16:3, cis-Δ <sup>7,10,13</sup> )	18.19 <sup>a</sup> ±1.08	30.06 <sup>b</sup> ±2.70	31.67 <sup>b</sup> ±0.77				
				Octadecatrienoic (C18:3, cis-Δ <sup>9,12,15</sup> )	145.18 <sup>b</sup> ±9.91	171.35 <sup>c</sup> ±13.9	91.57 <sup>a</sup> ±10.13				
				<b>Total PUFA</b>	283.11 <sup>a</sup> ±19.78	337.96 <sup>b</sup> ±21.73	251.19 <sup>a</sup> ±17.96				
				<b>SFA/(MUFA + PUFA)</b>	0.75 <sup>b</sup> ±0.01	0.57 <sup>a</sup> ±0.01	1.07 <sup>c</sup> ±0.14				

Table 5. Contents of free phenolic, flavonoids, vitamins C and E ( $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$  dry weight) and TAC ( $\mu\text{mole Trolox g}^{-1}$  DW) in common bean seeds as affected by *S. oleraceus* residue at the rates of 150 and 300  $\text{g m}^{-2}$ . Bean plants were grown in soils amended with different rates of *S. oleraceus* residues. The produced seeds were analyzed for their phenolic acids, flavonoids and vitamins using HPLC system coupled with diode-array detector. Values are mean  $\pm$  standard error of four independent replicates. Means followed by the same lower-case letter in a row do not differ significantly at the 0.05 probability level.

Compound	Rates of <i>S. oleraceus</i> residue ( $\text{g m}^{-2}$ soil)		
	Control	150	300
<b><i>Phenolic acids</i></b>			
Caffeic acid	0.192 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.02	0.26 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.01	0.96 <sup>c</sup> $\pm$ 0.04
Chlorogenic acid	2.20 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.29	6.84 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.08	6.70 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.32
Ferulic acid	30.13 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 3.48	65.20 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 1.19	91.75 <sup>c</sup> $\pm$ 4.33
Gallic acid	166.50 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 22.15	159.73 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 6.60	161.94 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 19.49
p-Coumaric acid	35.81 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 4.76	50.05 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 1.42	109.38 <sup>c</sup> $\pm$ 5.16
Protocatechuic acid	2.45 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 1.25	12.17 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.57	44.30 <sup>c</sup> $\pm$ 2.09
Resorcinol	0.37 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.04	10.31 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.71	11.12 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.55
Syringic acid	9.82 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 1.30	18.24 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.39	30.01 <sup>c</sup> $\pm$ 1.42
Total phenolics	1052.7 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 37.23	1292.7 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 31.76	1506.0 <sup>c</sup> $\pm$ 43.55
<b><i>Flavonoids</i></b>			
Apigenin	2.74 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.49	4.64 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.72	2.05 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.71
Catechin	62.72 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 8.34	152.63 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 2.49	191.59 <sup>c</sup> $\pm$ 9.05
Luteolin	0.49 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.07	0.41 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.02	1.22 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.08
Quercetin	30.68 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.35	34.58 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.53	35.91 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 2.34
Rutin	19.98 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.81	28.88 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.69	26.65 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 2.31
Total flavonoids	656.7 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 27.16	739.0 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 16.9	756.7 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 19.2
<b><i>Vitamin</i></b>			
Ascorbic acid	4.20 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.34	4.98 <sup>c</sup> $\pm$ 0.30	3.17 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.47
$\alpha$ -tocopherol	8.00 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 1.4	11.2 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 2.1	12.4 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 2.2
$\beta$ -tocopherol	0.93 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.20	2.53 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.59	2.81 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.51
$\gamma$ -tocopherol	0.67 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.08	0.74 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.11	0.17 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.06
$\delta$ -tocopherol	0.09 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.03	0.28 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.06	ND
Total tocopherol	9.79 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 1.38	14.75 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 1.64	15.38 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 2.07
<b>TAC</b>	6.05 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.25	6.97 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.19	7.19 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.43



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