Nutritional Composition of Organically and Conventionally Produced Crops and Crop based Foods: A systematic Literature review and Meta-analyses

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1. LITERATURE REVIEW

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acerola, apple, apricot, arugula, asparagus, banana, barley, basil, bean, beet, beetroot, black currant, blueberry, broccoli, buckwheat, cabbage, canola, carrot, cauliflower, celeriac, celery, cereals, chard, chickpea, chicory, clementine, cocoa, coconut, coffee, collard, corn, courgettes, cucumber, diet, eggplant, endive, feed, fruit, garlic, grape, grapefruit, hop, kale, kiwifruit, leek, lemon, lentils, lettuce, lime, maize, mandarin, mango, marionberry, marjoram, melon, muskmelon, mustard, oat, olive, onion, orange, pac choi, papaya, parsley, parsnip, passion fruit, pea, peach, pear, pecan, pepper, persimmon, pineapple, plum, potato, pumpkin, radish, raspberry, rice, rocket, rye, savory, sesame, soybean, spinach, squash, strawberry, sunflower, tangerine, tea, thyme, tomato, triticale, vegetable, watercress, wheat, yedikule, zucchini

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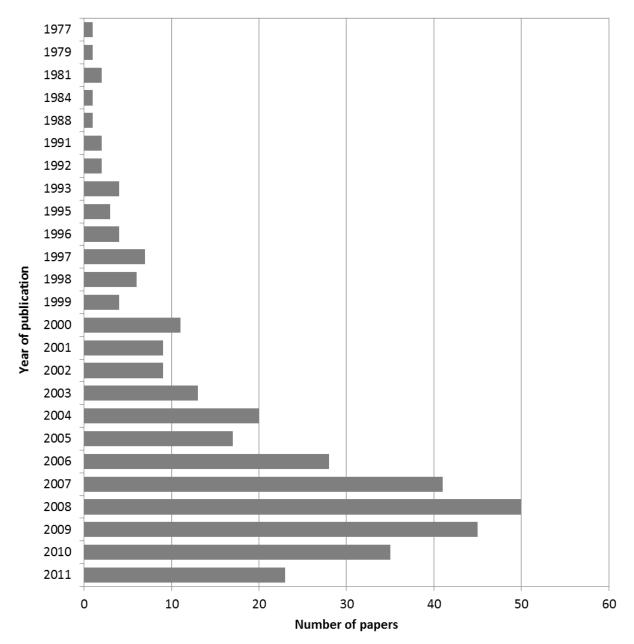


Figure 1. Number of papers included in the meta-analysis by year of publication.

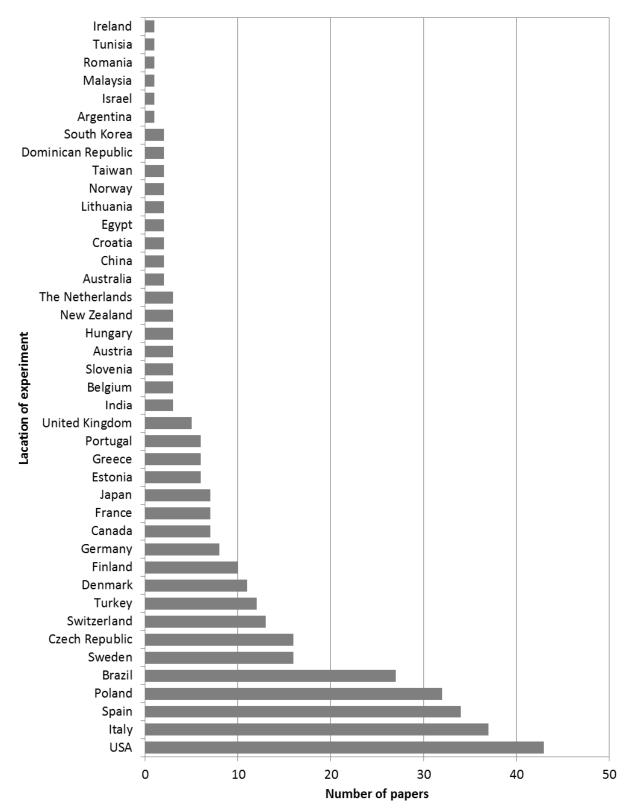


Figure 2. Number of papers included in the meta-analysis by location of the experiment (country).

ID	ST	Location	Crop/Product	Group
1	EX	USA	potato (tuber)	Vegetables
2	EX	Canada	potato (tuber), sweet corn (kernel)	Vegetables
3	EX	France	grape (fruit)	Fruits
4	CF	USA	blueberry (fruit)	Fruits
5	CF	Finland	strawberry (fruit)	Fruits
6	BS	Brazil	grape (juice)	Fruits
7	CF	Greece	apple (fruit)	Fruits
8	EX	Canada	cabbage (leaves), carrot (root)	Vegetables
9	EX	Portugal	potato (tuber)	Vegetables
10	EX	Spain	mandarin (juice)	Fruits
11	EX	USA	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
12	CF	Spain	strawberry (fruit)	Fruits
13	EX	USA	pepper (fruit), tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
14	CF	USA	blueberry (fruit), corn (grain)	Fruits, Cereals
15	CF	USA	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
16	CF	Italy	potato (tuber)	Vegetables
17	EX	Spain	mandarin (juice)	Fruits
18	EX	Portugal	cabbage (Tronchuda) (leaves)	Vegetables
19	EX	Sweden	cabbage (leaves), carrot (root), onion (bulb), pea, pea (pod), potato (tuber)	Vegetables
20	CF	Spain	banana (fruit)	Fruits
21	CF	Czech Republic	potato (tuber)	Vegetables
22	EX	Czech Republic	potato (tuber)	Vegetables
23	EX	Taiwan	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
24	EX	Estonia	black currant (fruit)	Fruits
25	CF	Italy	apple (fruit)	Fruits
26	EX	Italy	plum (fruit)	Fruits
27	CF	Spain	pepper (fruit)	Vegetables
28	CF	Belgium	hop (raw)	Other
29	EX	USA	kiwifruit (fruit)	Fruits
30	CF	Finland	black currant (fruit)	Fruits
31	CF	Finland	black currant (fruit)	Fruits
32	CF	Finland	strawberry (fruit)	Fruits
33	EX	Italy	apple (fruit)	Fruits
34	CF	USA	grapefruit (juice)	Fruits
35	CF	Taiwan	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
36	CF	Italy	grape (berry skin), grape (must)	Fruits
37	CF	Spain	banana (fruit)	Fruits
38	EX	Italy	peach (fruit), pear (fruit)	Fruits
39	EX	Italy	peach (fruit), pear (fruit)	Fruits
40	EX	France	tomato (fruit), tomato (puree)	Vegetables
41	EX	Sweden	onion (bulb)	Vegetables
42	CF	Argentina	swiss chard (leaves)	Vegetables
43	EX	Spain	grape (wine, red)	Fruits

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4	CF	Italy	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
5	EX	Sweden	strawberry (fruit)	Fruits
6	CF	Spain	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
7	EX	Italy	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
8	EX	USA	apple (fruit)	Fruits
.9	CF	USA	tomato (fruit), tomato (sauce)	Vegetables
0	CF	Italy	orange (fruit)	Fruits
1	CF	Poland	apple (puree)	Fruits
2	CF	USA	broccoli (flower)	Vegetables
3	EX	Spain	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
4	CF	Portugal	cabbage (Tronchuda) (leaves)	Vegetables
5	CF	Switzerland	apple (fruit)	Fruits
6	CF	Italy	apple (fruit)	Fruits
7	BS	Italy	orange (red) (fruit)	Fruits
8	EX	USA	collard (leaves), lettuce (leaves), pac choi (leaves)	Vegetables
9	CF	Spain	grape (wine, red), grape (wine, white)	Fruits
60	EX	USA	lettuce (leaves)	Vegetables
61	EX	USA	pac choi (leaves)	Vegetables
62	CF	France	peach (fruit)	Fruits
4	CF	Poland	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
5	CF	Switzerland	grape (wine)	Fruits
6	BS	United Kingdom (marketed)	carrot (soup), lentils (soup), tomato (soup), vegetable (soup)	Vegetables
67	CF	Switzerland	apple (fruit)	Fruits
8	EX	Spain	pepper (fruit)	Vegetables
0	BS	Brazil	broccoli (flower), cabbage (white) (leaves), carrot (root), onion (bulb), potato (tuber)	Vegetables
2	CF	Poland	apple (juice), black currant (juice), pear (juice), beetroot (juice), carrot (juice), celery (juice)	Fruits, Vegetables
3	CF	Poland	carrot (root)	Vegetables
' 4	CF	Austria	apple (fruit)	Fruits
′5	EX	Italy	chicory (leaves)	Vegetables
76	BS	Malaysia (marketed)	cabbage (leaves), chinese kale (leaves), chinese mustard (leaves), lettuce (leaves), spinach (leaves)	Vegetables
7	BS	USA (marketed)	marinara pasta sauce (with vegetables)	Vegetables
'8	CF	Croatia	strawberry (puree)	Fruits
'9	CF	Brazil	broccoli (stalks), potato (peel), radish (skin), spinach (stalks), pumpkin (seeds)	Vegetables, Oil seeds and pulses
0	CF	Brazil	chinese cabbage (leaves), maize (bran)	Vegetables, Cereals
81	BS	Australia (marketed)	orange (fruit), cabbage (leaves), carrot (root), lettuce (leaves)	Fruits, Vegetables
2	BS	Spain	lettuce (leaves)	Vegetables
33	BS	Italy, Spain, Germany, France, The Netherlands	broccoli (flower), cabbage (red) (leaves)	Vegetables

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ID	ST	Location	Crop/Product	Group
84	EX	India	tea (leaves)	Other
85	EX	Spain	pepper (sweet) (fruit)	Vegetables
86	EX	Spain	pepper (sweet) (fruit)	Vegetables
87	CF	Poland	potato (tuber)	Vegetables
88	CF	Japan	chinese cabbage (leaves), pepper (fruit), qing-gen- cai (leaves), spinach (leaves), welsh onion (bulb)	Vegetables
39	BS	Italy, Spain	apricot (nectar), peach (nectar), pear (juice), pear (nectar)	Fruits
90	EX	Italy	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
91	EX	Czech Republic	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
92	EX	Portugal	cabbage (leaves)	Vegetables
93	CF	Germany	carrot (root)	Vegetables
94	BS	France	grape (wine, red), grape (wine, white)	Fruits
95	EX	Sweden	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
96	CF	Austria, Slovenia	apple (fruit)	Fruits
97	BS	Italy	apricot (juice)	Fruits
98	CF	Switzerland	apple (fruit)	Fruits
99	BS	USA (marketed)	broccoli (flower)	Vegetables
00	BS	Not Specified	lemon (juice)	Fruits
01	BS	USA (marketed)	apple (juice), grapefruit (juice), lemon (juice), lime (juice), orange (juice), tomato (juice)	Fruits, Vegetables
02	BS	Turkey	grape (wine)	Fruits
03	CF	Switzerland	apple (fruit)	Fruits
04	EX	Spain	pepper (sweet) (fruit)	Vegetables
06	BS	South Korea	kale (leaves)	Vegetables
07	BS	Turkey	grape (wine, white)	Fruits
08	EX	Canada	wheat (grain)	Cereals
10	EX	Brazil	potato (tuber)	Vegetables
11	CF	New Zealand	kiwifruit (fruit)	Fruits
18	EX	Turkey	spinach (leaves)	Vegetables
19	EX	USA	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
20	EX	USA	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
121	CF	Italy	chicory (leaves), endive, prickly lettuce (leaves), rocket (leaves)	Vegetables
22	CF	Poland	carrot (root)	Vegetables
23	EX	Sweden	oat (grain)	Cereals
24	CF	Brazil	apple (fruit)	Fruits
26	EX	Finland	oat (grain)	Cereals
27	CF	Brazil	passion fruit (fruit)	Fruits
128	CF	Spain	banana (fruit)	Fruits
130	BS	Brazil	arugula (leaves), lettuce (leaves), watercress (leaves)	Vegetables
31	CF	Denmark	onion (bulb), pea, pea (raw)	Vegetables
132	EX	Canada	strawberry (fruit)	Fruits

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ID	ST	Location	Crop/Product	Group
33	EX	Norway	carrot (root)	Vegetables
34	CF	Finland	strawberry (fruit)	Fruits
36	BS, CF, EX	Sweden	carrot (root), potato (tuber), potato (tuber), rye (grain), wheat (grain)	Vegetables, Cereals
137	EX	Denmark	apple (fruit), carrot (root), kale (leaves), kale (leaves, dried), pea, pea (dried), potato (tuber)	Fruits, Vegetables
40	EX	Switzerland	beetroot (root)	Vegetables
41	EX	Italy	potato (tuber)	Vegetables
42	EX	Italy	wheat (winter) (flour), wheat (winter) (grain)	Cereals
43	CF	Brazil	kale (leaves)	Vegetables
44	CF	Japan	spinach (leaves)	Vegetables
46	BS	Brazil	mango (fruit)	Fruits
47	CF	USA	potato (tuber)	Vegetables
48	EX	Lithuania	cabbage (leaves), carrot (root), potato (tuber)	Vegetables
49	CF	Australia	wheat (grain)	Cereals
50	BS/CF	USA	leafy vegetables (leaves)	Vegetables
52	EX	USA	pac choi (leaves)	Vegetables
54	EX	Spain	pineapple (fruit)	Fruits
56	EX	Czech Republic	wheat (grain)	Cereals
63	EX	Finland	oat (grain)	Cereals
64	CF	Finland	strawberry (fruit)	Fruits
65	CF	Poland	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
66	EX	Poland	onion (bulb)	Vegetables
68	EX	USA	kiwifruit (fruit)	Fruits
70	BS	Spain	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
71	BS	Spain	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
72	BS	Spain	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
175	CF	The Netherlands, Austria, Denmark	animal feed (chicken feed)	Compound food
179	EX	Czech Republic	wheat (winter) (grain)	Cereals
80	EX	Czech Republic	wheat (winter) (grain)	Cereals
81	CF	France	carrot (root), celeriac (root)	Vegetables
82	EX	Turkey	strawberry (fruit)	Fruits
84	BS/CF	Italy	grape (wine, red)	Fruits
85	EX	Italy	wheat (hard) (grain), wheat (soft) (grain)	Cereals
87	CF	New Zealand	pea (raw), barley (grain), wheat (grain)	Vegetables, Cereals
89	BS	Italy (marketed)	sunflower (oil)	Oil seeds and pulses
95	EX	Denmark	carrot (root), onion (bulb), potato (tuber)	Vegetables
01	CF	USA	eggplant (fruit)	Vegetables
02	BS	Egypt	potato (tuber)	Vegetables
203	BS	Egypt	cucumber (fruit)	Vegetables

ID	ST	Location	Crop/Product	Group
206	CF	Spain	grape (wine, white)	Fruits
208	BS	Poland	cabbage (leaves), carrot (root), onion (bulb), potato (tuber)	Vegetables
210	EX	Tunisia	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
211	CF	Italy	wheat (grain)	Cereals
212	BS	Not Specified	coconut (oil), olive (oil), canola (oil), mustard seed (oil), sesame (oil)	Fruits, Vegetables, Oil seeds and pulses
215	CF	USA	eggplant (fruit)	Vegetables
218	EX	Sweden	wheat (spring) (grain), wheat (winter) (grain)	Cereals
219	EX	Sweden	wheat (spring) (grain), wheat (winter) (grain)	Cereals
229	CF	France	apple (fruit), bean (French) (pod), carrot (root), lettuce (leaves), spinach (leaves), tomato (fruit), barley (grain), wheat (grain), buckwheat (seeds)	Fruits, Vegetables, Cereals, Oil seeds and pulses
233	CF	Belgium	wheat (grain)	Cereals
249	EX	Denmark	carrot (root)	Vegetables
251	EX	Czech Republic	potato (tuber)	Vegetables
252	EX	Czech Republic	potato (tuber)	Vegetables
253	EX	Turkey	lettuce (Iceberg, Yedikule) (leaves)	Vegetables
254	EX	Poland	potato (tuber)	Vegetables
255	CF	Italy	chicory (leaves), lettuce (leaves), rocket (leaves)	Vegetables
259	CF	Sweden	carrot (root), tomato (fruit), wheat (grain)	Vegetables, Cereals
260	EX	United Kingdom	potato (tuber)	Vegetables
261	EX	Sweden	wheat (winter) (flour), wheat (winter) (grain)	Cereals
262	EX	Sweden	wheat (winter) (flour)	Cereals
264	EX	Poland	savory (leaves)	Herbs and spices
265	EX	Czech Republic	barley (grain), barley (wort)	Cereals
269	CF	Canada	apple (fruit)	Fruits
270	CF	Canada	apple (fruit)	Fruits
271	CF	Japan	rice (grain)	Cereals
272	EX	Sweden	wheat (winter) (grain)	Cereals
273	EX	USA	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
275	EX	Czech Republic	wheat (winter) (grain)	Cereals
276	CF	Brazil	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
277	BS	Spain	carrot (root), lettuce (leaves), pea (raw)	Vegetables
278	CF	Czech Republic	triticale (grain)	Cereals
279	EX	Lithuania	pumpkin (jam with apple), pumpkin (jam with black currant), pumpkin (sweetmeat with apple), pumpkin (sweetmeat with black currant), pumpkin (fruit)	
281	CF	Japan	rice (grain)	Cereals
282	EX	USA	sweet potato (root)	Vegetables
283	CF	Dominican Republic	banana (fruit)	Fruits
285	EX	Italy	rice (grain)	Cereals
286	BS	Poland	beetroot (root), cabbage (white) (leaves), carrot (root), parsley (root), potato (tuber)	Vegetables

Table 3 cont. Study type, location and crop/product information of the comparison studies included in the meta-analysis.

ID	ST	Location	Crop/Product	Group
287	BS	Germany	cabbage (leaves), carrot (root), lettuce (leaves), potato (tuber)	Vegetables
288	BS	Dominican Republic	banana (fruit)	Fruits
289	EX	Czech Republic	wheat (winter) (grain)	Cereals
290	BS, CF	Israel	banana (fruit), grape (fruit), grapefruit (juice), mango (fruit), orange (juice), carrot (root), spinach (leaves), tomato (fruit), sweet corn (kernel)	Fruits, Vegetables, Cereals
291	EX	Czech Republic	potato (tuber)	Vegetables
292	EX	Norway	barley (grain), oat (grain), wheat (grain)	Cereals
294	CF	USA	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
295	BS	USA	barley (grain), maize (corn meal), maize (processed foods), rice (brown), rice (brown) (grain), lentils (grain), lentils (seeds)	Cereals, Oil seeds and pulses
296	CF	USA	wheat (grain)	Cereals
297	CF	Poland	potato (tuber)	Vegetables
298	EX	Hungary	pepper (red) (fruit)	Vegetables
299	CF	USA	maize (grain)	Cereals
300	CF	Poland	pepper (red) (fruit)	Vegetables
301	CF	Poland	pepper (fruit)	Vegetables
302	CF	Poland	apple (juice), apple (mousse)	Fruits
303	CF	Poland	apple (pomace)	Fruits
304	EX	United Kingdom	rat feed	Compound food
305	EX	Finland	oat (groat)	Cereals
306	BS	Turkey	olive (extra virgin oil)	Vegetables
307	EX	Brazil	chicory (leaves), lettuce (leaves), rocket (leaves)	Vegetables
308	EX	Estonia	carrot (root)	Vegetables
310	EX	Italy	wheat (grain)	Cereals
311	CF/EX	Spain	banana (fruit)	Fruits
312	CF	Spain	pepper (fruit)	Vegetables
313	CF	India	mandarin (nagpur) (fruit)	Fruits
314	EX	Hungary	apple (fruit)	Fruits
315	CF	Spain	grape (fruit)	Fruits
316	EX	Spain	olive (virgin oil)	Vegetables
318	EX	Estonia	potato (tuber)	Vegetables
319	EX	Sweden	wheat (winter) (flour), wheat (winter) (grain)	Cereals
323	EX	Sweden	wheat (grain), wheat (winter) (grain)	Cereals
324	BS	Brazil	broccoli (flower)	Vegetables
327	EX	Japan	soybean (seeds)	Oil seeds and pulses
328	CF	Italy	olive (extra virgin oil)	Vegetables
330	EX	Turkey	lettuce (iceberg) (leaves)	Vegetables
331	BS	Poland	cabbage (leaves), carrot (root), potato (tuber)	Vegetables
333	EX	Canada	wheat (spring) (grain)	Cereals
334	CF, EX	Germany, Italy, Switzerland	wheat (grain), wheat (hard) (grain), wheat (soft) (grain), wheat (grain)	Cereals

Table 3 cont. Study type, location and crop/product information of the comparison studies included in the meta-analysis.

ID	ST	Location	Crop/Product	Group
335	BS/CF	China	celeriac, celery (root)	Vegetables
36	EX	China	muskmelon (fruit)	Fruits
37	BS	Brazil	potato (tuber)	Vegetables
38	EX	Switzerland	wheat (grain)	Cereals
39	CF	Switzerland	apple (fruit)	Fruits
840	CF	Estonia	strawberry (fruit)	Fruits
341	CF	Brazil	orange (juice)	Fruits
342	CF	Japan	rice (grain)	Cereals
343	EX	Finland	potato (tuber)	Vegetables
845	BS	Poland	apple (puree)	Fruits
346	BS	Greece	peach (fruit), beetroot, French bean, lettuce (leaves), pepper (fruit), potato (tuber), tomato (fruit), lentils (seeds), amarantus blitum	Fruits, Vegetables, Oil seeds and pulses, Herbs and spices
847	BS	Not Specified	lettuce (leaves), tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
48	EX	Denmark	animal feed (rat feed)	Compound food
354	CF	Spain	grape (fruit)	Fruits
357	CF	Belgium	apple (juice)	Fruits
358	CF	Greece	apple (fruit)	Fruits
859	EX	Poland	basil (leaves), marjoram (leaves, dried)	Herbs and spices
60	CF	Poland	pepper (fruit)	Vegetables
61	EX	Poland	pepper (fruit)	Vegetables
63	EX	Switzerland	wheat (grain)	Cereals
864	CF, BS/CF	Poland	carrot (root), potato (tuber)	Vegetables
865	EX	Poland	onion (bulb)	Vegetables
22	EX	Italy	sunflower (seeds)	Oil seeds and pulses
24	EX	Switzerland	wheat (winter) (grain)	Cereals
26	EX	USA	apple (fruit)	Fruits
-28	EX	Czech Republic	barley (grain)	Cereals
-29	CF	Germany	apple (fruit), carrot (root)	Fruits, Vegetables
30	CF/EX	Italy	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
31	CF/EX	Italy	strawberry (fruit)	Fruits
32	CF	Japan	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
133	CF	Slovenia	apple (fruit)	Fruits
134	EX	Turkey	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
35	EX	Sweden	leek (raw)	Vegetables
36	CF	Sweden	celeriac (root), parsnip (root)	Vegetables
38	CF	Brazil	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
42	EX	Italy	cauliflower (curd)	Vegetables
43	EX	South Korea	pepper (hot) (fruit)	Vegetables
46	EX	Denmark	apple (fruit), carrot (root), kale (leaves), kale (leaves, cooked), pea (cooked), potato (tuber)	Fruits, Vegetables

Table 3 cont. Study type, location and crop/product information of the comparison studies included in the meta-analysis.

D	ST	Location	Crop/Product	Group
48	BS	Portugal (marketed); Spain and Switzerland (produced)	cereals (baby food)	Compound food
49	BS	Portugal	cabbage (savoy) (leaves), carrot (root), lettuce (leaves), savoy cabbage (leaves), spinach (leaves)	Vegetables
52*	BS/CF	The Netherlands	carrot (root), lettuce (iceberg) (leaves), lettuce (leaves)	Vegetables
60*	BS	Denmark	apple (fruit), banana (fruit), beetroot, black currant (fruit), broccoli (flower), cabbage (leaves), carrot (root), chickpea (seeds), cucumber (fruit), grape (fruit), grapefruit (fruit), kale (leaves), leek, lemon (fruit), mandarin (fruit), mushroom, onion (bulb), orange (fruit), parsley (root), parsnip (root), pear (fruit), potato (tuber), raspberry (fruit), tea (dry leaves), tomato (fruit)	Fruits, Vegetables, Seeds, Other
62	EX	Estonia	barley (grain), oat (spring) (grain), wheat (spring) (grain)	Cereals
63	EX	Czech Republic	basil (leaves)	Herbs and spices
71	EX	USA	pecan (kernel)	Fruits
75	EX	Switzerland	wheat (grain)	Cereals
77	EX	Brazil	strawberry (fruit)	Fruits
82	EX	USA	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
83	EX	Romania	wheat (grain)	Cereals
84	EX	Slovenia	red beet (root)	Vegetables
86	CF/EX, EX	Spain	eggplant (fruit)	Vegetables
88	CF	USA	strawberry (fruit)	Fruits
89	EX	Turkey	cabbage (white) (leaves)	Vegetables
90	EX	Turkey	spinach (leaves)	Vegetables
91	CF	Germany	grape (skin extract)	Fruits
92	BS	Brazil	apple (fruit), banana (fruit), mango (fruit), orange (fruit), papaya (fruit), tangerine (fruit), broccoli (flower), cabbage (white) (leaves), carrot (root), onion (bulb), potato (tuber), tomato (fruit)	Fruits, Vegetables
93	CF/EX	Brazil	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
94*	BS	Brazil	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
95	CF	United Kingdom		Vegetables
97	EX	Estonia	wheat (spring) (bran), wheat (spring) (grain)	Cereals
00	BS	Ireland	baby food (berry-based dessert), baby food (chicken and vegetable dinner)	Compound food
01	EX	Italy	apricot (fruit)	Fruits
02	EX	Brazil	onion (bulb)	Vegetables
03	CF	USA	blueberry (fruit), raspberry (fruit)	Fruits
04	CF	Spain	grape (fruit), grape (wine)	Fruits
05	CF	Brazil	coffee (beans), coffee (green)	Other

Table 3 cont. Study type, location and crop/product information of the comparison studies included in the meta-analysis.

ID	ST	Location	Crop/Product	Group
606	EX	Turkey	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
80	CF	Croatia	grape (red wine), grape (white wine), grape (wine, red), grape (wine, white)	Fruits
09	EX	USA	blueberry (fruit)	Fruits
10	EX	USA	pac choi (leaves)	Vegetables
11	EX	Poland	wheat (spring) (grain), wheat (winter) (grain)	Cereals
12	EX	Turkey	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
13	EX	Italy	durum wheat (semolina)	Cereals
17	CF/EX	New Zealand	kiwifruit (fruit)	Fruits
18	CF/EX	Greece	orange (juice)	Fruits
19	CF/EX	Spain	mandarin (juice)	Fruits
20	EX	Denmark	carrot (root), food (whole diet)	Vegetables, Compound food
22	EX	USA	pac choi (leaves)	Vegetables
24	CF, EX, CF/EX	Italy	clementine (fruit), orange (fruit), peach (fruit), strawberry (fruit)	Fruits
25	EX	Brazil	acerola (fruit), persimmon (fruit), strawberry (fruit)	Fruits
526	EX	United Kingdom	wheat (grain)	Cereals
527	BS/EX	Brazil	coffee (roasted ground)	Other
28	EX	Czech Republic	buckwheat (groat)	Cereals
531	CF	USA	strawberry (fruit)	Fruits
32	EX	Denmark	potato (tuber), barley (grain), wheat (grain), wheat (winter) (grain), faba bean (seed), faba bean (seeds)	Vegetables, Cereal Oil seeds and pulse
533	CF	Spain	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
36	CF	Denmark	beetroot (root), carrot (root), cucumber (fruit), potato (tuber)	Vegetables
37	EX	USA	rice (grain)	Cereals
41	EX	Poland	sweet marjoram (leaves)	Herbs and spices
42	EX	Poland	marjoram (leaves, dried), savory (leaves, dried), sweet basil (leaves, dried), thyme (leaves, dried)	Herbs and spices
43	EX	Poland	marjoram (leaves, dried), savory (leaves, dried), sweet basil (leaves, dried), thyme (leaves, dried)	Herbs and spices
44	EX	Poland	savory (leaves)	Herbs and spices
45	EX	Poland	thyme (leaves)	Herbs and spices
46	EX	Poland	basil (leaves)	Herbs and spices
48 ^c	BS	EU countries (mostly Italy)	foods of a plant origin	Compound food
49	CF	Brazil	lettuce (leaves)	Vegetables
50	BS	USA	asparagus (stem), green beans (pod), pepper (red) (fruit), spinach (leaves)	Vegetables
571	CF	Greece	cabbage (leaves), celery (leaves), lettuce (leaves), spinach (leaves)	Vegetables
572	BS	Poland	beetroot (root), carrot (root), potato (tuber)	Vegetables
80	EX	Brazil	strawberry (fruit)	Fruits

Table 3 cont. Study type, location and crop/product information of the comparison studies included in the meta-analysis.

ID	ST	Location	Crop/Product	Group
581	EX	India	wheat (grain)	Cereals
584	EX	Germany	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
585	EX	Greece	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
586	CF	Brazil	mango (fruit)	Fruits
587	EX	Hungary	wheat (grain)	Cereals
619*	BS	USA	apple (fruit), banana (fruit), muskmelon (fruit), grape (fruit), orange (fruit), peach (fruit), pear (fruit), strawberry (fruit), broccoli (flower), carrot (root), celery (root), cucumber (fruit), bean (raw), lettuce (leaves), potato (tuber), spinach (leaves), pepper (sweet) (fruit), sweet potato (tuber), tomato (fruit), squash (raw), foods of a plant origin, pepper (fruit)	Fruits, Vegetables Compound food
620*	BS	Austria	foods of a plant origin	Compound food
621*	BS	Italy	tomato (fruit)	Vegetables
622*	BS	Denmark	foods of a plant origin	Compound food
623*	BS	Denmark	foods of a plant origin	Compound food
624*	BS	Austria	foods of a plant origin	Compound food

Table 3 cont. Study type, location and crop/product information of the comparison studies included in the meta-analysis.

ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references); ST, Study type (CF – Comparison of Farms, BS – Basket Study, EX – Controlled Experiment); *Paper included in meta-analysis of frequency of detectable pesticide residues.

Table 4. Information extracted from the papers and included in the database used for metaanalysis.

Information about the paper	Paper ID, authors, publication year, title, journal/publisher, type of paper (journal article, conference proceedings, conference paper, report, book, thesis), corresponding author, language of publication, information if paper was peer-reviewed, source of paper (electronic databases, contact with authors, reference list of reviews and original publications).
Study characteristics	Study type (Controlled Experiment - EX, Comparison of Farms - CF, Basket Study - BS), product, species, cultivar or variety, production system description, experimental year(s), location of the study.
Data	Name of the compositional parameter, number of samples, mean, SE or SD, measurement unit, data type (numeric, graphical).

Table 5. Summary of inclusion criteria used in the standard weighted (analysis 1) and the standard unweighted (analysis 5) meta-analysis, and the 6 sensitivity analyses carried out. Detailed results of sensitivity analysis are shown on the Newcastle University website (*http://research.ncl.ac.uk/nefg/QOF*)

Analysis	Data	available	Cultivar or var	iety of the crop	Experime	Experimental years		
No	Only papers with N, mean, SD/SE	All papers reporting means	Cultivar/variety averaged*	Each cultivar/variety as separate data point†	One data point from one paper‡	Individual year as separate data point§		
		Wei	ighted meta-ana	alysis				
1 standard∥	+		+		+			
2	+		+			+		
3	+			+	+			
4	+			+		+		
		Unwo	eighted meta-ar	nalysis				
5 standard∥		+	+		+			
6		+	+			+		
7		+		+	+			
8		+		+		+		

*If data from more than one cultivar or variety of the crop were presented separately in the paper, average was calculated and included in the analysis; †If data from more than one cultivar or variety of the crop were presented separately in the paper, they were analysed separately, as individual data points; ‡If data from more than one experimental years were presented separately in the paper, average was calculated and included in the analysis; §If data from more than one experimental years were presented separately in the paper, average was calculated and included in the analysis; §If data from more than one experimental years were presented separately in the paper, they were analysed separately, as individual data points; ||Results of the standard uwweighted and weighted meta-analysis are presented in the main paper.

Table 6. List of composition parameters included in the statistical analyses.*

Parameters Ash, Ash (total), Carbohydrates, Carbohydrates (total), Dry matter, Fat, Fat (crude), Fibre, Fibre (insoluble), Fibre (soluble), Fibre (total), Fructose, Glucose, Protein (total), Solids, Solids (soluble), Solids (total), Starch, Sucrose, Sugars (reducing), Water Amino acids, Amino acids (total), Alanine (Ala), Arginine (Arg), Asparagine (Asn), Aspartic acid (Asp), Glutamic acid (Glu), Glutamine (Gln), Glycine (Gly), Histidine (His), Isoleucine (Ile), Leucine (Leu), Lysine (Lys), Methionine (Met), Phenylalanine (Phe), Proline (Pro), Serine (Ser), Threonine (Thr), Tyrosine (Tyr), Valine (Val) 16.0 fatty acid (palmitic acid), 18.0 fatty acid (stearic acid), 18.1 fatty acid (oleic acid), 18.2 fatty acid (linoleic acid), 18.3 fatty acid (linolenic acid), 20.0 fatty acid (arachidic acid), Monounsaturated fatty acids, Polyunsaturated fatty acids, Saturated fatty acids, Saturated fatty acids (total) Alpha-carotene, Alpha-tocopherol, Anthocyanins, Antioxidant activity based on 2,2- diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH), Ferric reducing antioxidant power (FRAP), Trolox
 Fibre (insoluble), Fibre (soluble), Fibre (total), Fructose, Glucose, Protein (total), Solids, Solids (soluble), Solids (total), Starch, Sucrose, Sugars (reducing), Water Amino acids, Amino acids (total), Alanine (Ala), Arginine (Arg), Asparagine (Asn), Aspartic acid (Asp), Glutamic acid (Glu), Glutamine (Gln), Glycine (Gly), Histidine (His), Isoleucine (Ile), Leucine (Leu), Lysine (Lys), Methionine (Met), Phenylalanine (Phe), Proline (Pro), Serine (Ser), Threonine (Thr), Tyrosine (Tyr), Valine (Val) 16.0 fatty acid (palmitic acid), 18.0 fatty acid (stearic acid), 18.1 fatty acid (oleic acid), 18.2 fatty acid (linoleic acid), 18.3 fatty acid (linolenic acid), 20.0 fatty acid (arachidic acid), Monounsaturated fatty acids, Polyunsaturated fatty acids, Saturated fatty acids (total) Alpha-carotene, Alpha-tocopherol, Anthocyanins, Antioxidant activity based on 2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH), Ferric reducing antioxidant power (FRAP), Trolox
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equivalent antioxidant capacity (TEAC), Oxygen radical antioxidant capacity (ORAC), Apigenin, Ascorbic acid, Beta-carotene, Beta-cryptoxanthin, Carotenes, Carotenoids, Carotenoids (total), Dehydroascorbic acid, Flavanols, Flavanones, Flavones, Flavones and flavonols, Flavones and flavonols (total), Flavonoids (total), Flavonols, Flavonols (total), Gamma-tocopherol, Kaempferol, Kaempferol 3-O-glucoside, Lutein, Luteolin, Luteolin-7-o- glucoside, Lycopene, Myricetin, Myricetin 3-o-glucoside, Polyphenoloxidase (PPO) activity (towards caffeic acid), Polyphenoloxidase (PPO) activity (towards chlorogenic acid), Quercetin, Quercetin 3-galactoside, Quercetin 3-glucoside, Quercetin 3-rhamnoside, Quercetin malonylglucoside, Quercetin-3-rutinoside (Rutin), Vitamin B, Vitamin B ₁ , Vitamin C, Vitamin C (total), Vitamin E, Zeaxanthin
Aluminium (Al), Arsenic (As), Barium (Ba), Boron (B), Bromine (Br), Cadmium (Cd), Calcium (Ca), Carbon (C), Cerium (Ce), Chloride (Cl), Chromium (Cr), Cobalt (Co), Copper (Cu), Elements, Gallium (Ga), Indium (In), Iron (Fe), Lanthanum (La), Lead (Pb), Magnesium (Mg), Manganese (Mn), Molybdenum (Mo), Nickel (Ni), Nitrogen (N), Phosphorus (P), Potassium (K), Rhenium (Re), Rubidium (Rb), Selenium (Se), Sodium (Na), Strontium (Sr), Sulphur (S), Thallium (TI), Tin (Sn), Vanadium (V), Wolfram (W), Zinc (Zn)
5-o-Caffeoylquinic acid (5-CQA), Caffeic acid, Chlorogenic acid, Ellagic acid, Ferulic acid, Gallic acid, Hydroxycinnamic acids (total), p-coumaric acid (pCA), Phenolic acids, Phenolic acids (total), Phenolic compounds, Phenolic compounds (total), Salicylic acid, Sinapic acid (SA)
Volatile compounds
Acidity, Acidity (total), Acidity (volatile), Acids (total), Anthocyanins (total), Catechin, Chalcones, Citric acid, Dihydrochalcones, Energy, Epicatechin, Flavanols (total), Glucoraphanin, Glucosinolates, Malic acid, Naringenin, Naringenin (R-enantomer), Nitrates, Nitrites, Organic acids, Other defense compounds, Other non-defense compounds, Other

*Compounds for which number of comparisons organic vs. conventional was \geq 3.

Table 7. List of composition parameters excluded from the statistical analyses.*

Category	Parameters
Major components	Non-starch polysaccharides (soluble), Non-starch polysaccharides (total), Protein, Protein (soluble), Protein (true), Stachyose, Starch Index, Sugars (non-reducing), Sugars (soluble)
	Amino acids (essential), Amino acids (free), Alanine (% of total EAA), Alanine (hydrolised), Alpha-aminobutyric acid, Arginine (% of total EAA), Arginine (hydrolised), Aspartic acid (% of total EAA), Aspartic acid (hydrolised), Beta-alanine, Cysteine (Cys), Cystine, Cystine (% of total EAA), Essential amino acids (total), Glutamic acid (% of total EAA), Glutamic acid (hydrolised), Glutamine (hydrolised), Glycine (% of total EAA), Histidine (% of total EAA), Histidine (hydrolised), Isoleucine (% of total EAA), Isoleucine (hydrolised), Leucine (% of total EAA), Leucine (hydrolised), Lysine (% of total EAA), Lysine (hydrolised), Methionine (% of total EAA), Methionine (hydrolised), Methionine + Cystine, Phenylalanine (% of total EAA), Phenylalanine (hydrolised), Proline (% of total EAA), Proline (hydrolised), Serine (% of total EAA), Serine (hydrolised), Threonine (% of total EAA), Threonine (hydrolised), Tryptophane (Trp), Tyrosine (% of total EAA), Tyrosine (hydrolised), Valine (% of total EAA), Valine (hydrolised)
Fatty acids	12.0 fatty acid, 14.0 fatty acid, 14.1 fatty acid, 16.1 c9 fatty acid, 16.1 fatty acid (palmitoleic acid), 16.1 n-7 fatty acid, 17.0 fatty acid, 17.1 fatty acid, 18.1 cis fatty acid, 18.1 n-9 fatty acid, 18.2 n-6 fatty acid, 18:3 n-3 fatty acid (alpha-linolenic acid), 20.1 fatty acid, 20.1 n-9 fatty acid, 20.2 fatty acid, 20.3 (n-3) fatty acid, 20.3 (n-6) fatty acid, 20.4 fatty acid, 22.0 fatty acid, 22.1 fatty acid, 22.6 fatty acid, 24.0 fatty acid, 24.1 fatty acid, Fatty acids, Fatty acids (free), Fatty acids (total), Monounsaturated fatty acids (MUFA), Monounsaturated fatty acids (total), n-3 - n-6 fatty acids ratio, n-3 fatty acids, n-6 fatty acids, Polyunsaturated fatty acids (total), Saturated fatty acids (SFA)
	13-cis-lycopene, 13-cis-β-carotene, 15-cis-lycopene, 5-formyltetrahydrofolate (5-formylTHF), 5-methyltetrahydrofolate (5-methylTHF), 9-cis-lycopene, 9-cis-violaxanthin, All-trans- + 5-cis- lycopene, All-trans-β-carotene, Alpha-tocotrienol, Antheraxanthin, Antioxidant activity (Catalase-like activity), Antioxidant activity (IC50), Antioxidant activity (Ipophilic) (ORAC), Antioxidant activity (microchemiluminescence), Antioxidant activity (Randox), Antioxidant activity (scavenging effect for DPPH radical of tea extract) (concentration 100µg per ml), Antioxidant activity (scavenging effect for DPPH radical of tea extract) (concentration 200µg per ml), Antioxidant activity (scavenging effect for DPPH radical of tea extract) (concentration 200µg per ml), Antioxidant activity (scavenging effect for DPPH radical of tea extract) (concentration 300µg per ml), Antioxidant activity (scavenging effect for DPPH radical of tea extract) (concentration 50µg per ml), Antioxidant activity (sod-like activity), Antioxidant activity (water insoluble) (TEAC), Antioxidant activity (water soluble) (TEAC), Antioxidant effect of 1ug per ml extract, Antioxidant effect of 10ug per ml extract, Apigenin 6-C Galactoside, 8-C-Glucoside, Apigenin glucuronide, Ascorbate peroxidase (AsA-POD) activity, Baicalein, Beta-tocopherol, Beta-tocotrienol, Capsanthin, Capsanthin 5,6-epoxide, Capsanthin diester, Capsorubin, Carotene, Catalase-like activity (CAT), Cis-antheraxanthin, Cis-capsanthin, Cucurbitaxanthin A, Dehydroascorbate reductase (DHAR) activity, Delta- tocopherol, Fisetin aglycones, Fisetin glycosides, Flavonoids (non-anthocyan), Flavonoids (other), Flavonoids (sum), Flavonols (total) and xanthone glycosides, Folate, Glutathione peroxidase (GSH-POD) activity, Glutathione reductase (GR) activity, Guaiacol peroxidase (G-POD) activity, Isomangiferin, Isoorientin, Isorhammetin-3,4'-diglyoside (1-3,4'-digly), Isorhamnetin-4'-glycoside (1-4'-gly), Isoscoparin (3'-O-(Faruloyl)sophoroside-7-O-glucoside, Kaempferol 3-O-(feruloyl)sophoroside-7-O-glu

^{*}Compounds for which number of comparisons organic vs. conventional was < 3.

Table 7 cont. List of composition parameters excluded from the statistical analyses.*

Category	Parameters
	Kaempferol 3-O-sophoroside-7-O-glucoside, Kaempferol 3-O-sophoroside-7-O-sophoroside,
	Kaempferol 3-O-sophoroside-/-O-glucoside, Kaempferol 3-O-sophoroside-/-O-sophoroside, Kaempferol 3-O-sophoroside-7-O-sophorotrioside + kaempferol 3-O-sophorotrioside-7-O- sophoroside, Kaempferol 3-O-sophorotrioside, Kaempferol 3-O-sophorotrioside-7-O-glucoside, Kaempferol 3-O-sophorotrioside-7-O-sophoroside, Kaempferol aglycones, Kaempferol glucoside, Kaempferol glucoside, Luteoin 3-O-sophorotrioside-7-O-sophoroside, Kaempferol aglycones, Kaempferol glucoside, Kaempferol rutinoside, L-ascorbic acid, Lutein + violaxanthin, Luteolin 6-C-Galactoside, 8-C-Glucoside and Lucenin-2 (Luteolin 6, 8 Di-C-Glucoside), Luteolin gucuronide, Luteolin-7-(2-apiosyl-4-glucosyl-6-acetyl)glucoside, Luteoin-7-(2-apiosyl-6-acetyl)glucoside, Luteoin-7-(2-apiosyl-6-acetyl)glucoside, Luteoxanthin b, Luteoxanthin-like, Mangiferin, Methylquercetin glucoside, Monodehydroascorbate reductase (MDAR) activity, Morin, Mutatoxanthin, Mutatoxanthin-like, Myricetin 3-arabinoside, Myricetin aglycones, Myricetin glycosides, Quercetin 3-arabinoside, Neroxidase activity, Quercetin 4-glucoside -Quercetin 3-arabinoside, Quercetin 3-o-glucoside -quercetin 3-arabinoside, Quercetin 3-o-glucoside, Quercetin 3-o-rutinoside, Quercetin 3-xyloside, Quercetin 4'-monoglucoside, Quercetin 3-Qlucoside (Q-3-glu), Quercetin-3-o-glucoside - Quercetin 4-glucoside (Q-3-glu), Quercetin-3-glucoside (Q-3-glu), Quercetin-3-glucoside (Q-3-glu), Quercetin-3-glucoside (Q-3-glu), Quercetin-3-glucoside (Q-3-glu), Quercetin-3-o-glucoroide, Quercetin-4'-glucoside (Q-4'-glu), Riboflavin, SDS (1-sodium dodecyl sulfate) activation (-fold) of polyphenol oxidase using 4-methyl catechol, SDS (1-sodium dodecyl sulfate) activation (-fold) of polyphenol oxidase using 4-ter
Minerals and undesirable metals	Antimony (Sb), Beryllium (Be), Bismuth (Bi), Calcium (Ca) (HCI extractable), Cesium (Cs), Dysprosium (Dy), Europium (Eu), Gadolinium (Gd), Gold (Au), Hafnium (Hf), Holmium (Ho), lodine (I), Magnesium (Mg) (HCI extractable), Mercury (Hg), Mineral compounds, Neodymium (Nd), NH4-Nitrogen, Niobium (Nb), Nitrogen (assimilable), Phosphorus (P) (HCI extractable), Platinum (Pt), Praseodymium (Pr), Samarium (Sm), Scandium (Sc), Silver (Ag), Tellurium (Te), Terbium (Tb), Thorium (Th), Thulium (Tm), Titanium (Ti), Uranium (U), Ytterbium (Yb), Yttrium (Y), Zirconium (Zr)
Phenolic compounds	1,2'disinapoyl-2-feruloylgentiobiose, 1,2-disinapoylgentiobiose + 1-sinapoyl-2-feruloylgentiobiose + isomer of 1,2-disinapoylgentiobiose + 1,2,2'-trisinapoylgentiobiose, 3- acetyl-5-caffeoylquinic acid, 3-caffeoylquinic acid derivate, 3-p-coumaroylquinic acid, 4-o- Caffeoylquinic acid (4-CQA), 4-p-coumaroylquinic acid, Caffeic acid derivatives (total), Caffeoyl derivatives, Caffeoylglucose, Caffeoyltartaric acid, Chicoric acid, Cinnamic acid, Coumaric acid, Coumaric acid glucoside, Coumarins, Dicaffeoyltartaric acid, Ellagic acid + ellagic acid glycoside, Ellagic acid aglycones, Ellagic acid glucoside, Ellagic acid glycoside, Ferulic acid (bound), Ferulic acid (conjugated), Ferulic acid glucoside, Feruoyglucose, Hydroxycinnamates, Hydroxycinnamic acid derivate a, Hydroxycinnamic acid derivate b, Hydroxycinnamic acid derivative (unidentified), Hydroxycinnamic acid derivatives (total), N- (3,4-dihydroxy)-E-cinnamoyl-5-hydroxyanthranilic acid, N-(4-hydroxy)-E-cinnamoyl-5- hydroxyanthranilic acid, p-coumaric acid derivate, p-coumaroylglucose, p-coumaroylquinic acid, Phenolics (bound) (total), Phenolics (free) (total), Phenolics (soluble conjugulated) (total), p-hydroxybenzoic acid (pHBA), Polyphenols hydrolyzable (total), Protocatecuic acid, Sinapic acid glucose derivate, Syringic acid, Trans-caffeoyltartaric acid, Trans-p-coumaric acid, Trans-p-cumaroyltartaric acid, Vanillic acid (VA)
Volatile compounds	 (E)-2-decen-1-ol, (E)-2-hepten-1-ol, (E)-2-hexenal, (E)-2-nonen-1-ol, (E)-2-octenal, (E)-3-hepten-1-ol, (E)oak lactone, (E,E)-2,4-hexadienal, (Z)-3-hexen-1-ol, (Z)-3-hexenal, (Z)-6-nonenal, (Z)oak lactone, 1,1-diethoxyethane, 1,8-cineole, 1-butanol, 1-hexanol, 1-hexen-3-ol, 1-isothiocyanato-butane, 1-nonanol, 1-octanol ,1-octen-3-ol, 1-pentanol, 1-penten-3-ol, 1-propanol, 2,6,6-trimethyl-1-cyclohexene-1-carboxaldehyde, 2-butanol, 2-butanone, 2-hexen-1-ol (cis), 2-hexen-1-ol (trans), 2-hexenal

*Compounds for which number of comparisons organic vs. conventional was < 3.

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Category	Parameters
Volatile	 2-hexenal (cis), 2-hexenal (trans), 2-hexyn-1-ol, 2-lsothiocyanatoethyl-benzene, 2-methyl-3- pentanone, 2-methyl-butanoic acid methyl ester, 2-nonanone, 2-pentenal, 2-undecanone, 3,7- dimethyl-1-pentanol, 3-methyl-2-butanone, 3-pentanone-1-(methylthio), 4,5-dimethyl-thiazole, 4- ethyl-5-methylthiazole, 4-ethylguaiacol, 4-ethylphenol, 4-hexen-1-ol, 4-isothiocyanate, 1- butene, 4-methyl-1-pentanol, 4-methyl-1-undecene, 4-methylpentyl isothiocyanate, 5- methylfurtal, 6,10-dimethyl-5.9-undecadien-2-one (geranylacetone), Acetaldehyde, Acetaldehyde and derivatives, Acetic acid octyl ester, Acetoin , Allyl isothiocyanate, Alpha- humulene, Alpha-phellandrene, Alpha-pinene, Alpha-terpinene, Benzaldehyde, Benzene propanenitrile, Benzeneacetaldehyde, Benzyl alcohol, Benzyl nitrile, Beta-caryophyllene, Beta- muurolene, Beta-myrcene, (E)-2-decen-1-ol, (E)-2-hepten-1-ol, (E)-2-hexenal, (E)-2-nonen-1- ol, (E)-2-octenal, (E)-3-hepten-1-ol, (E)-2-hepten-1-ol, (E)-2-hexenal, (Z)-6-nonenal, (Z)oak lactone, 1,1-diethoxyethane, 1,8-cineole, 1-butanol, 1- bexanol, 1-hexen-3-ol, 1-isothiocyanato-butane, 1-nonanol, 1-octanol, 1-octen-3-ol, 1- pentanol, 1-penten-3-ol, 1-propanol, 2,6,6-trimethyl-1-cyclohexene-1-carboxaldehyde, 2- butanol, 2-butanone, 2-decanone, 2-hexen-1-ol (cis), 2-hexen-1-ol (cis), 2-hexenal, 2. hexenal (cis), 2-hexenal (trans), 2-hexyn-1-ol (cis), 2-hexen-1-ol (cis), 3- methyl-1,6-octadien-3-ol (linalool), 3-carene, 3-ethoxy-1-propanol, 3-hexen-1-ol (cis), 3- methyl-1,6-octadien-3-ol (linalool), 3-carene, 3-ethoxy-1-propanol, 3-hexen-1-ol (cis), 3- methyl-1-pentanol, 3-methyl-2-butanone, 3-pentanone-1-(methylthio), 4,5-dimethyl-thiazole, 4- ethyl5-methylthiazole, 4-ethylguaiacol, 4-ethylphenol, 4-hexen-1-ol, 4-isothiocyanate, 5- methylfurfural, 6,10-dimethyl-6,9-undecadien-2-one (geranylacetone), Acetaldehyde, Acetaldehyde, and derivatives, Acetic acid octyl ester, Acetoin , Alpl isothiocyanate, 5- methylfurfural, 6,10-dimethyl-6,9-undecadien-2-one (geranylacetone), Acetaldehyde, Benzenne
	disulfide, Monoethyl succinate, Myrcene, Nitriles (total), Octanal, Octanoic acid, Pantolactone, p-cymene, Pentanenitrile-5-(methylthio), Phenethyl acetate, Phenethyl alcohol, Phenethyl octanoate, Propanal-3-(methylthio), Propyl acetate, Propyl-3-(methylthio) isothiocyanate, Sabinene, Sulfides (total), Terpinen-4-acetat, Thiols, Valencene, Vanillin, Volatile compounds (total), Volatile phenols (total)
Other	(+)catechin, (2R)eriocitrin, (2R)hesperidin, (2R)naringin, (2S)eriocitrin, (2S)hesperidin, (2S)naringin, 1,2-diacylglycerides, 1,3-diacylglycerides, 1-kestose, 2,4-dihydroxy-7-methoxy- 1,4-benzoxazin-3-one (DIMBOA) glucoside ,2-aminoadipate, 3'-C-glucoside, 2',4',6',3,4- pentahydroxychalcone, 4-dihydroxy-7-methoxy-1,4-benzoxazin-3-one (DIMBOA), 4- hydroxyglucobrassicin, 4-methoxyglucobrassicin, 6',7'-dihydroxybergamottin, 6',7'- dihydroxybergamottin dimer 708, 6',7'-dihydroxybergamottin dimer 728, Acidity (free), Aconitic acid, Acylated derivatives of anthocyanins, Agmantin, Alcohols (total), Aldehydes (total), Aldehydic form of ligstroside aglycone, Aldehydic form of oleuropein aglycone, Alkaloids, Alliin (S-(2-propenyl)-L-cysteine sulfoxide; ACSO), Alpha-acids, Alpha-chaconine, Alpha-solanine, Angelicin (furanocoumarins), Arabinoxylans (soluble), Arabinoxylans (total), Bergapten (furanocoumarins), Bergaptol, Beta-acids,

^{*}Compounds for which number of comparisons organic vs. conventional was < 3.

Table 7 cont. List of composition parameters excluded from the statistical analyses.*

Category **Parameters** Other cont. Beta-glucan, Beta-sitosterol, Biothiols, Caffeine, Campestanol, Campesterol, Captopril (CAP), Catechins (total), Celulose, Cerebrosides, Chlorophyll (total), Chlorophyll a, Chlorophyll b, Cholesterol, Cl- ion, Clerosterol, Cyanidin, Cyanidin 3-galactoside, Cyanidin 3-glucoside, Cyanidin 3-glucoside-succinate, Cyanidin 3-o-rutinoside, Cyanidin-glycosides (other), Delphinidin, Delphinidin 3-arabinoside, Delphinidin 3-galactoside, Delphinidin 3-glucoside, Delphinidin 3-o-glucoside, Delphinidin 3-o-rutinoside, Delta-5,24-stigmastadienol ,Delta-5avenasterol, Delta-7-avenasterol, Delta-7-stigmastenol, Desmethylxanthohumol (DMX), Dialdehydic form of oleuropein aglycone, Dimer catechin, Energy (gross), Energy (metabolizable), Epicatechin gallate, Epigallocatechin gallate, Epiprogoitrin, Eriocitrin (total), Eriodictyol (total), Falcarindiol (FaDOH), Falcarindiol-3-acetate (FaDOAc), Falcarinol (FaOH), Fumaric acid, Furanocoumarins (total), Galacturonic acid, Gallocatechin gallate, Gammaaminobutyric acid (GABA), Gamma-glutamyl cysteine (GGC), Gangliosides, Globulin, Glucoalyssin, Glucobrassicanapin, Glucobrassicin, Glucoerucin, Glucoiberin, Gluconapin, Glucosinolates (Aliphatic), Glucosinolates (Indole), Glucosinolates (total), Glutathione (GSH), Glycoalkaloids, Glycoalkaloids (total), Hemicelulose, Hesperetin, Hesperidin, Hesperidin glycosides, Hop acids, Hydroxymethylfurfural (HMF), Hydroxytyrosol, Hyperoside, Inositol, Internal Ethylene Concentration (IEC), Isoalliin (trans-(+)-S-(1-propenyl)-L-cysteine sulfoxide; PESCO), Isobergapten (furanocoumarins), Isopimpinellin (furanocoumarins), K-pentaose, Ktetraose, L-homoserine, Lignin (acid detergent lignin, ADL), Lysophosphatidylinositol, Malvidin, Malvidin 3-arabinoside, Malvidin 3-galactoside, Malvidin 3-glucoside, Malvidin 3-oglucoside, Malvidin 3-p-cumaroul-glucoside, Methiin ((+)-S-methyl-L-cysteine sulfoxide; MCSO), N-acetylcysteine (NAC), Naringenin (S-enantomer), Naringenin + naringin (Renantomer), Naringenin + naringin (S-enantomer) ,Naringin, Naringin (R-enantomer), Naringin (S-enantomer), Narirutin, N-caffeoylputrescine, Neoglucobrassicin, o-Diphenols, Organic acids (total), Other defense compounds (total), Oxalate, Oxalic acid, Pectin, Pelargonidin 3-glucosidesuccinate, Pelargonidin-3-glucoside, Peonidin, Peonidin 3-glucoside, Peonidin 3-o-glucoside, Peonidin-3-galactoside, Petunidin 3-arabinoside, Petunidin 3galactoside, Petunidin 3-glucoside, Phloretin + phloretin glycoside, Phloretin 2'-xyloglucose, Phloretin 2-xylosylglucoside, Phloridzin, Phloridzin glycosides, Phosphates (PO4 3- ion), Phosphatidylethanolamine, Phosphatidylinositol, Phosphoric acid, Phytate-phosphorus, Phytic acid, Phytoalexins activity, Pinoresinol, Polyacetylenes, Procyanidin B1, Procyanidin B2, Procyanidin B2S, Procyanidin B3, Procyanidin B4, Procyanidin Bx, Procyanidin trimer, Procyanidins (other), Procyanidins (total), Progoitrin, Prolamin, Propiin ((+)-S-propyl-Lcysteine sulfoxide; PCSO), Psoralen (furanocoumarins), Putrescine, Pyruvic acid, Quinic acid, R(+)-eriodictyol, R(+)-hesperetin, Raffinose, R-naringenin aglycones, R-naringenin glycosides, S(-)-eriodictyol, S(-)-hesperetin, S(-)-naringenin, S-Alk(en)ylcysteine sulfoxides (ACSOs) (total), Shikimic acid, Sinigrin, S-naringenin aglycones, S-naringenin glycosides, SO2, SO4 2- ion, Solanidine, Sorbitol, Spermidine, Spermine, Sphondin, Sterol lipids, Sterols, Sterols (total), Sterols and stanols, Stigmasterol, Sulfides (total), Sulforaphane (SF), Sulphate, Synephrine, Taxifolin aglycones, Taxifolin glycosides, Trans-Resveratrol, Transresveratrol-3-o-β-glucoside, Triacylglycerides, Trigonelline, Truxinic acid sucrose ester (TASE), Tyrosol, Xanthohumol (X), Xanthotoxin (furanocoumarins), Xylose *Compounds for which number of comparisons organic vs. conventional was < 3.

2. ADDITIONAL METHODS DESCRIPTION, RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

METHODS

Calculations used for weighted meta-analyses

The SMD from a single study was calculated using standard formulas within "metafor" as follows:

$$SMD = \frac{\bar{X}_O - \bar{X}_C}{S_{within}} \times J$$

where X o is the mean value for experimental group (organic), X _C is the mean value for control group (conventional), S_{within} is the pooled standard deviation of the two groups, and J is a factor used to correct for small sample size. J is calculated as:

$$J = 1 - \frac{3}{4 \times (n_c + n_o - 2) - 1}$$

where n_0 and n_c are organic and conventional sample sizes.

 S_{within} is calculated as:

$$S_{within} = \sqrt{\frac{(n_0 - 1)S_0^2 + (n_c - 1)S_c^2}{n_0 + n_c - 2}}$$

where S_O and S_C are the standard deviations in individual systems (organic and conventional) respectively.

The pooled SMD (SMD_{tot}) across all studies was calculated as:

$$SMD_{tot} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (\frac{1}{v_i} \times SMD_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (\frac{1}{v_i})}$$

Where v_i is a sampling variance estimated as:

$$v_i = \frac{n_c + n_o}{n_c \times n_o} + \frac{SMD^2}{2 \times (n_c + n_o)}$$

The pooled or summary effect (SMD_{tot}) was calculated for all nutrient- and composition-related parameters reported in a minimum of 3 studies, following procedures advocated by Lipsey and Wilson (see references in the main manuscript).

Calculations used percentage mean differences (MPDs)

For each data-pair (X_{O}, X_{C}) extracted from the literature and used in the standard unweighted meta-analysis the percentage difference was calculated as:

+[
$$(\bar{X}_0 \times 100/\bar{X}_c) - 100$$
] for data sets where $X_0 > X_c$, or
-[$(\bar{X}_c \times 100/\bar{X}_0) - 100$] for data sets where $X_c > X_0$

Calculations used for Odds ratios

Odds ratios (OR) were calculated as:

$$ln (odds \ ratio) = ln \left(\frac{a_i \times d_i}{b_i \times c_i} \right)$$

where a_i is a number of positive samples in organic crops, b_i is a number of negative samples in organic crops, c_i is a number of positive samples in conventional crops, and d_i is a number of negative samples in conventional crops.

RESULTS

Supplementary Table 8 shows the basic information/statistics on the publications/data used for meta-analyses of composition parameters included in Fig. 3 and 4 in the main paper.

Supplementary Table 9 and 10 shows the mean percentage differences (MPD) and standard errors (SE) calculated using the data included in for standard unweighted and weighted meta-analyses of composition parameters shown in Fig. 3 and 4 of the main paper (MPDs are also shown as symbols in Fig. 3 and 4).

Supplementary Table 11 shows the meta-analysis results for addition composition parameters (volatiles, solids, titratable acidity, and the minerals Cr, Ga, Mg, Mn, Mo, Rb, Sr, Zn) for which significant differences were detected by the standard weighted and unweighted meta-analysis protocols. These were not included in the main paper, because there is very limited information on potential health impacts for these compounds from the relative changes in composition detected in this study.

Supplementary Figures 3 to 4 show the forest plot and the results of the standard unweighted and weighted meta-analysis mixed-effect model with study type as moderator, for data from studies which compared the composition of organic and conventional crops and crop based foods.

Supplementary Figures 5 to 40 show the forest plots comparing SMDs from standard weighted meta-analysis mixed-effect model for different products, for composition parameters for which significant difference between organic and conventional crops and crop based foods were found.

Supplementary Figures 41 shows results of the standard weighted meta-analysis mixed-effect model with publication as moderator, for data from studies which compared the frequency of occurance of pesticides in organic and conventional crops.

Supplementary Table 12 shows the results of the standard unweighted and weighted meta-analysis for parameters where none of the 8 meta-analysis protocols indentified significant effects.

Supplementary Table 13 shows the results of the statistical test for publication biasreported in Fig. 3 of the main paper.

DISCUSSION

Mineral composition

Results from the meta-analysis indicate that a switch from organic to conventional crop production has a very limited effect on mineral composition, especially with respect to minerals such as calcium (Ca), copper (Cu), magnesium (Mg), iron (Fe), selenium (Se), iodine (I) and zinc (Zn) for which insufficient intakes and deficiencies are thought to be relatively common and dietary

supplementation or biofortification of crops has been recommended^(1,2). For Ca, Cu, Fe no significant differences between organic and conventional crops were detected by meta-analyses (see Table 12), for Se only one of the sensitivity analyses detected significant difference, and for I there were insufficient data to carry out meta-analyses (Table 7).

For Zn and Mg unweighted meta-analysis detected slightly (<5%), but significantly higher concentrations in organic crops. Since dietary intakes of Mg and Zn are often lower than recommended and Zinc deficiency is a serious problem worldwide^(3,4) the observed increase in Zn and Mg concentrations is in principle desirable. However, such a small difference is unlikely to have a "significant" nutritional or health impact, particularly since the main sources of Mg and Zn in Western diets are of animal origin.

Chromium (Cr) has been recognised as a critical co-factor in the action of insulin and an essential mineral nutrient^(5,6). Chromium supplementation was shown to attenuate symptoms and reduce insulin requirements for patients with diabetes⁽⁷⁾. A reduction in chromium intake associated with the consumption of organic foods would therefore be undesirable for diabetics, but can be compensated by chromium supplementation. There is no evidence that the reduction in Cr intake with organic crops could affect non-diabetics, since chromium supplementation has not been linked to health benefits in non-diabetics⁽⁷⁾. The naturally occurring trivalent chromium compounds are considered essential nutrients and at typical dietary intake values (50 to 200µg day⁻¹) they are not considered to cause toxicity problem⁽⁸⁾. However, dietary intake and environmental exposure to hexavalent chromium compounds was linked to mutagenic, carcinogenic and toxic effects in both animals and human (e.g. workers in industries such as chromate pigment production and use, chromium plating, stainless steel welding, ferrochromium alloy production and leather tanning)^(6,9).

There is limited information on the potential health impacts of the other minerals (Ga, Mn, Mo, Rb, and Sr) for which significant composition differences were detected (Table 11). However, there is one report linking increased dietary Mo intakes to reduced reproductive health (lower sperm counts) in animals and humans⁽¹⁰⁾. Also oral administration of 2 g day⁻¹ of strontium raneate was shown to reduce vertebral fractures in women with osteoporosis⁽¹¹⁾. However, the evidence base is currently limited and it is impossible to extrapolate from these studies whether the differences in Mo and Sr intakes associated with a switch from conventional to organic crop consumption will result in significant health impacts.

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Table 8. Basic information/statistics on the publications/data used for meta-analyses of composition parameters included in Fig. 3 and 4 in the main paper.

			No of	No of CONV	Number of comparisons reporting that concentrations were								
		n			Numerical	ly higher in		Significantly higher in		Not			
Parameter	Studies		ORG		ORG	CONV	Identical	ORG*	CONV†	 significantly different‡ 			
Antioxidant activity	69	160	1163	1155	117	41	2	21	6	25			
FRAP	9	14	108	108	11	3	0	1	0	7			
ORAC	8	8	43	43	7	1	0	1	0	0			
TEAC	18	22	402	406	19	3	0	3	0	3			
Phenolic compounds	86	129	959	985	88	39	2	17	4	40			
Flavonoids (total)	13	20	115	113	11	9	0	5	5	3			
Phenolic acids (total)	7	9	176	176	7	1	1	1	0	0			
Phenolic acids§	52	154	1833	2000	95	57	2	11	9	6			
Chlorogenic acid	21	24	245	256	15	9	0	4	2	0			
Flavanones	12	76	581	581	48	28	0	24	14	11			
Stilbenes	7	8	44	38	8	0	0	0	0	3			
Flavones and flavonols§	46	196	1562	1993	119	71	6	21	3	38			
Flavones§	9	27	249	249	16	10	1	0	0	10			
Flavonols§	44	169	1310	1744	103	61	5	21	3	28			
Quercetin	20	23	172	172	15	7	1	3	2	6			
Rutin	10	12	150	161	8	3	1	2	0	2			
Kaempferol	11	14	147	147	11	2	1	5	0	3			
Anthocyanins (total)	18	20	131	115	17	3	0	3	0	1			
Anthocyanins§	11	53	181	221	30	23	0	9	0	3			

n, numbers of data-pairs (comparisons) included in the meta-analysis; ORG, organic samples; CONV, conventional samples; FRAP, ferric reducing antioxidant potential; ORAC, oxygen radical absorbance capacity method; TEAC, Trolox equivalent antioxidant capacity. *The number of comparisons in which statistically significant difference was found with higher level in ORG; †The number of comparisons in which statistically significant difference was no significant difference between ORG and CONV; \$Data for different compounds within the same chemical group were included in the same meta-analyses.

Table 8 cont. Basic information/statistics on the publications/data used for meta-analyses of composition parameters included in Fig. 3 and 4 in the main paper.

				No of CONV	Number of comparisons reporting that concentrations were								
			No of		Numerical	Numerically higher in		Significantly higher in		Not			
Parameter	Studies	n	ORG		ORG	CONV	Identical	ORG*	CONV†	 significantly different‡ 			
Carotenoids (total)	15	15	134	134	13	2	0	3	1	1			
Carotenoids§	55	167	1528	1594	97	66	4	17	16	34			
Xanthophylls	18	70	735	741	46	21	3	9	6	10			
Lutein	14	21	186	187	14	4	3	2	0	3			
Ascorbic acid	45	65	1008	1065	43	22	0	10	2	21			
Vitamin E	10	25	162	160	9	15	1	2	3	4			
Carbohydrates (total)	41	60	562	655	37	22	1	11	0	18			
Carbohydrates§	53	112	1288	1545	63	46	3	14	4	39			
Sugars (reducing)	18	20	188	188	12	7	1	2	0	4			
Protein (total)	56	87	1773	1942	24	61	2	6	9	16			
Amino acids§	18	360	1875	1908	156	198	6	8	39	162			
Dry matter	85	130	1447	1483	74	48	8	8	2	36			
Fibre	7	19	239	235	4	11	4	0	2	11			
Nitrogen (N)	55	88	2871	1181	26	59	3	2	11	16			
Nitrates	40	80	1361	1596	24	56	0	3	12	17			
Nitrites	7	15	105	113	2	13	0	0	0	2			
Cadmium (Cd)	27	62	924	1087	16	45	1	1	2	15			

n, numbers of data-pairs (comparisons) included in the meta-analysis; ORG, organic samples; CONV, conventional samples; FRAP, ferric reducing antioxidant potential; ORAC, oxygen radical absorbance capacity method; TEAC, Trolox equivalent antioxidant capacity. *The number of comparisons in which statistically significant difference was found with higher level in ORG; †The number of comparisons in which statistically significant difference was no significant difference between ORG and CONV; §Data for different compounds within the same chemical group were included in the same meta-analyses.

Table 9. Mean percentage differences (MPD) and confidence intervals (CI) calculated using the data included in for standard unweighted and weighted meta-analyses of composition parameters shown in Fig. 3 of the main paper (MPDs are also shown as symbols in Fig. 3).

	_	Calculated based on data included in								
	un	weighted	meta-analysis	W	eighted n	neta-analysis				
Parameter	n	MPD*	95% CI	n	MPD*	95% CI				
Antioxidant activity	160	17.89	10.81, 24.96	66	17.38	2.52, 32.24				
FRAP	14	14.95	2.45, 27.45	5	11.96	1.64, 22.27				
ORAC	8	18.15	4.95, 31.34	4	21.01	1.87, 40.15				
TEAC	22	26.63	8.78, 44.47	7	29.20	-21.82, 80.21				
Phenolic compounds (total)	129	23.27	8.19, 38.35	58	25.83	-3.51, 55.16				
Flavonoids (total)	20	-15.64	-51.28, 20.00	8	29.36	8.79, 49.94				
Phenolic acids (total)	9	33.48	3.05, 63.91	3	4.63	3.25, 6.02				
Phenolic acids†	153	21.09	-7.16, 49.35	89	18.85	5.05, 32.65				
Chlorogenic acid	24	38.34	6.86, 69.82	14	35.64	-13.97, 85.26				
Flavanones†	75	23.64	-34.65, 81.93	54	68.79	12.96, 124.62				
Stilbenes	8	212.31	7.20, 417.42	4	27.94	11.71, 44.17				
Flavones and flavonols	194	24.69	-10.49, 59.87	134	45.82	27.01, 64.63				
Flavones	27	17.09	-3.74, 37.91	23	25.55	3.01, 48.08				
Flavonols†	168	43.92	-9.79, 97.63	111	50.02	27.85, 72.19				
Quercetin	23	29.14	0.10, 58.18	17	18.72	-7.89, 45.32				
Rutin	12	54.39	1.37, 107.41	9	19.86	-4.67, 44.4				
Kaempferol	14	46.79	6.64, 86.94	13	45.93	2.61, 89.26				
Anthocyanins (total)	20	31.60	6.00, 57.2	10	44.38	-2.54, 91.31				
Anthocyanins	53	30.53	8.25, 52.82	22	51.16	16.60, 85.72				
Carotenoids (total)	15	21.88	6.51, 37.25	4	17.30	0.44, 34.16				
Carotenoids†	163	18.96	7.49, 30.43	82	14.50	-2.60, 31.61				
Xanthophylls†	66	25.02	11.14, 38.91	33	11.71	-4.26, 27.68				
Lutein	21	16.64	0.39, 32.90	13	4.88	-3.25, 13.01				
Ascorbic acid	65	28.78	-9.19, 66.74	30	5.91	-3.07, 14.88				
Vitamin E	25	-9.15	-30.12, 11.81	15	-15.20	-49.04, 18.65				
Carbohydrates (total)	60	13.00	2.32, 23.68	16	24.84	4.57, 45.12				
Carbohydrates†	111	11.62	4.05, 19.20	53	11.12	2.04, 20.21				
Sugars (reducing)	20	28.14	-0.15, 56.43	3	7.14	3.56, 10.73				
Protein (total)	87	-9.18	-13.90, -4.45	26	-15.17	-27.08, -3.26				
Amino acids†	332	-3.01	-4.84, -1.19	117	-10.75	-14.05, -7.46				
Dry matter†	129	2.99	1.06, 4.91	24	2.46	-0.76, 5.68				
Fibre	19	-7.32	-13.43, -1.21	15	-8.13	-14.35, -1.90				
Nitrogen (N)	88	-6.75	-10.99, -2.52	35	-9.77	-15.33, -4.22				
Nitrate†	79	-44.89	-91.62, 1.84	29	-30.09	-143.99, 83.81				
Nitrite	15	-80.73	-149.22, -12.25	7	-86.53	-224.63, 51.57				
Cadmium (Cd)	62	-69.07	-146.52, 8.39	25	-47.85	-111.61, 15.90				

n, number of data points included in the comparison; MPD, mean percentage difference; FRAP, ferric reducing antioxidant potential; ORAC, oxygen radical absorbance capacity method; TEAC, Trolox equivalent antioxidant capacity. *Magnitude of difference between organic (ORG) and conventional (CONV) samples (value <0 indicate higher concentration in ORG); †Outlying data-pairs for which the MPD between ORG and CONV was over 50 times higher than the mean value were removed.

Table 10. Mean percentage differences (MPD) and confidence intervals (CI) calculated using the data included in for standard unweighted and weighted meta-analyses of composition parameters shown in Fig. 4 of the main paper (MPDs are also shown as symbols in Fig. 4).

	Calculated based on data included in									
	unv	weighted	meta-analysis	<u> </u>	weighted n	neta-analysis				
Parameter*	n	MPD†	95% CI	n	MPD†	95% CI				
Antioxidant activity										
Fruits	93	24.19	15.58, 32.80	39	20.16	3.03, 37.28				
Vegetables	58	5.96	-7.15, 19.07	25	10.83	-17.74, 39.40				
Other‡	5	32.80	22.11, 43.49	-	-	-				
Phenolic compounds (total)										
Fruits	58	26.94	-2.26, 56.13	30	33.61	-18.66, 85.87				
Vegetables	61	10.39	2.72, 18.05	25	7.65	-3.44, 18.74				
Cereals	6	64.74	-38.78, 168.25	-	-	-				
Phenolic acids§										
Fruits	83	18.62	4.35, 32.88	47	21.89	1.47, 42.32				
Vegetables	48	26.46	2.40, 50.52	30	17.26	-7.80, 42.32				
Cereals	21	4.10	-6.65, 14.85	12	10.90	-5.97, 27.77				
Flavanones§										
Fruits	59	18.31	-27.40, 64.02	40	74.17	1.34, 147				
Vegetables	16	50.68	-0.62, 101.99	14	53.43	-5.33, 112.19				
Flavones and flavonols										
Fruits	87	1.68	-6.65, 10.02	47	13.75	-2.18, 29.68				
Vegetables	98	44.08	13.82, 74.33	78	67.38	37.37, 97.4				
Cereals	9	26.39	16.39, 36.39	9	26.39	16.39, 36.39				
Carotenoids§										
Fruits	36	61.56	25.55, 97.57	19	60.87	-3.01, 124.74				
Vegetables	101	7.17	-4.03, 18.38	39	-0.43	-6.47, 5.61				
Cereals	14	2.40	-2.42, 7.22	14	2.40	-2.42, 7.22				
Compound food	12	9.71	-33.32, 52.74	10	-19.84	-44.84, 5.15				
Xanthophylls§										
Fruits	20	64.36	37.77, 90.95	9	39.84	-1.31, 80.98				
Vegetables	26	16.92	-4.16, 37.99	5	34.84	0.22, 69.47				
Cereals	14	2.40	-2.42, 7.22	14	2.40	-2.42, 7.22				
Compound food	6	-18.17	-66.40, 30.05	5	-35.98	-76.75, 4.80				
Carbohydrates (total)										
Fruits	24	2.39	-2.58, 7.35	6	2.64	-3.45, 8.72				
Vegetables	31	19.67	0.93, 38.40	6	39.23	-0.72, 79.17				
Cereals	4	27.88	-32.86, 88.62	-	-	_				

n, number of data points included in the comparison; MPD, mean percentage difference; FRAP, ferric reducing antioxidant potential; ORAC, oxygen radical absorbance capacity method; TEAC, Trolox equivalent antioxidant capacity. *The summary results and product groups for which n≤3 were removed (for summary results see Table 9.), †Magnitude of difference between organic (ORG) and conventional (CONV) samples (value <0 indicate higher concentration in ORG); ‡Tea (leaves), §Outlying data-pairs for which the MPD between ORG and CONV was over 50 times higher than the mean value were removed, ||Laboratory rat feed, baby food (berry-based dessert, chicken and vegetable dinner), whole diet.

Table 10 cont. Mean percentage differences (MPD) and confidence intervals (CI) calculated using the data included in for standard unweighted and weighted meta-analyses of composition parameters shown in Fig. 4 of the main paper (MPDs are also shown as symbols in Fig. 4).

	Calculated based on data included in									
	ur	nweighted	meta-analysis	,	weighted n	neta-analysis				
Parameter*	n	MPD†	95% CI	n	MPD†	95% CI				
Protein (total)										
Fruits	7	-4.91	-25.01, 15.20	-	-	-				
Vegetables	34	0.79	-3.75, 5.33	8	2.98	-12.37, 18.34				
Cereals	43	-18.08	-24.76, -11.39	15	-25.89	-42.96, -8.82				
Amino acids§										
Fruits	38	2.70	1.62, 3.77	18	5.25	-0.08, 10.58				
Vegetables	152	1.38	-1.23, 3.99	18	-7.10	-19.17, 4.97				
Cereals	121	-7.97	-11.06, -4.88	63	-15.35	-19.33, -11.36				
Compound food	21	-8.76	-10.43, -7.10	18	-9.54	-11.12, -7.96				
Nitrogen (N)										
Fruits	19	-3.91	-14.40, 6.58	7	-9.85	-20.03, 0.33				
Vegetables	42	-10.26	-16.49, -4.04	20	-5.82	-13.37, 1.72				
Cereals	14	-14.31	-21.91, -6.72	7	-21.92	-33.21, -10.63				
Herbs and spices	12	9.55	3.64, 15.47	-	-	-				
Cadmium (Cd)										
Fruits	4	-288.82	-786.51, 208.87	-	-	-				
Vegetables	34	-77.02	-138.52, -15.52	10	75.35	-272.91, 423.60				
Cereals	17	-86.26	-141.88, -30.64	8	-151.25	-248.93, -53.57				

n, number of data points included in the comparison; MPD, mean percentage difference; FRAP, ferric reducing antioxidant potential; ORAC, oxygen radical absorbance capacity method; TEAC, Trolox equivalent antioxidant capacity. *The summary results and product groups for which n≤3 were removed (for summary results see Table 9.), †Magnitude of difference between organic (ORG) and conventional (CONV) samples (value <0 indicate higher concentration in CONV, value >0 indicate higher concentration in ORG); ‡Tea (leaves), §Outlying data-pairs for which the MPD between ORG and CONV was over 50 times higher than the mean value were removed, ||Laboratory rat feed, baby food (berry-based dessert, chicken and vegetable dinner), whole diet.

		Unw	eighted r	neta-anal	ysis	Weighted meta-analysis								
Parameter	n	Ln ratio*	P †	MPD‡	95% CI	n	SMD	95% CI	P †	Heterogeneity§	MPD‡	95% CI		
Volatile compounds	193	4.65	0.043	4.80	-1.06, 10.66	101	-0.73	-1.29, -0.18	0.010	Yes (86%)	-6.99	-15.34, 1.36		
Solids	83	4.61	0.238	0.69	-1.39, 2.77	29	0.35	0.07, 0.62	0.013	Yes (75%)	2.20	-0.58, 4.98		
Solids (soluble)	79	4.61	0.216	0.76	-1.33, 2.85	27	0.27	0.01, 0.52	0.043	Yes (70%)	1.51	-1.31, 4.33		
Titratable acidity	48	4.65	0.028	5.41	-0.11, 10.92	17	0.41	0.00, 0.81	0.049	Yes (81%)	6.99	1.55, 12.42		
Chromium (Cr)	18	4.32	0.041	-53.13	-122.84, 16.57	14	-2.00	-3.68, -0.31	0.020	Yes (98%)	-58.84	-147.36, 29.67		
Gallium (Ga)	7	4.25	0.024	-56.92	-122.30, 8.46	7	-5.62	-15.02, 3.78	0.241	Yes (100%)	-56.92	-122.30, 8.46		
Magnesium (Mg)	97	4.67	<0.001	8.16	3.75, 12.58	33	0.15	-0.12, 0.42	0.284	Yes (84%)	4.06	-4.69, 12.80		
Manganese (Mn)	44	4.54	0.001	-6.74	-10.68, -2.79	20	-0.36	-0.67, -0.04	0.028	Yes (80%)	-8.38	-13.29, -3.48		
Molybdenum (Mo)	20	4.96	<0.001	52.58	23.13, 82.03	7	1.26	0.46, 2.06	0.002	Yes (90%)	65.39	26.13, 104.66		
Rubidium (Rb)	14	4.94	0.004	54.71	8.87, 100.54	8	1.04	0.26, 1.83	0.009	Yes (90%)	81.52	5.59, 157.46		
Strontium (Sr)	15	4.46	0.005	-18.09	-30.80, -5.38	8	-0.40	-0.73, -0.07	0.016	Yes (66%)	-25.53	-44.93, -6.13		
Zinc (Zn)	88	4.70	0.001	12.03	3.87, 20.20	37	0.20	-0.16, 0.57	0.268	Yes (91%)	4.65	-5.92, 15.22		

Table 11. Meta-analysis results for addition composition parameters (volatiles, solids, titratable acidity, and the minerals Cr, Ga, Mg, Mn, Mo, Rb, Sr, Zn) for which significant differences were detected by the standard weighted and unweighted meta-analysis protocols.

n, number of data points included in the comparison; MPD, mean percentage difference; SMD, standardised mean difference of fixed-effect model.*Ln ratio = Ln(ORG/CONV × 100%); †P value <0.05 indicates significance of the difference in composition between organic and conventional crop/crop based food; \ddagger Magnitude of difference between organic (ORG) and conventional (CONV) samples (value <0 indicate higher concentration in CONV, value >0 indicate higher concentration in ORG); \$Heterogeneity and the I² Statistic; []Outlying data-pairs for which the % difference between ORG and CONV was over 50 times higher than the mean value were removed.

	SMD				Unweight	ted meta-a	Weighted meta-analysis							
-6	-4.5	-3	-1.5	0	1.5	3	4.5	6	Product*	n	Ln ratio†	P‡	n	P‡
				;	1				Antioxidant activi					
				- i i-	♦⊣				ALL	160	4.74	<0.001	66	0.001
						-			BS	28	4.62	0.408	15	0.548
				- i	♦ ––				CF	73	4.78	<0.001	27	0.045
				- i	-+-				EX	50	4.73	0.002	21	0.010
									Phenolic compou	unds (total)				
				_ +	-				ALL	129	4.74	<0.001	58	0.051
			•	— (*					BS	26	4.69	0.238	16	0.684
				- i	-+				CF	52	4.79	<0.001	17	0.014
				→	-				EX	48	4.70	0.003	23	0.434
									Phenolic acids§					
					-				ALL	153	4.72	0.002	89	0.015
									BS	10	4.50	0.299	-	-
					\mathbf{H}				CF	72	4.80	0.002	39	0.036
				- ∔◆					EX	64	4.68	0.044	45	0.086
									Flavanones§					
				- i -			-	-	ALL	75	4.73	0.100	54	0.027
							6.67±5.3	0 🔶	BS	47	4.78	0.085	41	0.014
-				\rightarrow	┝┼─			-	CF	22	4.63	0.455	9	0.874
									Flavones and flav	vonols§				
					⊣				ALL	194	4.78	<0.001	134	< 0.001
									BS	7	5.13	0.151	-	-
				- I-	♦ –				CF	88	4.64	0.313	48	0.020
						H			EX	94	4.88	<0.001	83	< 0.001
									Flavones§					
				- H	●┥				ALL	27	4.72	0.063	23	0.001
				- H	♦ -				EX	22	4.79	0.012	22	0.001
									Flavonols§					
					-+◆	-			ALL	168	4.81	<0.001	111	<0.001
									BS	6	5.90	0.015	-	-
					♦ –•				CF	85	4.65	0.290	47	0.026
					- H	+ −	•		EX	72	4.91	<0.001	61	<0.001
									Anthocyanins					
							♦	-	ALL	53	4.79	0.004	22	0.001
									BS	4	5.46	0.061	-	-
					-		•	-	CF	31	4.85	0.001	21	0.001
									EX	16	4.46	0.094	-	-
									Carotenoids§					
				-	-				ALL	163	4.71	<0.001	82	0.126
				-+-					BS	22	4.56	0.303	15	0.110
				∔♦					CF	56	4.61	0.445	24	0.301
					↓ ↓				EX	69	4.75	0.002	42	0.026

Figure 3. Results of the standard unweighted and weighted meta-analyses for different study types for antioxidant activity, plant secondary metabolites with antioxidant activity. SMD, standardised mean difference (error bars indicate 95% confidence intervals); n, number of data points included in meta-analyses. *for parameters where $n \leq 3$ for specific study type results from weighted meta-analyses are not shown, †Ln ratio = Ln(ORG/CONV × 100%), ‡*P* value <0.05 indicates a significant difference between ORG and CONV, §data for different compounds within the same chemical group were included in the same meta-analyses, ||outlying data points (where the % difference between ORG and CONV was more than 50 times higher than the mean value including the outliers) were removed.

	SMD							Unweigh	ited meta-a	Weighted meta-analysis				
-6	-4.5	-3	-1.5	0	1.5	3	4.5	6	Product*	n	Ln ratio†	P‡	n	P‡
			1	1					Xanthophylls					
				Ē	♦ –				ALL	66	4.78	<0.001	33	0.018
		-		♦					BS	5	4.51	0.466	4	0.696
				+	•				CF	23	4.60	0.494	10	0.179
				- I	-	-			EX	27	4.82	0.001	19	0.022
									Volatile compou	nds§				
			_ ⊢						ALL	193	4.65	0.043	101	0.010
			-⊢♠-	•					CF	85	4.49	0.001	74	<0.001
				⊣♦	-				EX	106	4.78	<0.001	26	0.301
									Carbohydrates	(total)				
				- I	-+-	-			ALL	60	4.71	0.003	16	0.037
									BS	9	4.59	0.453	-	-
				-	- +		-		CF	32	4.74	<0.001	9	0.064
				-++					EX	18	4.70	0.018	4	0.811
									Protein (total)					
		-+-							ALL	87	4.53	<0.001	26	0.007
- ⊢		-		♦					BS	9	4.54	0.097	4	0.892
	-			\vdash					CF	20	4.54	0.139	8	0.634
+	•		-						EX	57	4.52	<0.001	14	0.001
									Amino acids§					
			- H						ALL	332	4.58	0.001	117	<0.001
				-	-				BS	47	4.69	<0.001	4	0.764
			- H						CF	74	4.55	0.002	51	0.002
			- ⊢ ♠	•					EX	196	4.56	<0.001	47	<0.001
									Nitrogen (N)					
			- +•						ALL	88	4.55	0.001	35	0.015
									BS	5	4.54	0.246	-	-
			⊢ ◆	-					CF	34	4.52	0.004	17	0.026
			_ ⊢ -(+					EX	48	4.57	0.062	16	0.198
									Nitrate					
			-	♦÷					ALL	79	4.33	0.001	29	0.429
		•		+					BS	25	4.17	0.001	9	0.731
									CF	32	4.49	0.222	17	0.833
									EX	21	4.26	0.015	-	-
									Nitrite					
				٠					ALL	15	4.17	<0.001	7	0.419
				⊢ ∳ ⊢					BS	12	4.22	0.002	4	0.683
									Cadmium (Cd)					
		•	-+-	-					ALL	62	4.25	<0.001	25	0.008
		H-				·			BS	21	3.90	0.002	4	0.652
		H		\vdash	·				CF	16	4.45	0.053	12	0.279
	· · · · ·	-							EX	24	4.44	0.180	9	0.006

Figure 4. Results of the standard unweighted and weighted meta-analyses for different study types for plant secondary metabolites with antioxidant activity, volatile compounds, macronutrients, nitrogen compounds and cadmium. SMD, standardised mean difference (error bars indicate 95% confidence intervals); n, number of data points included in meta-analyses. *for parameters where *n* \leq 3 for specific study type results from weighted meta-analyses are not shown, †Ln ratio = Ln(ORG/CONV × 100%), ‡*P* value <0.05 indicates a significant difference between ORG and CONV, §data for different compounds within the same chemical group were included in the same meta-analyses, ||outlying data points (where the % difference between ORG and CONV was more than 50 times higher than the mean value including the outliers) were removed.

ID	Country	StudyType	Exp.Year	Product				SMD [95% CI]
30	FI	CF	2004	black currant (fruit)		ç		-0.43 [-1.08 , 0.21]
524	т	CF	2006-2008	clementine (fruit)	÷	- -1		0.55 [-0.02 , 1.12]
206	ES	CF	2007*	grape (wine, white)	·			-2.39 [-4.49 , -0.30]
206	ES	CF	2007*	grape (wine, white)		-		-0.80 [-2.46 , 0.86]
82	ES	BS	1996*	lettuce (leaves)				0.73 [-0.92 , 2.38]
17	ES	EX	2006	mandarin (juice)		-		-0.01 [-0.63 , 0.61]
524	IT	CF	2006-2007	orange (fruit)	H	i.		-0.14 [-0.54 , 0.26]
524	т	CF	2006-2007	orange (fruit)	H	r.		-0.25 [-0.73 , 0.24]
518	GR	CF/EX	2007-2009	orange (juice)	1			6.58 [2.53 , 10.63]
340	EE	CF	2008	strawberry (fruit)	H			0.71 [-0.72 , 2.13]
134	FI	CF	1997- 1 998	strawberry (fruit)				0.82 [0.14 , 1.50]
524	IT	CF/EX	2006-2008	strawberry (fruit)		-		1.54 [1.19 , 1.89]
488	US	CF	2004-2005	strawberry (fruit)	- H	н		0.06 [-0.41 , 0.54]
42	AR	CF	2001*	swiss chard (leaves)	, <u> </u>			-0.27 [-1.87 , 1.34]
95	SE	EX	2002	tomato (fruit)		— —		1.95 [0.87 , 3.03]
210	TN	EX	2006	tomato (fruit)				0.83 [0.11 , 1.56]
49	US	CF	2006-2007	tomato (fruit)		₩₩		0.76 [0.28 , 1.24]
Avera	age SMD (al	l studies)				•		0.41 [0.00 , 0.81]
Fruits						•		0.23 [-0.22 , 0.68]
Vege	tables					•		0.88 [0.14 , 1.61]
				Г <u></u>		1	1	—
				-7.51	-2.22	3.07	8.36	13.65
					Standa	ardized Mean Di	fference	

Figure 5. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of titratable acidity between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies and SMDs for different product groups are indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references). *No information about the experimental year (estimated as publication year - 2).

ID	Country	StudyType	Exp.Year	Product				SMD [95% CI]
175	NL,AT,DK	CF	2008*	feed (chicken feed)	-			-0.87 [-2.31 , 0.58]
299	US	CF	1975-1978	maize (grain)		•		-0.44 [-1.19 , 0.31]
518	GR	CF/EX	2007-2009	orange (juice)	÷			-0.91 [-2.59 , 0.77]
363	CH	EX	2006	wheat (grain)				-1.55 [-3.14 , 0.03]
526	GB	EX	2004-2008	wheat (grain)	·			-2.40 [-3.44 , -1.35]
Fruit Cere Com				ſ <u></u>		1		-0.91 [-3.39 , 1.57] -1.41 [-2.64 , -0.17] -0.87 [-3.19 , 1.46]
				-4.29	-2.82	-1.34	0.14	1.61
					Standa	ardized Mean Dif	ference	

Figure 6. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of arginine (Arg) between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies and SMDs for different product groups are indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references). *No information about the experimental year (estimated as publication year - 2).

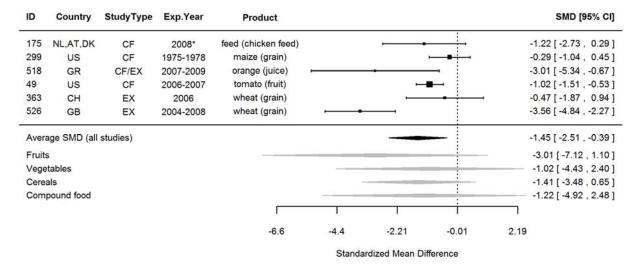


Figure 7. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of histidine (His) between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies and SMDs for different product groups are indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references). *No information about the experimental year (estimated as publication year - 2).

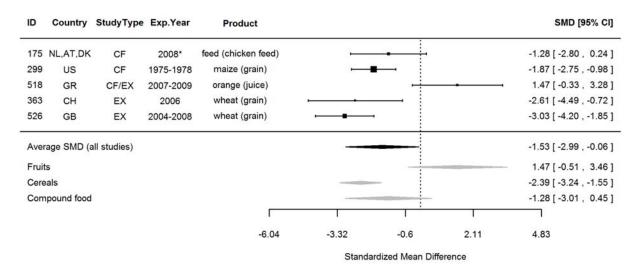


Figure 8. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of isoleucine (IIe) between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies and SMDs for different product groups are indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references). *No information about the experimental year (estimated as publication year - 2).

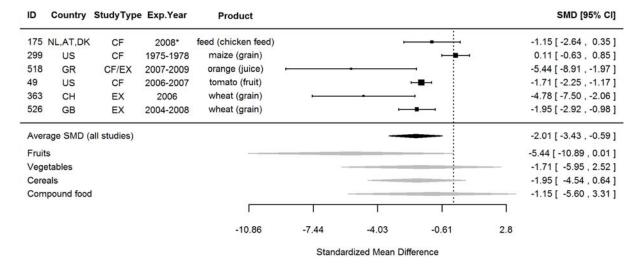


Figure 9. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of lysine (Lys) between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies and SMDs for different product groups are indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references). *No information about the experimental year (estimated as publication year - 2).

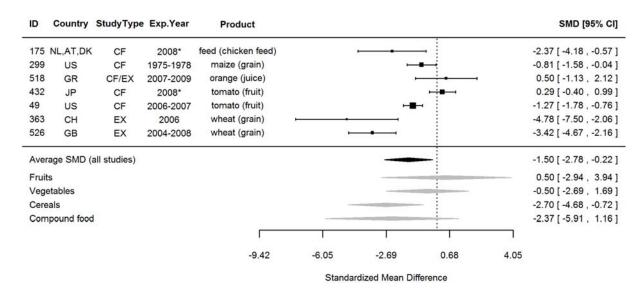


Figure 10. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of phenylalanine (Phe) between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies and SMDs for different product groups are indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references). *No information about the experimental year (estimated as publication year - 2).

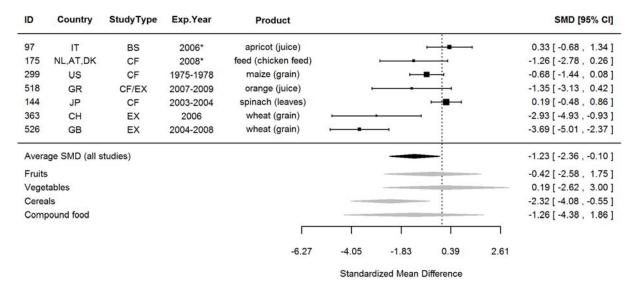


Figure 11. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of proline (Pro) between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies and SMDs for different product groups are indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references). *No information about the experimental year (estimated as publication year - 2).

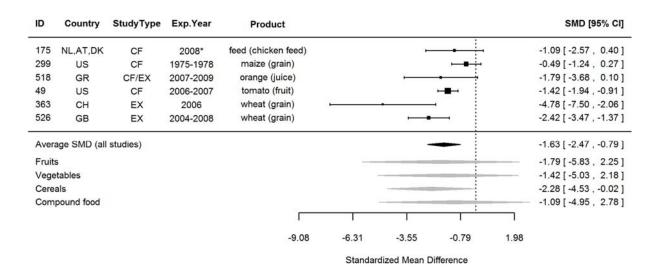


Figure 12. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of threonine (Thr) between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies and SMDs for different product groups are indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references). *No information about the experimental year (estimated as publication year - 2).

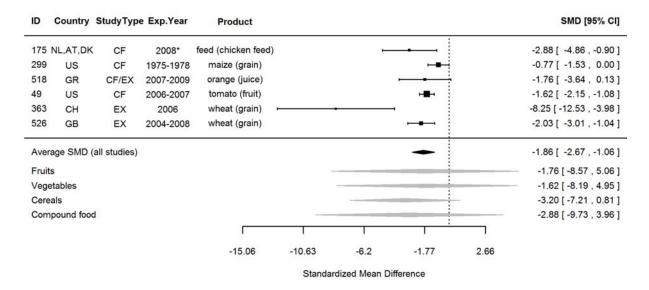


Figure 13. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of tyrosine (Tyr) between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies and SMDs for different product groups are indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references). *No information about the experimental year (estimated as publication year - 2).

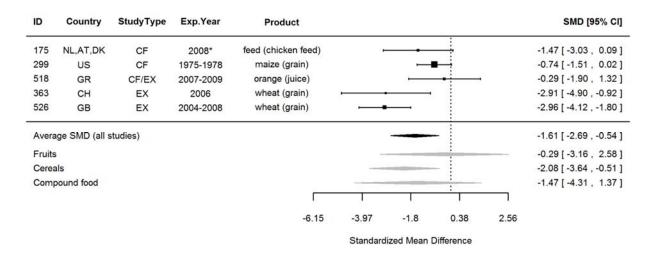


Figure 14. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of valine (Val) between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (Cl), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies and SMDs for different product groups are indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references). *No information about the experimental year (estimated as publication year - 2).

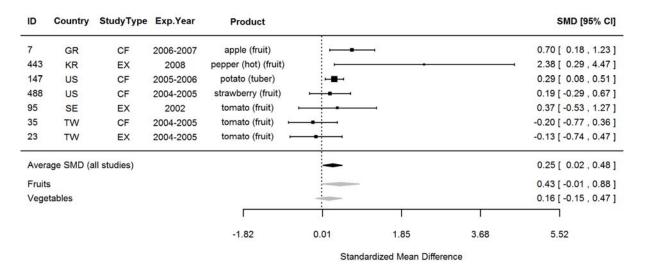


Figure 15. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of antioxidant activity (TEAC) between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies and SMDs for different product groups are indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references).

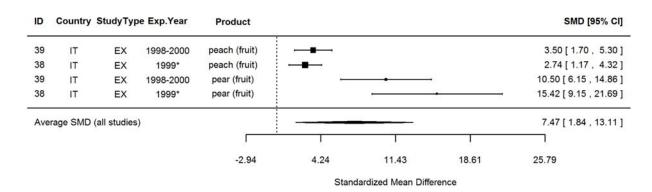


Figure 16. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of polyphenoloxidase (PPO) activity (towards chlorogenic acid) between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies is indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references). *No information about the experimental year (estimated as publication year - 2).

ID	Country	StudyType	Exp.Year	Product				SMD [95% CI]
20	ES	CF	2000-2002	banana (fruit)	L.			-0.51 [-1.21 , 0.19]
80	BR	CF	2007* c	hinese cabbage (leaves)	HEH			0.92 [0.39 , 1.46]
175	NL,AT,DK	CF	2008*	feed (chicken feed)				0.23 [-1.01 , 1.48]
491	DE	CF	2005	grape (skin extract)	⊢			0.25 [-1.36 , 1.86]
80	BR	CF	2007*	maize (bran)	1		·•	13.32 [10.89 , 15.76]
313	IN	CF	2005* r	nandarin (nagpur) (fruit)	i	-		3.26 [1.53 , 4.98]
220	DE	EX	1997	oat (grain)	⊢∔∎−−1			0.37 [-0.69 , 1.43]
518	GR	CF/EX	2007-2009	orange (juice)	·			2.52 [0.37 , 4.66]
26	IT	EX	1999-2001	plum (fruit)	⊢÷–-i			-0.10 [-1.71 , 1.50]
337	BR	BS	2001	potato (tuber)				1.29 [0.05 , 2.53]
337	BR	BS	2001	potato (tuber)	·			1.59 [0.30 , 2.89]
484	SI	EX	2009	red beet (root)	ri∎i			0.43 [-0.97 , 1.83]
488	US	CF	2004-2005	strawberry (fruit)	H			-0.02 [-0.50 , 0.46]
432	JP	CF	2008*	tomato (fruit)				0.85 [0.13 , 1.58]
49	US	CF	2006-2007	tomato (fruit)	H			1.09 [0.59 , 1.58]
220	DE	EX	1997	wheat (winter) (grain)	e-=1			0.85 [-0.12 , 1.81]
Aver	age SMD (a	Il studies)			•			1.54 [0.10 , 2.99]
Fruit	s							0.85 [-1.54 , 3.25]
Vege	etables							1.03 [-1.32 , 3.38]
Cere	als							4.47 [1.07 , 7.87]
Com	pound food				+			0.23 [-5.57 , 6.04]
				Γ	; ;	1	1	
				-5.2	0.91	7.02	13.14	19.25
					Stand	ardized Mean D	fference	

Figure 17. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of carbohydrates (total) between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies and SMDs for different product groups are indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references). *No information about the experimental year (estimated as publication year - 2).

ID	Country	StudyType	Exp.Year	Product		SMD [95% CI]
220	DE	EX	1997	oat (grain)		-0.72 [-1.80 , 0.36]
220	DE	EX	1997	oat (grain)	⊢ ∎∔1	-0.60 [-1.67 , 0.47]
220	DE	EX	1997	oat (grain)	⊢ ∎∔1	-0.53 [-1.60 , 0.54]
305	FI	EX	1997-1998	oat (groat)	1- 	0.35 [-0.25 , 0.94]
220	DE	EX	1997	rye (winter) (grain)	⊢ ∎∔1	-0.65 [-1.72 , 0.43]
220	DE	EX	1997	rye (winter) (grain)	⊢	-0.19 [-1.24 , 0.86]
220	DE	EX	1997	rye (winter) (grain)	, <u> </u>	0.00 [-1.05 , 1.05]
220	DE	EX	1997	rye (winter) (grain)		-1.84 [-3.09 , -0.59]
220	DE	EX	1997	rye (winter) (grain)	⊢ ∔1	0.00 [-1.05 , 1.05]
46	ES	CF	2005	tomato (fruit)	F	-0.37 [-1.77 , 1.03]
220	DE	EX	1997	wheat (winter) (grain)	·	-1.34 [-2.36 , -0.32]
220	DE	EX	1997	wheat (winter) (grain)		-0.71 [-1.66 , 0.25]
220	DE	EX	1997	wheat (winter) (grain)	 i	-1.19 [-2.19 , -0.19]
220	DE	EX	1997	wheat (winter) (grain)	↓	0.62 [-0.33 , 1.57]
220	DE	EX	1997	wheat (winter) (grain)		0.00 [-0.92 , 0.92]
Averag	ge SMD (all st	udies)			•	-0.42 [-0.76 , -0.07]
Vegeta	ables					-0.37 [-2.03 , 1.28]
Cereal	S				•	-0.42 [-0.78 , -0.06]
					-4.02 -0.76 0.87 2.5	
					Standardized Mean Difference	

Figure 18. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of fibre between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies and SMDs for different product groups are indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references).

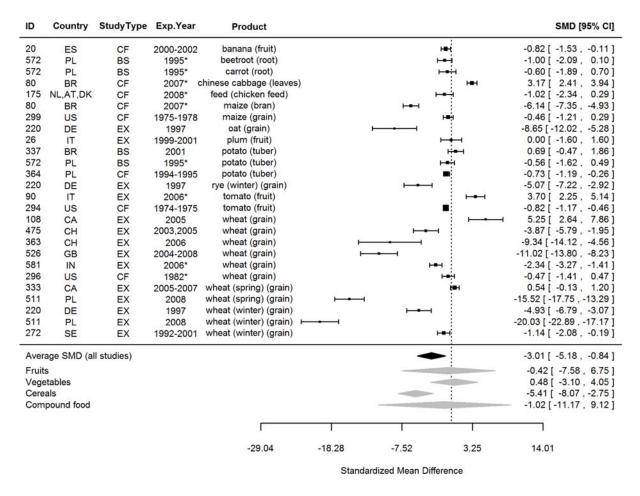


Figure 19. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of protein (total) between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies and SMDs for different product groups are indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references). *No information about the experimental year (estimated as publication year - 2).

ID	Country	StudyType	Exp.Year	Product					SMD [95% CI]
89	IT	BS	2002*	apricot (nectar)		,			0.22 [-1.57 , 2.02]
30	FI	CF	2004	black currant (fruit	:)		⊢−⊷		-0.12 [-0.76 , 0.52]
524	IT	CF	2006-2008	clementine (fruit)			⊢		0.29 [-0.26 , 0.85]
36	IT	CF	2000	grape (must)		H		_	-0.05 [-1.65 , 1.56]
111	NZ	CF	1996	kiwifruit (fruit)					-1.25 [-2.21 , -0.30]
82	ES	BS	1996*	lettuce (leaves)		-			0.39 [-1.23 , 2.00]
17	ES	EX	2006	mandarin (juice)			⊢⊫∔		-0.11 [-0.73 , 0.51]
336	CN	EX	2005	muskmelon (fruit))		<u>ب</u>		0.36 [-0.78 , 1.50]
524	IT	CF	2006-2007	orange (fruit)			÷⊢∎	4	0.62 [0.21 , 1.03]
524	IT	CF	2006-2007	orange (fruit)			·	4	0.58 [0.09 , 1.07]
518	GR	CF/EX	2007-2009	orange (juice)					0.28 [-1.32 , 1.89]
89	IT,ES	BS	2002*	peach (nectar)			· · · ·		0.24 [-0.80 , 1.27]
89	IT,ES	BS	2002*	pear (nectar)					-0.05 [-1.36 , 1.27]
13	US	EX	2003-2005	pepper (fruit)			<u>, ∔ =</u>	4	0.38 [-0.28 , 1.03]
340	EE	CF	2008	strawberry (fruit)			H		1.23 [-0.28 , 2.74]
134	FI	CF	1997-1998	strawberry (fruit)				⊢ •−−1	1.95 [1.15 , 2.74]
524	IT	CF/EX	2006-2008	strawberry (fruit)					0.55 [0.24 , 0.86]
488	US	CF	2004-2005	strawberry (fruit)			i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i		0.09 [-0.39 , 0.56]
494	BR	BS	2008*	tomato (fruit)		H		-	-0.20 [-1.80 , 1.40]
46	ES	CF	2005	tomato (fruit)		H			-0.68 [-2.11 , 0.74]
53	ES	EX	2004	tomato (fruit)			i		-1.24 [-2.75 , 0.28]
95	SE	EX	2002	tomato (fruit)			⊢ ∔ ■	-	0.46 [-0.44 , 1.37]
210	TN	EX	2006	tomato (fruit)					0.10 [-0.60 , 0.79]
35	TW	CF	2004-2005	tomato (fruit)			⊢ ••́−−1		-0.04 [-0.60 , 0.53]
23	TW	EX	2004-2005	tomato (fruit)			—		0.11 [-0.50 , 0.71]
13	US	EX	2003-2005	tomato (fruit)				H	1.95 [1.15 , 2.74]
482	US	EX	2005-2006	tomato (fruit)			⊢∎∔		-0.17 [-0.50 , 0.17]
Avera	ge SMD (all	studies)					•		0.27 [0.01 , 0.52]
Fruits	R 8.	1							0.32 [-0.02 , 0.66]
Veget									0.18 [-0.23 , 0.60]
veget	ables								0.16[-0.25,0.60]
						1	1	I	
				-3	3.85	-1.93	-0.01	1.92	3.84
						Standard	dized Mean Di	fference	

Figure 20. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of solids (soluble) between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies and SMDs for different product groups are indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references). *No information about the experimental year (estimated as publication year - 2).

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89	IT	BS	2002*	apricot (nectar)				0.22 [-1.57 , 2.02]
30	FI	CF	2004	black currant (fruit)	⊢⊷			-0.12 [-0.76 , 0.52]
524	IT	CF	2006-2008	clementine (fruit)	Him-H	I		0.29 [-0.26 , 0.85]
36	IT	CF	2000	grape (must)	⊢ _			-0.05 [-1.65 , 1.56]
111	NZ	CF	1996	kiwifruit (fruit)	⊢ •−-1 :			-1.25 [-2.21 , -0.30]
82	ES	BS	1996*	lettuce (leaves)	⊢	—		0.39 [-1.23 , 2.00]
17	ES	EX	2006	mandarin (juice)	⊢ – – i			-0.11 [-0.73 , 0.51]
336	CN	EX	2005	muskmelon (fruit)	⊢			0.36 [-0.78 , 1.50]
524	IT	CF	2006-2007	orange (fruit)	H -	-		0.62 [0.21 , 1.03]
524	IT	CF	2006-2007	orange (fruit)) -	4		0.58 [0.09 , 1.07]
518	GR	CF/EX	2007-2009	orange (juice)	⊢	—		0.28 [-1.32 , 1.89]
89	IT,ES	BS	2002*	peach (nectar)	⊢ •−	-		0.24 [-0.80 , 1.27]
89	IT,ES	BS	2002*	pear (nectar)	⊢ <u>∔</u>	-		-0.05 [-1.36 , 1.27]
13	US	EX	2003-2005	pepper (fruit)		-		0.38 [-0.28 , 1.03]
340	EE	CF	2008	strawberry (fruit)	÷	• •		1.23 [-0.28 , 2.74]
134	FI	CF	1997-1998	strawberry (fruit)		⊢		1.95 [1.15 , 2.74]
524	IT	CF/EX	2006-2008	strawberry (fruit)	HE	I		0.55 [0.24 , 0.86]
488	US	CF	2004-2005	strawberry (fruit)	Hint H			0.09 [-0.39 , 0.56]
494	BR	BS	2008*	tomato (fruit)	⊢ <u> </u>			-0.20 [-1.80 , 1.40]
494	BR	BS	2008*	tomato (fruit)	⊢ •÷	4		-0.66 [-2.30 , 0.98]
46	ES	CF	2005	tomato (fruit)	H			-0.68 [-2.11 , 0.74]
46	ES	CF	2005	tomato (fruit)		H	-	5.44 [2.43 , 8.44]
53	ES	EX	2004	tomato (fruit)	 i			-1.24 [-2.75 , 0.28]
95	SE	EX	2002	tomato (fruit)	⊢			0.46 [-0.44 , 1.37]
210	TN	EX	2006	tomato (fruit)	L in the second s			0.10 [-0.60 , 0.79]
35	TW	CF	2004-2005	tomato (fruit)	H-			-0.04 [-0.60 , 0.53]
23	TW	EX	2004-2005	tomato (fruit)	L L			0.11 [-0.50 , 0.71]
49	US	CF	2006-2007	tomato (fruit)				1.32 [0.81 , 1.83]
13	US	EX	2003-2005	tomato (fruit)		⊢		1.95 [1.15 , 2.74]
482	US	EX	2005-2006	tomato (fruit)	HEH			-0.17 [-0.50 , 0.17]
Avera	ge SMD (all	studies)			•			0.33 [0.06 , 0.60]
Fruits								0.32 [-0.06 , 0.69]
Veget	ables				•			0.35 [-0.07 , 0.76]
					i			
				-4.99	-1.07	2.84	6.76	10.68
					Standa	rdized Mean Di	fference	

Figure 21. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of solids between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies and SMDs for different product groups are indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references). *No information about the experimental year (estimated as publication year - 2).

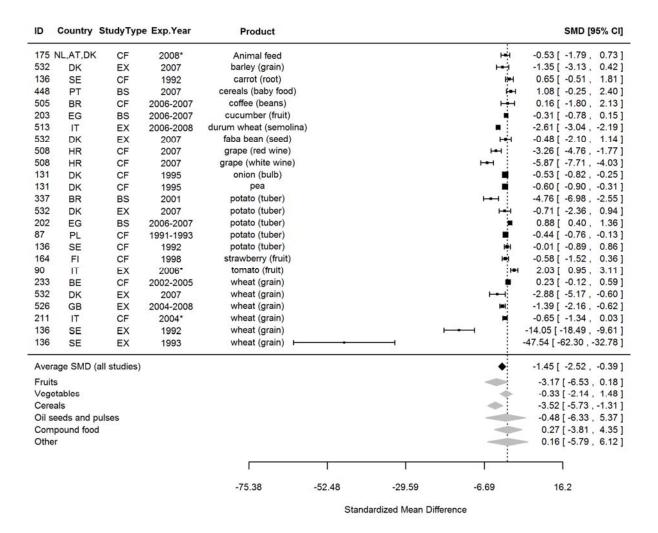


Figure 22. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of cadmium (Cd) between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (Cl), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies and SMDs for different product groups are indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references). *No information about the experimental year (estimated as publication year - 2).

ID	Country	StudyType	Exp.Year	Product					SMD [95% CI]
175	NL,AT,DK	CF	2008*	Animal feed			, Line (0.33 [-0.92 , 1.58]
255	IT	CF	1997	chicory (leaves)			• • ••••	-	-5.25 [-9.39 , -1.12]
505	BR	CF	2006-2007	coffee (green)		⊢	_ _		-3.32 [-6.34 , -0.30]
203	EG	BS	2006-2007	cucumber (fruit)				8	-0.40 [-1.58 , 0.78]
513	IT	EX	2006-2008	durum wheat (semolina)		+••-1			9.34 [-10.41 , -8.27]
532	DK	EX	2007	faba bean (seeds)					-0.68 [-2.32 , 0.97]
255	IT	CF	1997	lettuce (leaves)				5	-4.34 [-6.88 , -1.80]
131	DK	CF	1995	onion (bulb)			Ú.		-0.08 [-0.36 , 0.20]
131	DK	CF	1995	pea (raw)			=		0.55 [0.24 , 0.85]
202	EG	BS	2006-2007	potato (tuber)			-		-1.78 [-2.32 , -1.23]
136	SE	BS	1992	potato (tuber)			֥		0.61 [-0.66 , 1.87]
255	IT	CF	1997	rocket (leaves)				-1	1.77 [-20.16 , -3.38]
136	SE	EX	1992	wheat (grain)				3	-0.76 [-2.79 , 1.27]
532	DK	EX	2007	wheat (winter) (grain)			÷		0.47 [-1.15 , 2.10]
Averag	ge SMD (all stu	udies)					-	1	-2.00 [-3.68 , -0.31]
Vegeta	ables								-1.94 [-4.54 , 0.66]
Cereal	s						:		-3.29 [-7.36 , 0.77]
Oil see	eds and pulses						:		-0.68 [-7.72 , 6.37]
Comp	ound food								0.33 [-6.63 , 7.29]
Other							:		-3.32 [-10.81 , 4.16]
						•			
				-24.61	-16.82	-9.03	-1.24	6.55	
					Standard	lized Mean [Difference		

Figure 23. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of chromium (Cr) between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies and SMDs for different product groups are indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references). *No information about the experimental year (estimated as publication year - 2).

ID	Country	StudyType	Exp.Year	Product				SMD [95% CI]
175	NL,AT,DK	CF	2008*	Animal feed				0.36 [-0.89 , 1.61]
128	ES	CF	2000-2001	banana (fruit)			⊢∎÷i	-0.46 [-1.18 , 0.26]
532	DK	EX	2007-2008	barley (grain)		H	- i i	-2.04 [-3.43 , -0.64]
8	CA	EX	1990-1992	cabbage (leaves)			H=	-0.39 [-1.12 , 0.33]
8	CA	EX	1990-1992	carrot (root)			L-	-0.23 [-0.95 , 0.49]
505	BR	CF	2006-2007	coffee (green)	H		:	-2.97 [-5.82 , -0.13]
203	EG	BS	2006-2007	cucumber (fruit)			⊢÷•−−1	0.30 [-0.88 , 1.48]
532	DK	EX	2007-2008	faba bean (seeds)				-0.56 [-1.71 , 0.60]
253	TR	EX	2001 lette	uce (Iceberg, Yedikule) (leav	es)	ŀ	i	-0.13 [-1.35 , 1.10]
347	ns	BS	2008*	lettuce (leaves)			H	-0.27 [-0.65 , 0.12]
17	ES	EX	2006	mandarin (juice)			: H	1.17 [0.50 , 1.84]
131	DK	CF	1995	onion (bulb)			H	-0.11 [-0.39 , 0.17]
131	DK	CF	1995	pea (raw)			ėщн	0.22 [-0.07 , 0.51]
26	IT	EX	1999-2001	plum (fruit)		F	i i	0.00 [-1.60 , 1.60]
337	BR	BS	2001	potato (tuber)			i	-0.14 [-1.28 , 0.99]
2	CA	EX	1990-1992	potato (tuber)		,	_ _	-0.59 [-1.32 , 0.14]
532	DK	EX	2007-2008	potato (tuber)				-0.03 [-1.16 , 1.10]
202	EG	BS	2006-2007	potato (tuber)			Hand i	-0.69 [-1.17 , -0.22]
12	ES	CF	1995*	strawberry (fruit)		F	_ _	-0.57 [-1.42 , 0.28]
2	CA	EX	1990-1992	sweet corn (kernel)			i -	0.49 [-0.24 , 1.21]
172	ES	BS	2004-2005	tomato (fruit)			HEH	-0.36 [-0.70 , -0.02]
347	ns	BS	2008*	tomato (fruit)		F	■-1 :	-1.03 [-1.44 , -0.62]
49	US	CF	2006-2007	tomato (fruit)		H	-	-3.01 [-3.68 , -2.33]
526	GB	EX	2004-2008	wheat (grain)			⊢∎÷i	-0.37 [-1.07 , 0.33]
581	IN	EX	2006*	wheat (grain)		-	1	-6.04 [-7.73 , -4.35]
581	IN	EX	2006*	wheat (grain)			н і н	-0.02 [-0.73 , 0.70]
532	DK	EX	2007-2008	wheat (winter) (grain)		⊢	-	-1.49 [-2.77 , -0.21]
Averag	ge SMD (all stu	udies)					•	-0.59 [-1.03 , -0.14]
Fruits								0.05 [-1.14 , 1.24]
Vegeta	ables							-0.48 [-1.09 , 0.14]
Cereal								-1.30 [-2.30 , -0.31]
	eds and pulses						:	-0.56 [-3.01 , 1.90]
	ound food	,					:	0.36 [-2.15 , 2.86]
Other	bund lood							-2.97 [-6.55 , 0.61]
Oulei								-2.37 [-0.33 , 0.01]
				Г	I	1	.1	
				-9.64	-6.29	-2.95	0.4	3.75
					Standar	dized Mean Di	ference	

Figure 24. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of manganese (Mn) between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies and SMDs for different product groups are indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references). *No information about the experimental year (estimated as publication year - 2).

ID	Country	StudyType	Exp.Year	Product					SMD [95% CI]
532	DK	EX	2007-2008	barley (grain)					1.17 [-0.05 , 2.40]
532	DK	EX	2007-2008	faba bean (seeds)					0.57 [-0.58 , 1.72]
131	DK	CF	1995	onion (bulb)	⊢∎ -+				0.46 [0.15 , 0.77]
131	DK	CF	1995	pea (raw)	÷=+				0.17 [-0.12 , 0.46]
532	DK	EX	2007-2008	potato (tuber)	- i -				2.51 [1.00 , 4.02]
526	GB	EX	2004-2008	wheat (grain)					1.96 [1.11 , 2.80]
532	DK	EX	2007-2008	wheat (winter) (grain)		•			3.27 [1.54 , 5.00]
Averag	ge SMD (all s	tudies)			-				1.26 [0.46 , 2.06]
Vegeta	ables								0.79 [-0.25 , 1.83]
Cereal	s								2.02 [0.84 , 3.20]
Oil see	eds and pulse	s							0.57 [-1.43 , 2.57]
				[· 1	1	1		
				-1.7	0.26	2.21	4.17	6.12	
					Standard	lized Mean [Difference		

Figure 25. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of molybdenum (Mo) between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies and SMDs for different product groups are indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references).

ID	Country	StudyType	Exp.Year	Product				SMD [95% CI]
270	CA	CF	1989-1990	apple (fruit)		⊢ ∎.∔		-0.84 [-1.98 , 0.30]
532	DK	EX	2007-2008	barley (grain)		⊢ •−4		-1.43 [-2.70 , -0.16]
187	NZ	CF	1991	barley (grain)		⊢ → ÷ → 1		-0.65 [-2.66 , 1.36]
536	DK	CF	1979*	beetroot (root)		H#H		-1.33 [-1.82 , -0.85]
8	CA	EX	1990-1992	cabbage (leaves)		⊢ .		-0.07 [-0.79 , 0.64]
8	CA	EX	1990-1992	carrot (root)		⊢∎÷		-0.55 [-1.28 , 0.18]
536	DK	CF	1979*	carrot (root)		⊦≡-ť		-0.50 [-0.94 , -0.05]
195	DK	EX	2007-2008	carrot (root)		⊢ •−-1 i		-2.45 [-3.95 , -0.96]
249	DK	EX	2007-2008	carrot (root)		⊢ •1 ≜		-2.45 [-3.95 , -0.96]
532	DK	EX	2007-2008	faba bean (seeds)		⊢ •÷1		-0.78 [-1.95 , 0.40]
315	ES	CF	2007-2008	grape (fruit)				-10.31 [-12.66 , -7.97]
491	DE	CF	2005	grape (skin extract)		⊢ • <u>÷</u> -1		-0.50 [-2.13 , 1.12]
111	NZ	CF	1996	kiwifruit (fruit)		⊢ • ⊣		0.02 [-0.86 , 0.89]
347	ns	BS	2008*	lettuce (leaves)		H		0.00 [-0.39 , 0.39]
195	DK	EX	2007-2008	onion (bulb)		⊢ ••;		-1.17 [-2.39 , 0.06]
524	IT	CF	2006-2007	orange (fruit)		HI		-0.13 [-0.54 , 0.28]
524	IT	CF	2006-2007	orange (fruit)		HE		-0.32 [-0.80 , 0.17]
187	NZ	CF	1991	pea (raw)		⊢ •∔⊣		-0.58 [-2.21 , 1.05]
2	CA	EX	1990-1992	potato (tuber)		⊢ <u>≓</u> ⊣		-0.11 [-0.83 , 0.60]
536	DK	CF	1979*	potato (tuber)		HER		-0.40 [-0.84 , 0.05]
195	DK	EX	2007-2008	potato (tuber)			•	2.92 [1.77 , 4.07]
532	DK	EX	2007-2008	potato (tuber)		<u>+</u> 1		0.83 [-0.34 , 2.01]
281	JP	CF	1996*	rice (grain)	H			-5.59 [-8.10 , -3.08]
144	JP	CF	2003-2004	spinach (leaves)		⊢ •−1		0.00 [-0.67 , 0.67]
488	US	CF	2004-2005	strawberry (fruit)		⊢ ‡ ⊣		-0.03 [-0.63 , 0.58]
2	CA	EX	1990-1992	sweet corn (kernel)		⊢ •−1		0.05 [-0.66 , 0.77]
432	JP	CF	2008*	tomato (fruit)		⊦÷-1		0.00 [-0.69 , 0.69]
347	ns	BS	2008*	tomato (fruit)				0.42 [0.04 , 0.81]
95	SE	EX	2002	tomato (fruit)		⊢ .		-0.05 [-0.94 , 0.85]
49	US	CF	2006-2007	tomato (fruit)		H=-1		-1.79 [-2.34 , -1.25]
273	US	EX	1998-1999	tomato (fruit)			⊢ ••	- 4.82 [2.88 , 6.76]
273	US	EX	1998-1999	tomato (fruit)		⊢ •1 ≟		-3.24 [-4.73 , -1.75]
526	GB	EX	2004-2008	wheat (grain)		⊢ -1		-4.62 [-5.95 , -3.30]
187	NZ	CF	1991	wheat (grain)		⊢ <u>∔</u> _1		-0.09 [-1.69 , 1.51]
532	DK	EX	2007-2008	wheat (winter) (grain)		⊢ •−-1		-3.08 [-4.76 , -1.41]
Avera	age SMD (a	Il studies)				•		-0.88 [-1.59 , -0.17]
Fruit	5	0						-1.45 [-3.02 , 0.13]
	tables							-0.30 [-1.22 , 0.62]
Cere								-2.10 [-3.73 , -0.48]
	eeds and p	ilses						-0.78 [-4.94 , 3.39]
011 34	ceus and p	1363						-0.70[-4.04; 0.00]
				Γ	1		1	
				-16.54	-9.74	-2.95	3.84	10.64
						Standardized Mean Difference		

Figure 26. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of nitrogen (N) between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies and SMDs for different product groups are indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references). *No information about the experimental year (estimated as publication year - 2).

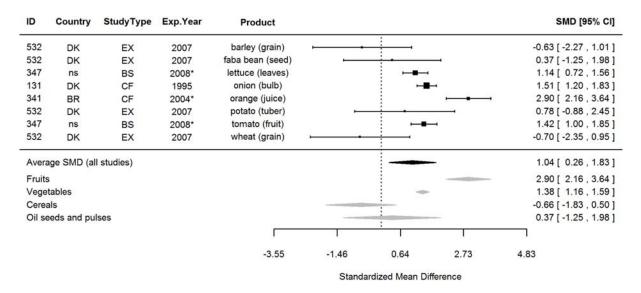


Figure 27. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of rubidium (Rb) between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (Cl), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies and SMDs for different product groups are indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references). *No information about the experimental year (estimated as publication year - 2).

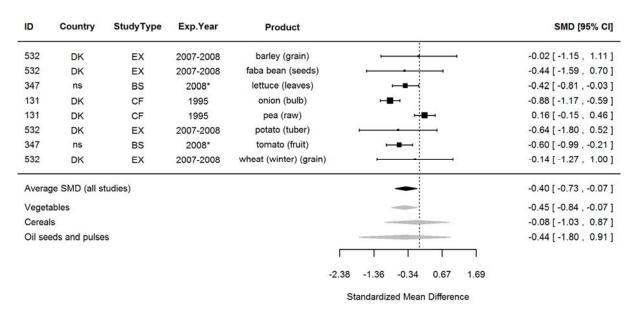


Figure 28. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of strontium (Sr) between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies and SMDs for different product groups are indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references). *No information about the experimental year (estimated as publication year - 2).

ID	Country	StudyType	Exp.Year	Product				SMD [95% CI]
525	BR	EX	2007	acerola (fruit)				H 9.60 [5.60 , 13.60]
97	IT	BS	2006*	apricot (juice)	⊢ ∎.÷I			-0.77 [-1.80 , 0.27]
20	ES	CF	2000-2002	banana (fruit)	⊨⊷-i			0.95 [0.23 , 1.66]
524	IT	CF	2006-2008	clementine (fruit)	HEH			0.99 [0.37 , 1.60]
77	US	BS	2005-2006	marinara pasta sauce (with vegetable	es) 🛏 🕂			-0.80 [-2.09 , 0.49]
524	IT	CF	2006-2007	orange (fruit)	HEH			0.66 [0.25 , 1.07]
524	IT	CF	2006-2007	orange (fruit)	: HEH			0.88 [0.37 , 1.38]
518	GR	CF/EX	2007-2009	orange (juice)	— •––––––––––––––––––––––––––––––––––––			-1.90 [-3.83 , 0.03]
57	IT	BS	2003	orange (red) (fruit)) .			1.74 [0.11 , 3.36]
13	US	EX	2003-2005	pepper (fruit)	H=H			0.31 [-0.35 , 0.96]
443	KR	EX	2008	pepper (hot) (fruit)	֥	—		1.80 [-0.10 , 3.69]
525	BR	EX	2007	persimmon (fruit)	H-			-0.31 [-1.45 , 0.82]
26	IT	EX	1999-2001	plum (fruit)	— •—•			-0.27 [-1.88 , 1.34]
21	CZ	CF	1996-1999	potato (tuber)	i=+			0.41 [-0.03 , 0.85]
144	JP	CF	2003-2004	spinach (leaves)	H=H			-0.35 [-1.03 , 0.33]
525	BR	EX	2007	strawberry (fruit)	⊢ i			-2.53 [-4.05 , -1.01]
340	EE	CF	2008	strawberry (fruit)	⊢ •–́•			-0.25 [-1.64 , 1.14]
524	IT	CF/EX	2006-2008	strawberry (fruit)				1.05 [0.72 , 1.38]
45	SE	EX	2004*	strawberry (fruit)	⊢	-		0.61 [-1.40 , 2.61]
488	US	CF	2004-2005	strawberry (fruit)	Hier			0.13 [-0.35 , 0.60]
42	AR	CF	2001*	swiss chard (leaves)	⊢ •−−			0.19 [-1.41 , 1.80]
53	ES	EX	2004	tomato (fruit)	F = + 1			-0.91 [-2.37 , 0.55]
432	JP	CF	2008*	tomato (fruit)	H			0.96 [0.22 , 1.69]
95	SE	EX	2002	tomato (fruit)	⊢ ∎-1			0.90 [-0.03 , 1.84]
35	TW	CF	2004-2005	tomato (fruit)	HÁH			-0.05 [-0.62 , 0.51]
23	TW	EX	2004-2005	tomato (fruit)	i-=-1			0.58 [-0.03 , 1.20]
294	US	CF	1974-1975	tomato (fruit)	÷			-0.05 [-0.39 , 0.29]
49	US	CF	2006-2007	tomato (fruit)	H			-0.20 [-0.67 , 0.26]
13	US	EX	2003-2005	tomato (fruit)	÷⊢∎-(1.16 [0.45 , 1.87]
49	US	CF	2006-2007	tomato (sauce)	i=+			0.47 [0.00 , 0.94]
Aver	age SMD	(all studies)			•			0.33 [0.06 , 0.60]
Fruit	s				1			0.38 [-0.03 , 0.79]
	etables							0.28 [-0.09 , 0.65]
				Г 			1	
				-7.58	-1.4	4.78	10.96	17.14
						dized Mean Dif		

Figure 29. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of ascorbic acid between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies and SMDs for different product groups are indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references). *No information about the experimental year (estimated as publication year - 2).

ID	Country	StudyType	Exp.Year	Product				SMD [95% CI]
8	CA	EX	1990-1992	cabbage (leaves)	-			-0.15 [-0.87 , 0.57]
8	CA	EX	1990-1992	carrot (root)				-0.09 [-0.81 , 0.63]
175	NL,AT,DK	CF	2008*	feed (chicken feed)	i÷∎-i			0.74 [-0.54 , 2.02]
175	NL,AT,DK	CF	2008*	feed (chicken feed)	H.			0.06 [-1.18 , 1.30]
175	NL,AT,DK	CF	2008*	feed (chicken feed)	i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i			0.38 [-0.87 , 1.63]
175	NL,AT,DK	CF	2008*	feed (chicken feed)	н ф и			-0.07 [-1.31 , 1.17]
26	IT	EX	1999-2001	plum (fruit)	 i			-1.94 [-3.88 , 0.00]
26	IT	EX	1999-2001	plum (fruit)				-19.95 [8.55 , 31.35]
189	IT	BS	2002*	sunflower (oil)	⊷⊷∔			-1.41 [-3.28 , 0.47]
2	CA	EX	1990-1992	sweet corn (kernel)				-0.28 [-0.99 , 0.44]
2	CA	EX	1990-1992	sweet corn (kernel)	-			0.05 [-0.66 , 0.77]
526	GB	EX	2004-2008	wheat (grain)	-			-0.54 [-1.25 , 0.16]
526	GB	EX	2004-2008	wheat (grain)	-			-0.66 [-1.37 , 0.05]
526	GB	EX	2004-2008	wheat (grain)	1			-0.09 [-0.79 , 0.60]
526	GB	EX	2004-2008	wheat (grain)	-			-0.43 [-1.14 , 0.27]
Ave	rage SMD (a	Ill studies)			•			-0.23 [-0.46 , 0.00]
Fruit	ts							-1.32 [-3.24 , 0.59]
Veg	etables				4			-0.12 [-0.63 , 0.39]
Cere	eals				4			-0.33 [-0.61 , -0.04]
Oil s	eeds and pu	ulses						-1.41 [-3.28 , 0.47]
Com	pound food				+			0.27 [-0.36 , 0.90]
				Г — —		1	1	1
				-10.93	1.4	13.73	26.06	38.39
					S	Standardized Mean Diff	ference	

Figure 30. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of vitamin E between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies and SMDs for different product groups are indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references). *No information about the experimental year (estimated as publication year - 2).

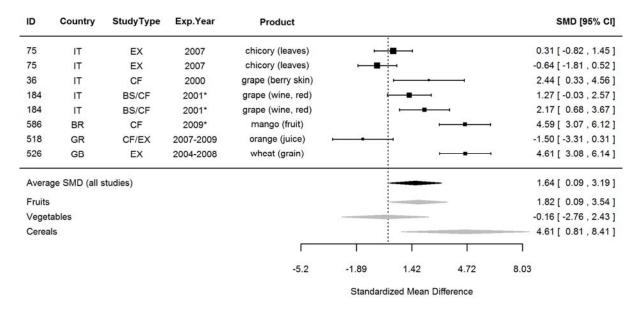


Figure 31. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of flavonoids (total) between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies and SMDs for different product groups are indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references). *No information about the experimental year (estimated as publication year - 2).

ID	Country	StudyType	Exp.Year	Product				SMD [95% CI]
75	IT	EX	2007	chicory (leaves)	·			0.14 [-0.99 , 1.28]
75	IT	EX	2007	chicory (leaves)	⊢∔			0.65 [-0.52 , 1.81]
38	JP	CF	1999*	chinese cabbage (leaves)				0.00 [-1.60 , 1.60]
58	US	EX	2003	collard (leaves)	⊢−− ∎			-0.57 [-1.72 , 0.59]
58	US	EX	2003	collard (leaves)	Ļ <u>i</u>			1.00 [-0.20 , 2.20
58	US	EX	2003	collard (leaves)	. <u> </u>	-		-0.08 [-1.21 , 1.06]
58	US	EX	2003	lettuce (leaves)	<u>⊢</u>			0.56 [-0.26 , 1.37
58	US	EX	2003	lettuce (leaves)		E.		0.10 [-0.70 , 0.90
8	US	EX	2003	lettuce (leaves)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			-0.34 [-1.15 , 0.46
0	US	EX	2003	lettuce (leaves)	⊢			-0.17 [-0.97 , 0.63
58	US	EX	2003	pac choi (leaves)				-0.38 [-1.52 , 0.76]
8	US	EX	2003	pac choi (leaves)	Ļ.			0.93 [-0.26 , 2.12]
3	US	EX	2003-2005	pepper (fruit)	⊢_∎ ́∺			-0.58 [-1.24 , 0.09
43	KR	EX	2008	pepper (hot) (fruit)	Ļ <u>i</u>	· · · · · ·		1.51 [-0.30 , 3.33
43	KR	EX	2008	pepper (hot) (fruit)	· · · · · ·			0.70 [-0.95 , 2.35
526	GB	EX	2004-2008	wheat (grain)	- i i			1.47 [0.57 , 2.37
526	GB	EX	2004-2008	wheat (grain)		H	-	2.87 [1.73 , 4.01]
526	GB	EX	2004-2008	wheat (grain)	. ⊢			1.56 [0.64 , 2.47
526	GB	EX	2004-2008	wheat (grain)		⊢		2.14 [1.14 , 3.15
526	GB	EX	2004-2008	wheat (grain)		-		0.34 [-0.47 , 1.14
526	GB	EX	2004-2008	wheat (grain)		⊢		-4.94 [3.33 , 6.54
526	GB	EX	2004-2008	wheat (grain)		— •	4	2.81 [1.68 , 3.94
526	GB	EX	2004-2008	wheat (grain)		⊢		3.41 [2.16 , 4.66
vera	ige SMD (all	studies)						0.95 [0.39 , 1.51]
/ege	tables							0.16 [-0.30 , 0.61
Cerea						-		2.24 [1.62 , 2.85
				[1	T	1	
				-3.37	-0.48	2.42	5.31	8.2
					Stand	ardized Mean Diffe	erence	

Figure 32. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of flavones between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies and SMDs for different product groups are indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references). *No information about the experimental year (estimated as publication year - 2).

ID	Country	StudyTy	peExp.Year	Product					SMD [95% CI]
31	FI	CF	1999*	black currant (fruit)	,	-	•		0.00 [-1.96 , 1.96]
58	US	EX	2003	collard (leaves)					0.19 [-0.95 , 1.32]
491	DE	CF	2005	grape (skin extract)		÷ –	•	-	3.62 [1.02 , 6.22]
58	US	EX	2003	lettuce (leaves)		֥			0.49 [-0.32 , 1.30]
77	US	BS	2005-2006	marinara pasta sauce (with vegeta	ables)				1.18 [-0.17 , 2.52]
58	US	EX	2003	pac choi (leaves)	,				-0.75 [-1.92 , 0.42]
13	US	EX	2003-2005	pepper (fruit)		-			-0.22 [-0.87 , 0.44]
26	IT	EX	1999-2001	plum (fruit)			•	•	3.44 [0.92 , 5.96]
5	FI	CF	1997	strawberry (fruit)			-		1.12 [0.12 , 2.11]
32	FI	CF	2001	strawberry (fruit)					0.93 [0.09 , 1.77]
488	US	CF	2004-2005	strawberry (fruit)		- i			0.07 [-0.40 , 0.55]
11	US	EX	1994-2004	tomato (fruit)			Э		7.77 [5.86 , 9.68]
13	US	EX	2003-2005	tomato (fruit)			-		1.49 [0.76 , 2.23]
Ave	rage SMD	(all studi	es)			-	-		1.34 [0.19 , 2.50]
Frui	ts								1.38 [-0.44 , 3.21]
Veg	etables								1.33 [-0.29 , 2.96]
				Г		ť	1	I	
				-4.2	9	-0.21	3.86	7.94	12.01
						Standar	dized Mean Di	fference	

Figure 33. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of kaempferol between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies and SMDs for different product groups are indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references). *No information about the experimental year (estimated as publication year - 2).

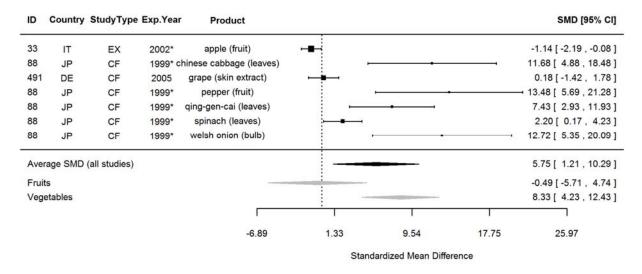


Figure 34. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of quercetin 3-rhamnoside between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies and SMDs for different product groups are indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references). *No information about the experimental year (estimated as publication year - 2).

ID	Country	StudyType	Exp.Year	Product		SMD [95% CI]
338	СН	EX	2003-2006	wheat (grain)	- -	0.26 [-0.10 , 0.62]
511	PL	EX	2008	wheat (spring) (grain)	·•	1.36 [0.92 , 1.81]
511	PL	EX	2008	wheat (winter) (grain)	_ _	0.84 [0.42 , 1.25]
Avera	ge SMD (all	studies)				0.81 [0.18 , 1.44]
					-0.48 0.86 2.19	
					Standardized Mean Difference	

Figure 35. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of phenolic acids (total) between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies is indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references).

ID	Country	StudyType	Exp.Year	Product					SMD [95% CI]
97	IT	BS	2006*	apricot (juice)			-		2.40 [1.16 , 3.64]
4	US	CF	2006*	blueberry (fruit)					1.28 [-0.08 , 2.64]
518	GR	CF/EX	2007-2009	orange (juice)				-	0.77 [-0.89 , 2.43]
26	IT	EX	1999-2001	plum (fruit)					0.00 [-1.60 , 1.60]
484	SI	EX	2009	red beet (root)					0.00 [-1.39 , 1.39]
134	FI	CF	1997-1998	strawberry (fruit)					1.07 [0.37 , 1.77]
524	ІТ	CF/EX	2006-2008	strawberry (fruit)			•		-0.18 [-0.49 , 0.13]
Averag	ge SMD (all s	tudies)					-		0.73 [0.01 , 1.45]
Fruits									0.84 [0.04 , 1.64]
Vegeta	ables							-	0.00 [-2.12 , 2.12]
					ſ	<u> </u>	1	1	_
					-2.65	-0.82	1.02	2.86	4.69
						Standard	ized Mean I	Difference	

Figure 36. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of malic acid between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies and SMDs for different product groups are indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references). *No information about the experimental year (estimated as publication year - 2).

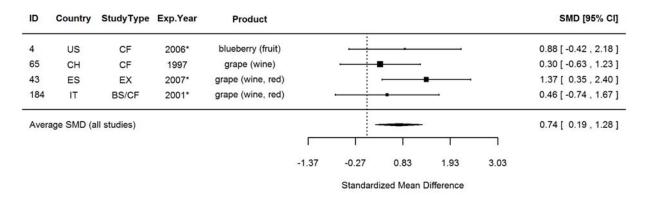


Figure 37. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of stilbenes between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies is indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references). *No information about the experimental year (estimated as publication year - 2).

ID	Country	StudyType	Exp.Year	Product				SMD [95% CI]
4	US	CF	2006*	blueberry (fruit)				8.02 [4.29 , 11.75]
36	IT	CF	2000	grape (berry skin)				0.45 [-1.17 , 2.07]
504	ES	CF	2008*	grape (fruit)	·			0.38 [-1.60 , 2.36]
504	ES	CF	2008*	grape (wine)				1.20 [-0.93 , 3.32]
43	ES	EX	2007*	grape (wine, red)	i	•		2.86 [1.54 , 4.17]
184	IT	BS/CF	2001*	grape (wine, red)	÷			3.29 [1.48 , 5.11]
57	IT	BS	2003	orange (red) (fruit)				2.45 [0.62 , 4.28]
524	IT	EX	2008	peach (fruit)	⊷			0.41 [-0.52 , 1.34]
340	EE	CF	2008	strawberry (fruit)	—			0.60 [-0.82 , 2.01]
488	US	CF	2004-2005	strawberry (fruit)	-			0.34 [-0.14 , 0.82]
Avera	ge SMD (all s	studies)			-	e.		1.60 [0.59 , 2.62]
				I.	- 'I	1	1	
				-4.27	0.4	5.07	9.75	14.42
					Standa	rdized Mean Di	fference	

Figure 38. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of other non-defense compounds (total) between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies is indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references). *No information about the experimental year (estimated as publication year - 2).

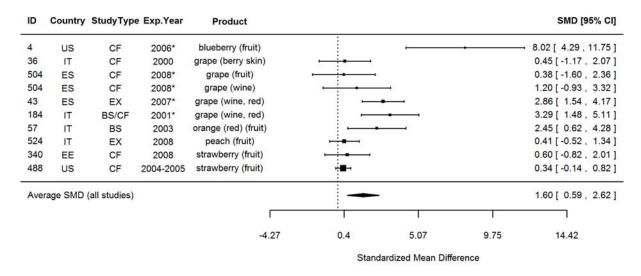


Figure 39. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of anthocyanins (total) between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies is indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references). *No information about the experimental year (estimated as publication year - 2).

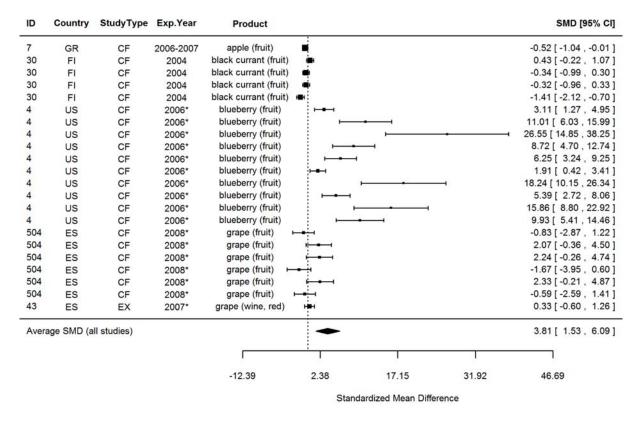


Figure 40. Forest plot showing the results of the comparison of anthocyanins between organic and conventional plant foods using standardised mean differences (SMDs) with 95% confidence intervals (CI), for studies included in standard weighted meta-analysis. The estimated average SMD for all studies is indicated at the bottom of the figure. Sign of the SMD indicates if the analysed parameter is higher (+) or lower (-) in organic foods. ID, Paper unique identification number (see Table 2 for references). *No information about the experimental year (estimated as publication year - 2).

											% positive samples				
				OR								ORG		CONV	
-6	-4.5	-3	-1.5	0	1.5	3	4.5	6 ID	n	P*	Mean	95% CI	Mean	95% CI	
			HI I	1	1			AL	L 66	<0.001	10.55	6.74, 14.36	46.35	37.96, 54.75	
-		-	•	-		-		45	21	0.417	0.00	-	20.00	-	
			- + ◆	-				46	33	0.010	2.09	-0.90, 5.07	30.62	18.73, 42.50	
			_	-				494	1 1	1.000	0.00	-	0.00	-	
F		-		+				548	31	0.103	2.63	-	26.96	-	
		- H						619	25	<0.001	22.34	15.83, 28.85	70.88	62.79, 78.97	
				\rightarrow				62) 1	0.105	9.58	-	57.17	-	
-			-	-				62	1 1	0.579	0.00	-	20.00	-	
			•	+	-			62	21	0.168	4.94	-	33.28	-	
-		•		_	-			623	31	0.131	40.00	-	90.00	-	
	, L			_				624	1 1	0.474	11.86	-	29.57	-	

Figure 41. Results of the standard weighted meta-analysis comparing odds ratios with 95% confidence intervals for the frequency of pesticide residues in organic and conventional crops. A mixed-effect model with publication as moderator was used. OR, odds ratio for each product group (error bars indicate 95% confidence intervals); ORG, organic samples; CONV, conventional samples; *n*, number of data points included in meta-analyses. **P* value <0.05 indicates a significant difference between ORG and CONV.

Table 12. Results of the standard unweighted and weighted meta-analysis for parameters where none of the 8 meta-analysis protocols indentified significant effects.

	Unw	eighted meta	-analysis		Weighted meta-analysis						
Parameter	n	Ln ratio*	P †	n	SMD	95% CI	P †	Heterogeneity‡			
Acidity (total)	20	4.57	0.375	7	-0.04	-0.37, 0.30	0.835	No (0%)			
Acidity (volatile)	4	4.75	0.254	3	-0.54	-2.03, 0.94	0.472	Yes (66%)			
Acids (total)	5	4.55	0.402	3	-1.46	-6.46, 3.54	0.568	Yes (92%)			
Antioxidant activity (DPPH)	46	4.62	0.391	23	0.79	-0.95, 2.53	0.373	Yes (94%)			
Polyphenoloxidase (PPO) activity (towards caffeic acid)	4	4.70	0.252	4	1.20	-1.70, 4.10	0.417	Yes (93%)			
Phenolic compounds	21	4.68	0.183	16	-0.08	-0.46, 0.29	0.663	Yes (50%)			
Hydroxycinnamic acids (total)	7	4.49	0.173	4	-1.03	-2.78, 0.72	0.249	Yes (87%)			
Caffeic acid	15	4.65	0.335	8	0.54	-0.53, 1.61	0.326	Yes (73%)			
p-coumaric acid (pCA)	11	4.67	0.365	5	0.21	-2.37, 2.78	0.875	Yes (99%)			
Ferulic acid	8	4.79	0.243	4	0.39	-1.93, 2.70	0.743	Yes (97%)			
Sinapic acid (SA)	5	4.67	0.442	3	-0.74	-1.74, 0.27	0.153	Yes (88%)			
5-o-Caffeoylquinic acid (5-CQA)	4	4.77	0.188	3	0.35	-0.49, 1.18	0.412	Yes (62%)			
Ellagic acid	5	4.81	0.063	4	1.93	-1.31, 5.18	0.243	Yes (97%)			
Gallic acid	8	4.83	0.070	5	0.07	-0.52, 0.67	0.809	Yes (51%)			
Salicylic acid	5	5.54	0.094	4	1.06	-0.19, 2.32	0.095	Yes (61%)			
Apigenin	6	4.63	0.476	5	0.14	-0.47, 0.76	0.652	No (23%)			
Luteolin	6	4.96	0.091	5	0.28	-0.39, 0.95	0.413	Yes (54%)			
Myricetin 3-o-glucoside	4	4.52	0.372	3	0.15	-1.79, 2.09	0.879	Yes (87%)			
Quercetin 3-galactoside	6	5.11	0.145	3	1.12	-0.54, 2.78	0.184	Yes (87%)			
Quercetin 3-glucoside	10	5.01	0.105	5	0.31	-0.48, 1.10	0.446	Yes (58%)			
Quercetin malonylglucoside	3	4.69	0.372	3	0.20	-0.34, 0.75	0.462	No (15%)			

n, number of data points included in the comparison; SMD, standardised mean difference of fixed-effect model.*Ln ratio = Ln(ORG/CONV × 100%); †P value <0.05 indicates significance of the difference in composition between organic and conventional crop/crop based food; \ddagger Heterogeneity and the l² Statistic.

Table 12 cont. Results of the standard unweighted and weighted meta-analysis for parameters where none of the 8 meta-analysis protocols indentified significant effects.

	Unw	eighted meta	-analysis		Weighted meta-analysis						
Parameter	n	Ln ratio*	P †	n	SMD	95% CI	P †	Heterogeneity‡			
Flavanols (total)	7	4.59	0.437	3	-0.58	-2.05, 0.89	0.441	Yes (86%)			
Flavanols	28	4.61	0.494	15	-0.15	-0.91, 0.61	0.693	Yes (94%)			
Naringenin	6	4.67	0.384	4	1.41	-1.54, 4.35	0.349	Yes (96%)			
Naringenin (R-enantomer)	5	4.67	0.344	5	1.55	-2.17, 5.28	0.413	Yes (96%)			
Chalcones	21	4.57	0.500	13	0.28	-0.26, 0.83	0.302	Yes (87%)			
Dihydrochalcones	4	4.64	0.305	3	-0.08	-1.00, 0.84	0.866	Yes (67%)			
Phloridzin	7	4.79	0.200	4	0.09	-1.16, 1.35	0.883	Yes (94%)			
Procyanidins	16	4.45	0.144	5	-2.04	-4.43, 0.36	0.096	Yes (97%)			
Glucosinolates	30	4.59	0.437	18	0.21	-0.31, 0.74	0.427	Yes (93%)			
Glucoraphanin	4	4.69	0.193	3	0.20	-0.28, 0.68	0.403	Yes (39%)			
Alpha-carotene	6	4.74	0.189	4	0.14	-0.83, 1.12	0.773	Yes (77%)			
Lycopene	27	4.68	0.338	14	0.30	-0.18, 0.78	0.217	Yes (79%)			
Beta-cryptoxanthin	6	4.60	0.488	3	2.08	-3.46, 7.61	0.462	Yes (98%)			
Zeaxanthin	14	4.29	0.164	11	-0.05	-1.09, 0.99	0.927	Yes (94%)			
Dehydroascorbic acid	7	4.16	0.134	6	-0.60	-1.71, 0.50	0.282	Yes (92%)			
Alpha-tocopherol	12	4.50	0.240	7	-0.28	-0.62, 0.05	0.095	No (0%)			
Gamma-tocopherol	6	4.61	0.467	3	5.39	-6.24, 17.03	0.363	Yes (99%)			
Vitamin B	13	4.76	0.072	9	0.54	-0.22, 1.30	0.161	Yes (73%)			
Vitamin B ₁	4	4.76	0.252	3	0.45	-0.39, 1.28	0.296	Yes (50%)			
Glucose	19	4.65	0.263	11	0.77	-0.53, 2.08	0.243	Yes (95%)			
Sucrose	18	4.72	0.091	11	0.06	-0.24, 0.37	0.685	Yes (31%)			
Fibre (soluble)	4	4.56	0.061	4	-0.55	-1.10, 0.01	0.054	No (0%)			
Fibre (insoluble)	5	4.60	0.443	5	-0.26	-0.97, 0.44	0.466	Yes (57%)			

n, number of data points included in the comparison; SMD, standardised mean difference of fixed-effect model.*Ln ratio = Ln(ORG/CONV \times 100%); †*P* value <0.05 indicates significance of the difference in composition between organic and conventional crop/crop based food; ‡Heterogeneity and the l² Statistic.

Table 12 cont. Results of the standard unweighted and weighted meta-analysis for parameters where none of the 8 meta-analysis protocols indentified significant effects.

	Unw	eighted meta	-analysis	Weighted meta-analysis					
Parameter	n	Ln ratio*	P †	n	SMD	95% CI	P †	Heterogeneity‡	
Asparagine (ASP)	14	4.62	0.374	5	-0.39	-2.43, 1.65	0.709	Yes (92%)	
Aspartic acid	10	4.57	0.240	5	-0.38	-1.40, 0.64	0.465	Yes (85%)	
Glutamine (Gln)	11	4.64	0.407	4	-0.71	-1.75, 0.32	0.177	Yes (86%)	
Glycine (GLY)	17	4.62	0.383	5	-0.57	-2.51, 1.37	0.566	Yes (92%)	
Serine (SER)	18	4.59	0.280	6	-0.63	-1.64, 0.38	0.220	Yes (81%)	
Energy	6	4.63	0.286	4	1.44	-1.70, 4.58	0.370	Yes (96%)	
Fat	23	4.63	0.235	10	0.39	-0.67, 1.46	0.472	Yes (92%)	
Fatty acids	94	4.55	0.115	60	0.00	-0.22, 0.22	0.998	Yes (49%)	
Saturated fatty acids	37	4.61	0.484	24	0.06	-0.23, 0.35	0.681	No (23%)	
Saturated fatty acids (total)	6	4.71	0.157	5	0.72	-0.71, 2.15	0.323	Yes (81%)	
16.0 fatty acid (palmitic acid)	12	4.63	0.356	7	0.07	-0.54, 0.69	0.817	Yes (43%)	
18.0 fatty acid (stearic acid)	12	4.70	0.291	8	-0.08	-0.96, 0.81	0.867	Yes (72%)	
20.0 fatty acid (arachidic acid)	7	4.58	0.358	5	0.00	-0.46, 0.46	0.991	No (0%)	
18.1 fatty acid (oleic acid)	9	4.59	0.462	7	-0.07	-0.47, 0.33	0.725	No (0%)	
Polyunsaturated fatty acids	32	4.66	0.193	23	0.10	-0.33, 0.54	0.639	Yes (68%)	
18.2 fatty acid (linoleic acid)	11	4.56	0.319	8	-0.11	-0.91, 0.69	0.782	Yes (67%)	
18.3 fatty acid (linolenic acid)	9	4.74	0.139	5	0.17	-1.00, 1.33	0.779	Yes (79%)	

n, number of data points included in the comparison; SMD, standardised mean difference of fixed-effect model.*Ln ratio = Ln(ORG/CONV \times 100%); †*P* value <0.05 indicates significance of the difference in composition between organic and conventional crop/crop based food; ‡Heterogeneity and the l² Statistic.

	Unw	eighted meta	-analysis		Weighted meta-analysis					
Parameter	n	Ln ratio*	P †	n	SMD	95% CI	P †	Heterogeneity‡		
Aluminium (Al)	10	4.64	0.336	4	-0.02	-0.59, 0.55	0.953	Yes (83%)		
Arsenic (As)	3	4.52	0.374	3	-40.77	-108.34, 26.8	0.237	Yes (100%)		
Barium (Ba)	13	4.53	0.121	6	-0.05	-0.24, 0.14	0.629	No (0%)		
Boron (B)	25	4.66	0.314	11	1.20	-1.72, 4.12	0.422	Yes (100%)		
Bromine (Br)	6	4.97	0.222	5	0.91	-0.72, 2.54	0.274	Yes (85%)		
Calcium (Ca)	110	4.62	0.236	41	0.11	-0.14, 0.35	0.390	Yes (83%)		
Carbon (C)	8	4.60	0.395	5	-0.08	-0.56, 0.40	0.756	No (0%)		
Cerium (Ce)	3	4.28	0.374	3	-0.57	-1.22, 0.09	0.091	Yes (27%)		
Chloride (Cl)	6	4.48	0.062	5	-0.42	-1.10, 0.27	0.231	No (0%)		
Cobalt (Co)	22	4.60	0.505	10	-0.01	-0.74, 0.72	0.978	Yes (93%)		
Copper (Cu)	74	4.59	0.379	28	-0.07	-0.40, 0.26	0.672	Yes (86%)		
Iron (Fe)	79	4.61	0.465	30	-0.18	-0.59, 0.22	0.379	Yes (93%)		
Lanthanum (La)	3	4.73	0.369	3	0.28	-0.72, 1.27	0.586	Yes (96%)		
Lead (Pb)	34	4.58	0.432	16	0.38	-7.42, 8.18	0.924	Yes (100%)		
Rhenium (Re)	3	4.05	0.375	3	0.28	-2.50, 3.06	0.843	Yes (99%)		
Sodium (Na)	58	4.65	0.130	21	0.18	-0.27, 0.62	0.443	Yes (91%)		
Sulphur (S)	29	4.59	0.364	14	-0.46	-1.16, 0.24	0.197	Yes (91%)		
Thallium (TI)	4	4.68	0.250	4	0.62	-1.28, 2.53	0.519	Yes (98%)		
Tin (Sn)	3	4.40	0.252	3	-11.43	-29.58, 6.73	0.217	Yes (100%)		
Wolfram (W)	5	4.97	0.092	5	0.27	-0.03, 0.57	0.079	No (0%)		

Table 12 cont. Results of the standard unweighted and weighted meta-analysis for parameters where none of the 8 meta-analysis protocols indentified significant effects.

n, number of data points included in the comparison; SMD, standardised mean difference of fixed-effect model.*Ln ratio = Ln(ORG/CONV × 100%); †P value <0.05 indicates significance of the difference in composition between organic and conventional crop/crop based food; \ddagger Heterogeneity and the l² Statistic.

Parameter	Trim and fill test*		No of missing <i>n</i> in	No of missing <i>n</i> in	P from Egger's test
	No of missing <i>n</i>	funnel plot side	Rosenthal's Fail-safe N test†	Orwin's Fail-safe N test‡	for funnel plot asymetry§
Antioxidant activity	0	left	1549	66	0.386
FRAP	2	right	24	5	0.069
ORAC	0	left	21	4	0.003
TEAC	1	left	17	7	0.180
Phenolic compounds (total)	0	left	615	58	<0.001
Flavonoids (total)	0	left	95	8	0.597
Phenolic acids (total)	2	left	45	3	<0.001
Phenolic acids	0	left	1601	89	<0.001
Chlorogenic acid	0	left	149	14	<0.001
Flavanones	0	left	457	54	<0.001
Stilbenes	0	left	7	4	0.827
Flavones and flavonols	0	left	23198	134	<0.001
Flavones	0	left	471	23	0.040
Flavonols	0	left	16927	111	<0.001
Quercetin	5	right	54	17	0.426
Rutin	3	right	170	9	0.668
Kaempferol	0	left	189	13	0.010
Anthocyanins (total)	0	left	134	10	0.004
Anthocyanins	0	left	471	22	<0.001
Carotenoids (total)	0	left	93	4	<0.001
Carotenoids	0	left	1616	82	0.246

Table 13. Results of the statistical test for publication bias reported in Fig. 3 of the main paper.

*The method used to estimate the number of data points missing from a meta-analysis due to the suppression of the most extreme results on one side of the funnel plot; †Number of missing data points that need to be retrived and incorporate in the meta-analysis before the results become nonsignificant; ‡Number of missing data point that need to be retrived and incorporate in the meta-analysis before the estimated value of the standardised mean (SMD) difference reaches a specified level (here SMD/2); §*P* value <0.05 indicates funnel plot asymmetry; ||Outlying data-pairs for which the mean percentage difference between organic and conventional samples was over 50 times higher than the mean value including outliers were removed.

Parameter	Trim and fill test*		No of missing <i>n</i> in	No of missing <i>n</i> in	P from Egger's test
	No of missing <i>n</i>	funnel plot side	Rosenthal's Fail-safe N test†	Orwin's Fail-safe N test‡	for funnel plot asymetry§
Xanthophylls	0	left	1064	33	0.001
Lutein	4	right	83	13	0.603
Ascorbic acid	0	left	307	30	0.745
Vitamin E	1	left	0	15	0.058
Carbohydrates (total)	0	left	392	16	0.001
Carbohydrates	0	left	313	53	<0.001
Sugars (reducing)	2	left	0	3	0.287
Protein (total)	0	right	1913	26	<0.001
Amino acids	26	right	9089	117	0.001
Dry matter	0	left	212	24	<0.001
Fibre	0	right	41	15	0.012
Nitrogen (N)	0	right	861	35	0.004
Nitrate	0	right	243	29	0.001
Nitrite	1	right	0	7	0.603
Cadmium (Cd)	0	right	996	25	<0.001

 Table 13 cont.
 Results of the statistical test for publication bias reported in Fig. 3 of the main paper.

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