

## The stiffening of the cell walls observed during physiological softening of pears

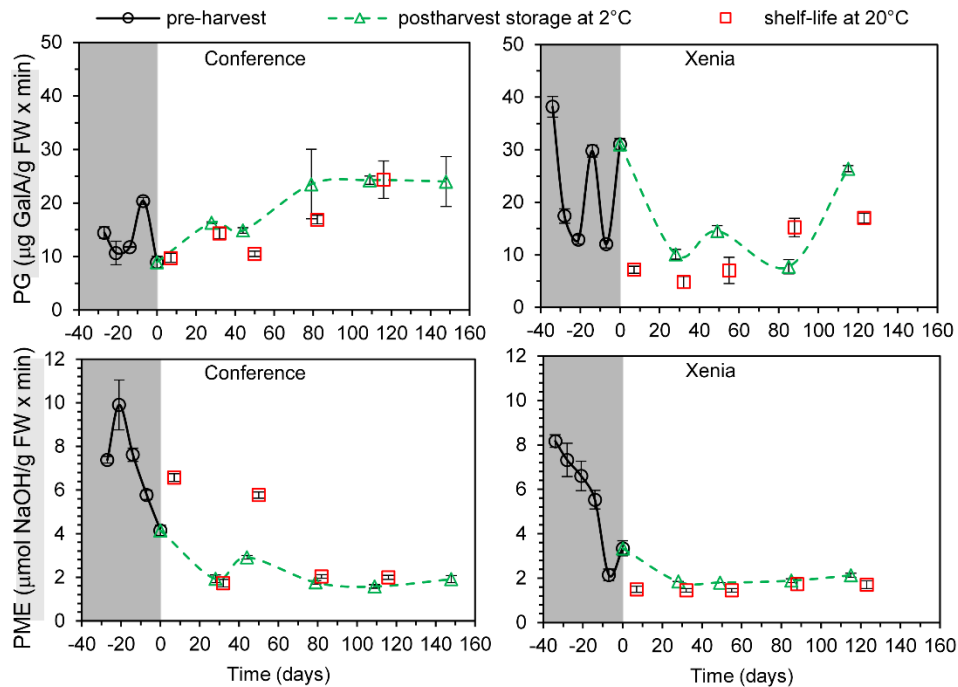
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**ESM\_2.** Polygalacturonase (PG) and pectin methylesterase (PME) activity in the studied pears (‘*Xenia*’ and ‘*Conference*’) during pre-harvest maturation (shadowed part, open circles) and postharvest storage period in a cold room at 2°C and RH~80-90% in normal atmosphere (green triangles). Time zero means the harvest time. Squares present shelf life points after predated storage in a cold room. Error bars are standard deviations.