

Supplementary Table 1 Lycopene retention of osmotically dehydrated cherry tomatoes dried at different temperatures to reach water content of 20% (wet basis) and the corresponding energy consumption

	50 °C	60 °C	70 °C	80 °C
Lycopene retention (%)	80.65±1.05 ^a	71.03±2.56 ^b	61.80±2.98 ^c	50.93±3.12 ^d
Energy consumption (kw h)	21.25±0.73 ^a	15.30±1.06 ^b	10.20±0.90 ^d	12.80±0.85 ^c

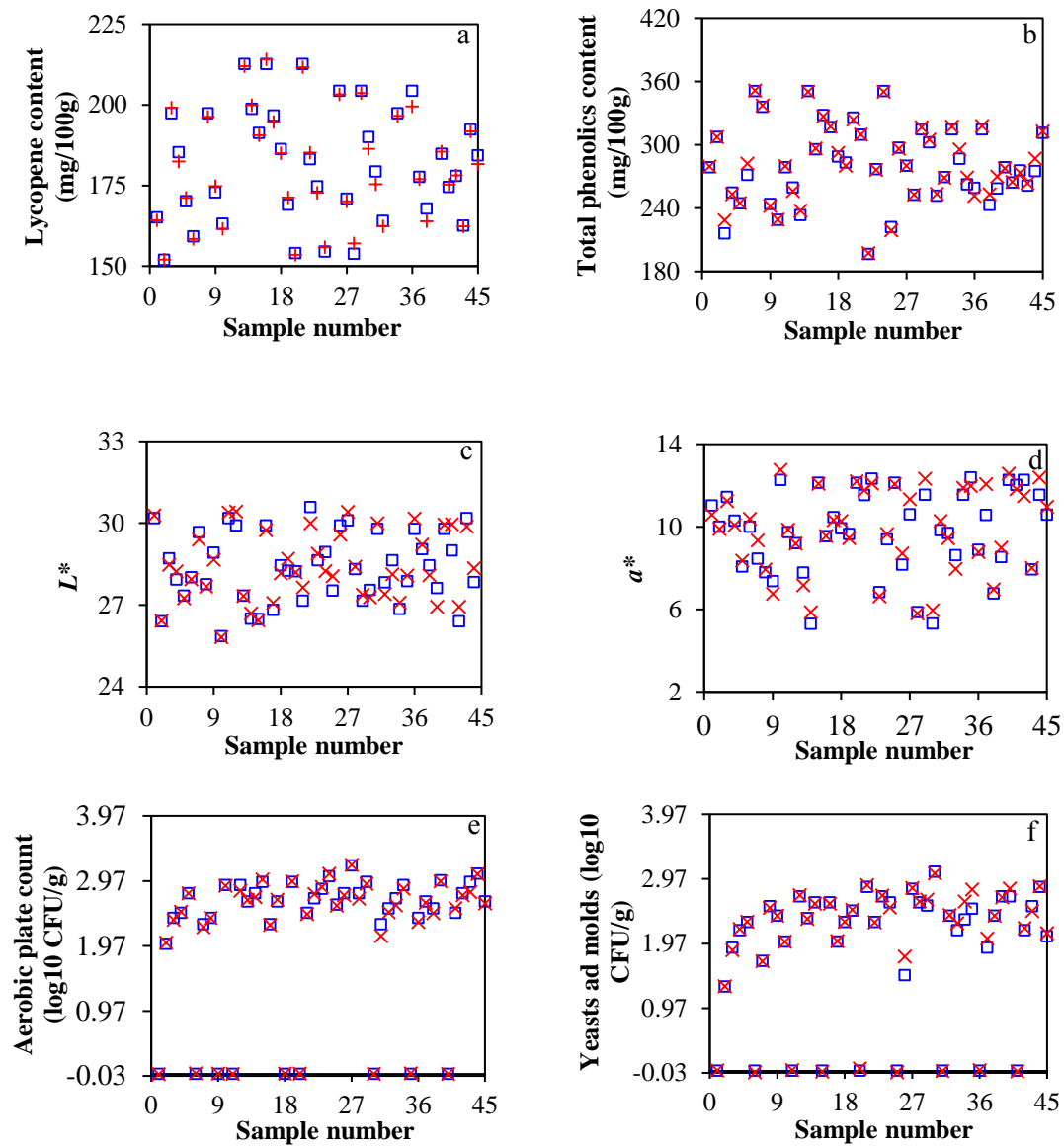
Data were mean value of three replicates ± standard deviation.

Values followed by different letters in each column indicated significant differences ($p<0.05$).

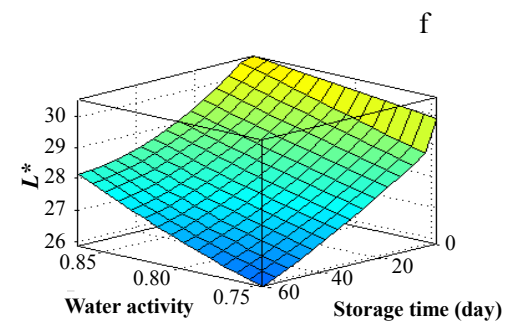
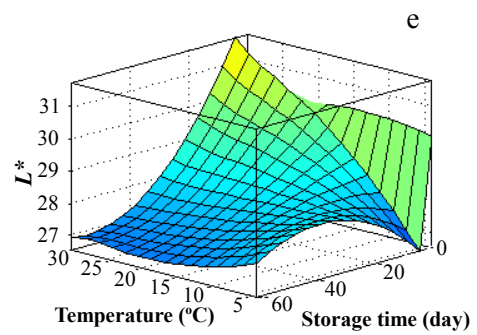
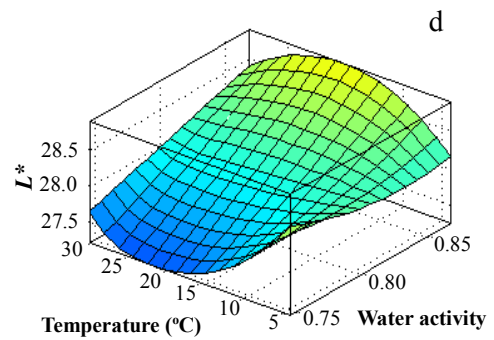
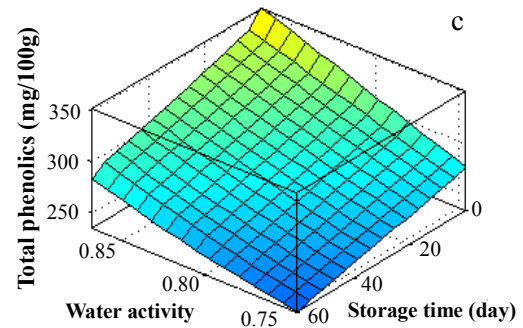
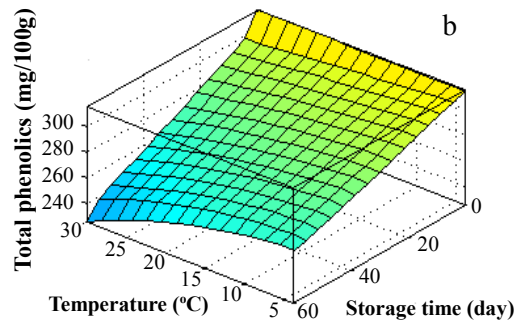
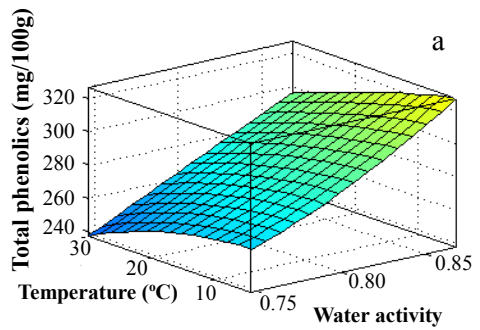
Supplementary Table 2 Models developed using response surface methodology to predict physicochemical and microbiological parameters of partially dried cherry tomatoes during storage

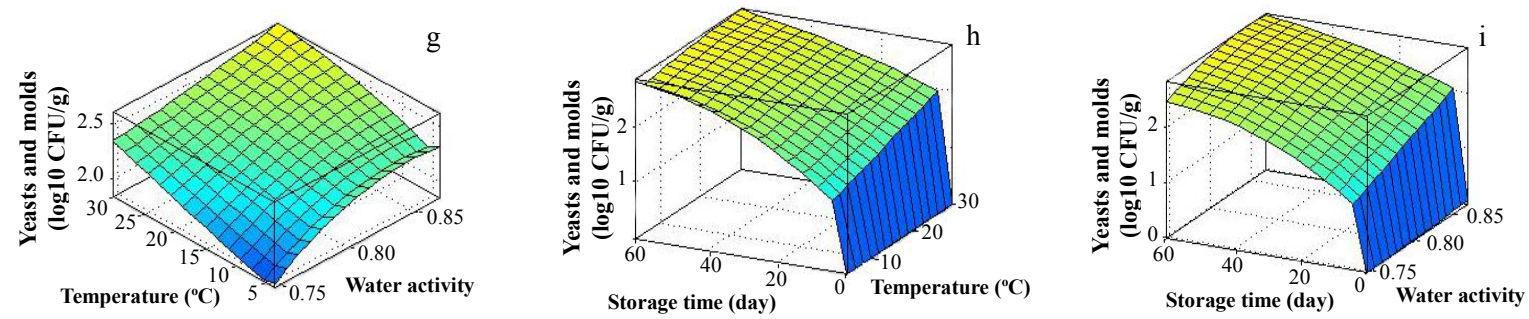
Parameter	Equation
Lycopene	$y = 84.25092 + 144.99301 \times x_1 + 1.78644 \times x_2 - 0.04271 \times x_3$ $- 1.12924 \times x_1x_2 - 0.82204 \times x_1x_3 - 0.01406 \times x_2x_3$ $- 0.03000 \times x_2^2 + 1.63492 \times 10^{-4} \times x_3^2$
Total phenolics	$y = -158.99183 + 584.49199 \times x_1 + 1.92820 \times x_2 + 0.84300 \times x_3$ $- 1.57471 \times x_1x_2 - 1.82860 \times x_1x_3 - 0.02917 \times x_2x_3$ $- 0.02428 \times x_2^2 + 2.21458 \times 10^{-3} \times x_3^2$
L^*	$y = 32.83311 - 4.39096 \times x_1 - 0.13403 \times x_2 - 0.22600 \times x_3 + 0.20387$ $\times x_1x_2 + 0.21530 \times x_1x_3 - 1.58236 \times 10^{-3} \times x_2x_3$ $+ 3.97596 \times 10^{-4} \times x_2^2 + 5.84127 \times 10^{-4} \times x_3^2$
a^*	$y = 17.08184 - 6.95317 \times x_1 - 0.01932 \times x_2 - 0.20122 \times x_3 + 0.13887$ $\times x_1x_2 + 0.21403 \times x_1x_3 - 2.63798 \times 10^{-3} \times x_2x_3$ $- 1.93413 \times 10^{-3} \times x_2^2 - 4.60317 \times 10^{-5} \times x_3^2$
Aerobic plate count	$y = -0.70118 + 1.06184 \times x_1 + 0.01410 \times x_2 + 0.10753 \times x_3 - 0.01445$ $\times x_1x_2 + 0.02139 \times x_1x_3 + 7.80740 \times 10^{-5} \times x_2x_3$ $+ 9.11740 \times 10^{-5} \times x_2^2 - 1.39703 \times 10^{-3} \times x_3^2$
Yeasts and molds	$y = -1.93226 + 2.43316 \times x_1 + 0.028608 \times x_2 + 0.09168 \times x_3 - 0.02659$ $\times x_1x_2 + 0.01965 \times x_1x_3 + 1.78425 \times 10^{-4} \times x_2x_3$ $+ 2.74498 \times 10^{-5} \times x_2^2 - 1.18633 \times 10^{-3} \times x_3^2$

x_1 : water activity of partially dried cherry tomato, x_2 : storage temperature, x_3 : storage time



Supplementary Fig. 1 Comparisons of experimental and predicted output values from ANFIS models (a: lycopene; b: total phenolics, c: L^* ; d: a^* ; e: aerobic plate count; f: yeasts and molds). \square : experimental results; \times : ANFIS predicted results





Supplementary Fig. 2 3D surface plots of total phenolic content (a-c), L^* (d-f) and number of yeasts and molds (g-i) of partially dried cherry tomatoes versus storage conditions