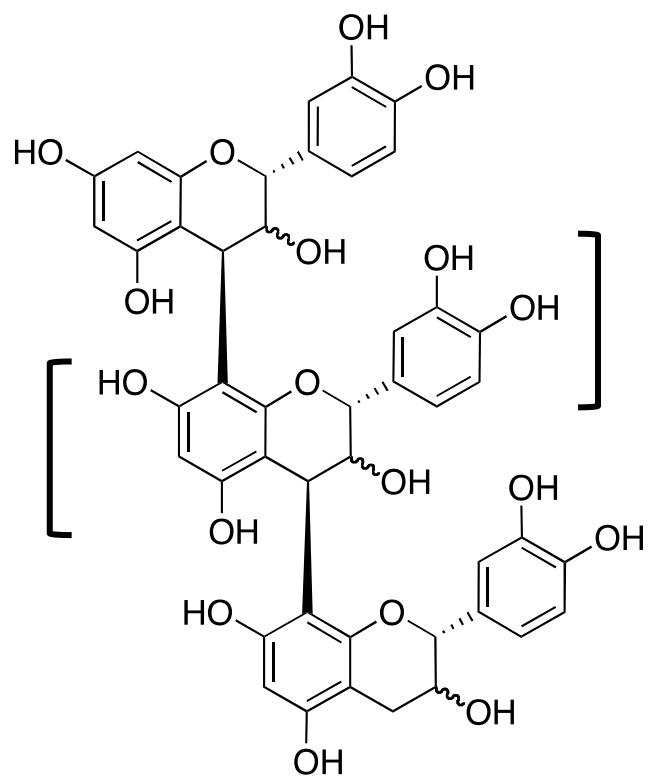


Supplementary File



(–)-Epicatechin

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**Figure S1.** Chemical structures of flavan-3ols and procyanidins in apples.

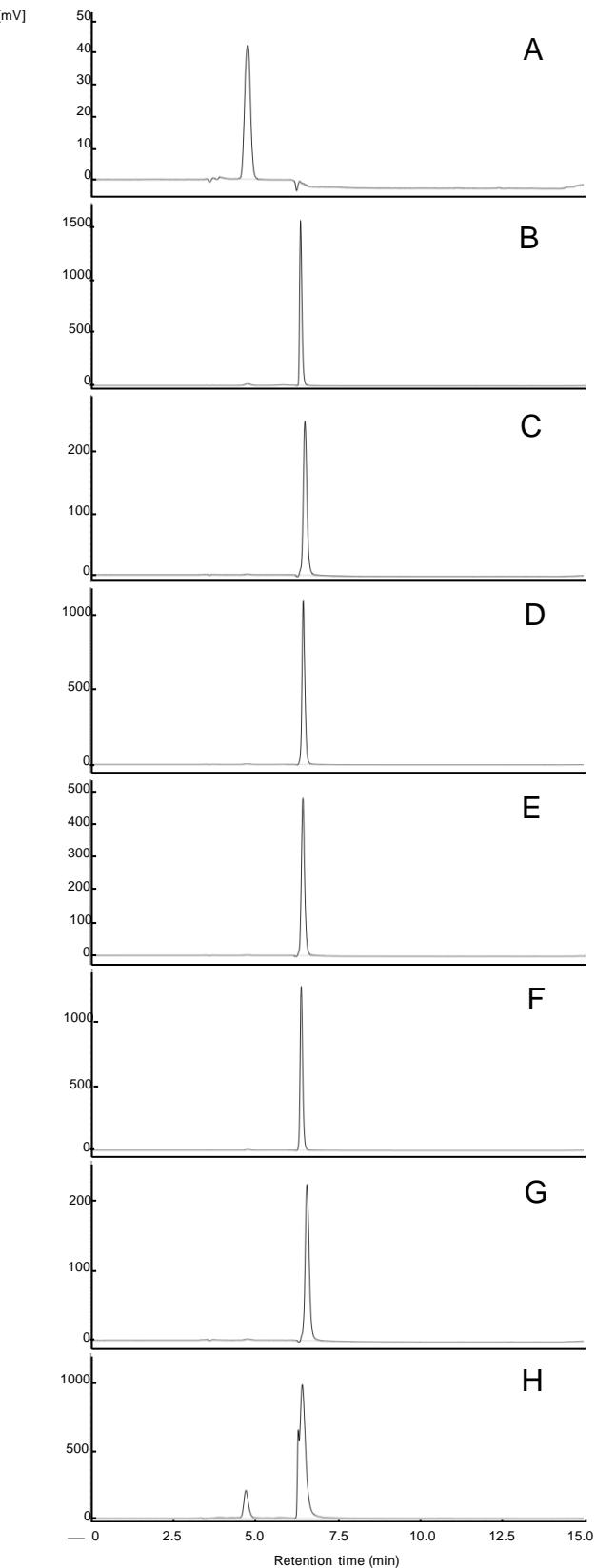


Figure S2. Chromatograms of each individual standards and apple extract by the rapid method. A, monomer; B, dimer; C, trimer; D, tetramer; E, pentamer; F, hexamer; G, heptamer, and H, apple extract from 'Fuji'. Each individual standard fractions were prepared by the preparative method.

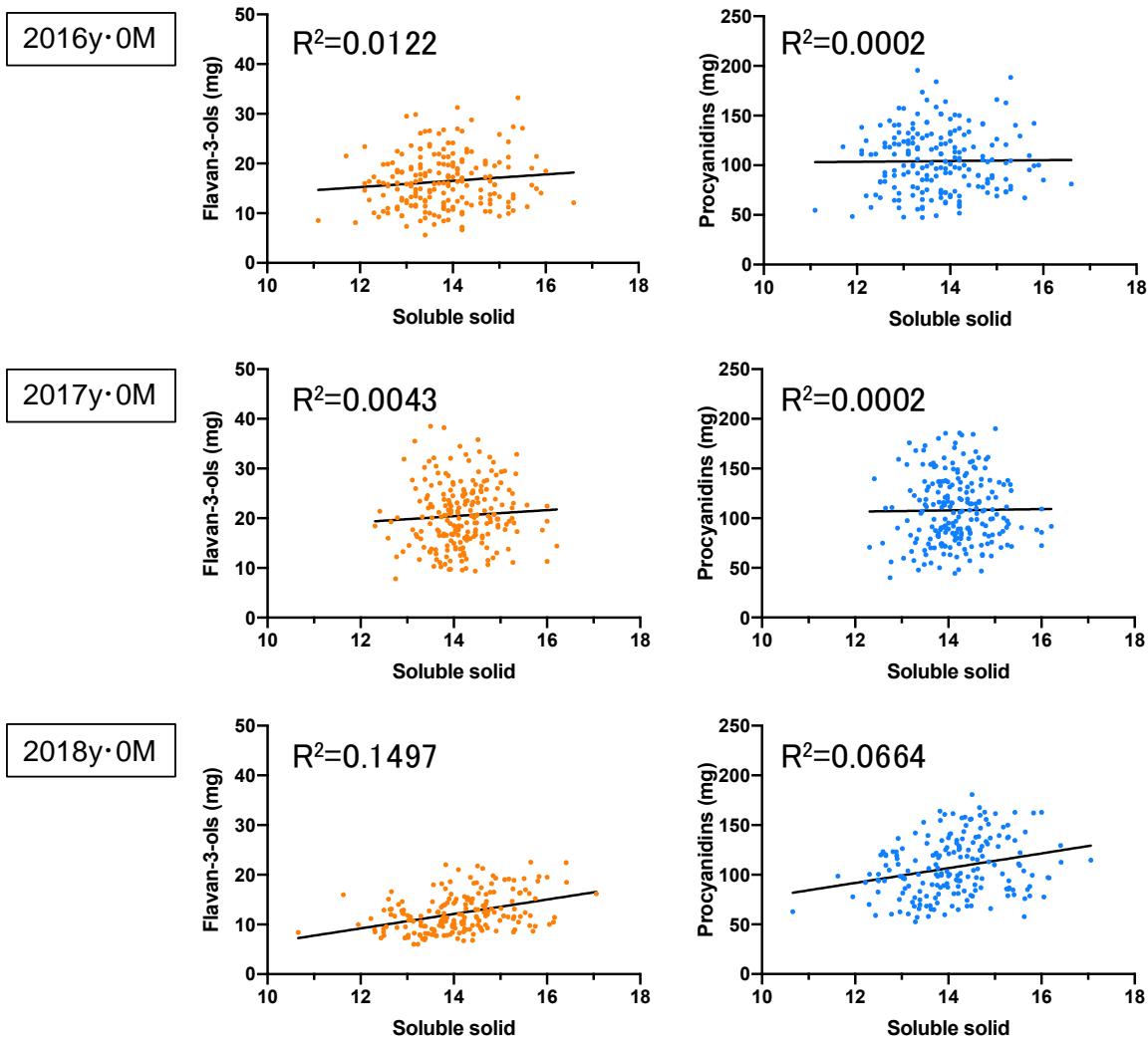


Figure S3. The correlations between apple soluble solid and flavan-3-ols and procyanidins concentrations in unbagged 'Fuji' apples. Apples were analyzed in 2016y·0M (n=196), 2017y·0M (n=219) and 2018y·0M (n=194).

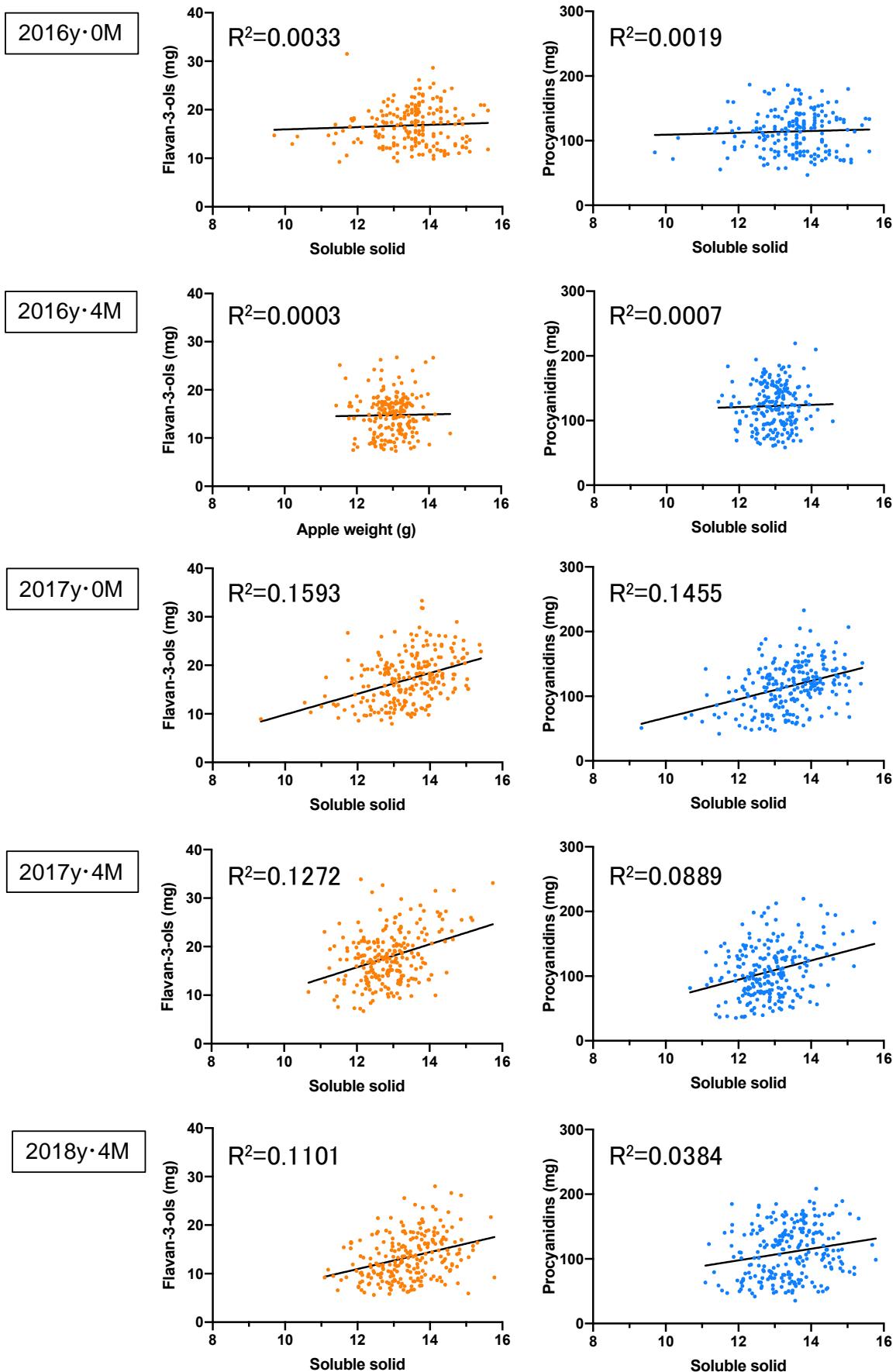


Figure S4 The correlations between apple soluble solid and flavan-3-ols and procyanidins concentrations in bagged 'Fuji' apples. Apples were analyzed in 2016y·0M ( $n=195$ ), 2016y·4M ( $n=199$ ), 2017y·0M ( $n=235$ ), 2017y·4M ( $n=235$ ) and 2018y·4M ( $n=237$ ).

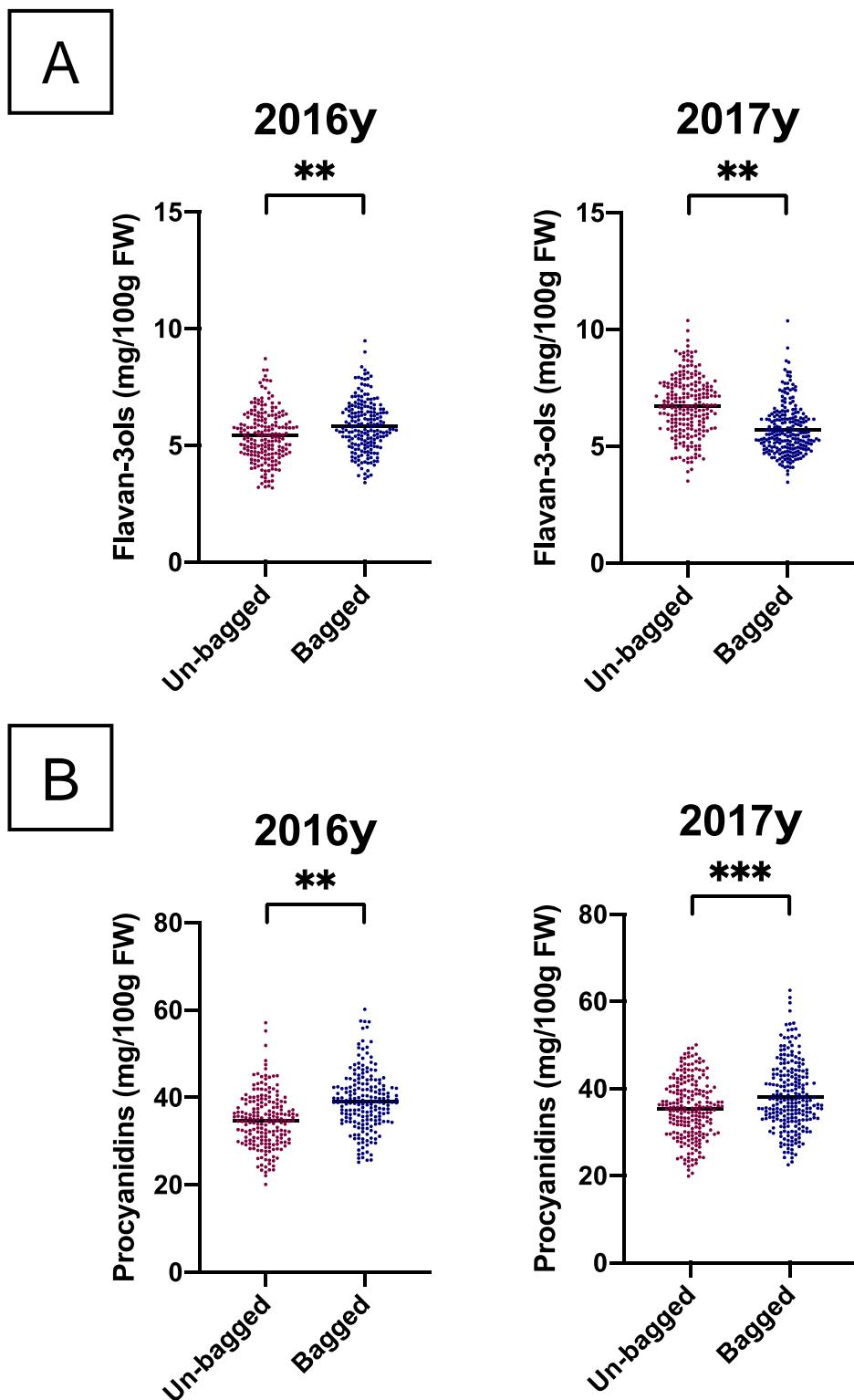


Figure S5. Comparison of the (A) flavan-3-ols and (B) procyandins in the 'Fuji' apples with and without bagging during the 2016 and 2017 seasons. Data are shown as means  $\pm$  deviation, where the significant differences were evaluated using an unpaired two-tailed Student's t-test (\*\*:  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*:  $p < 0.001$ ).

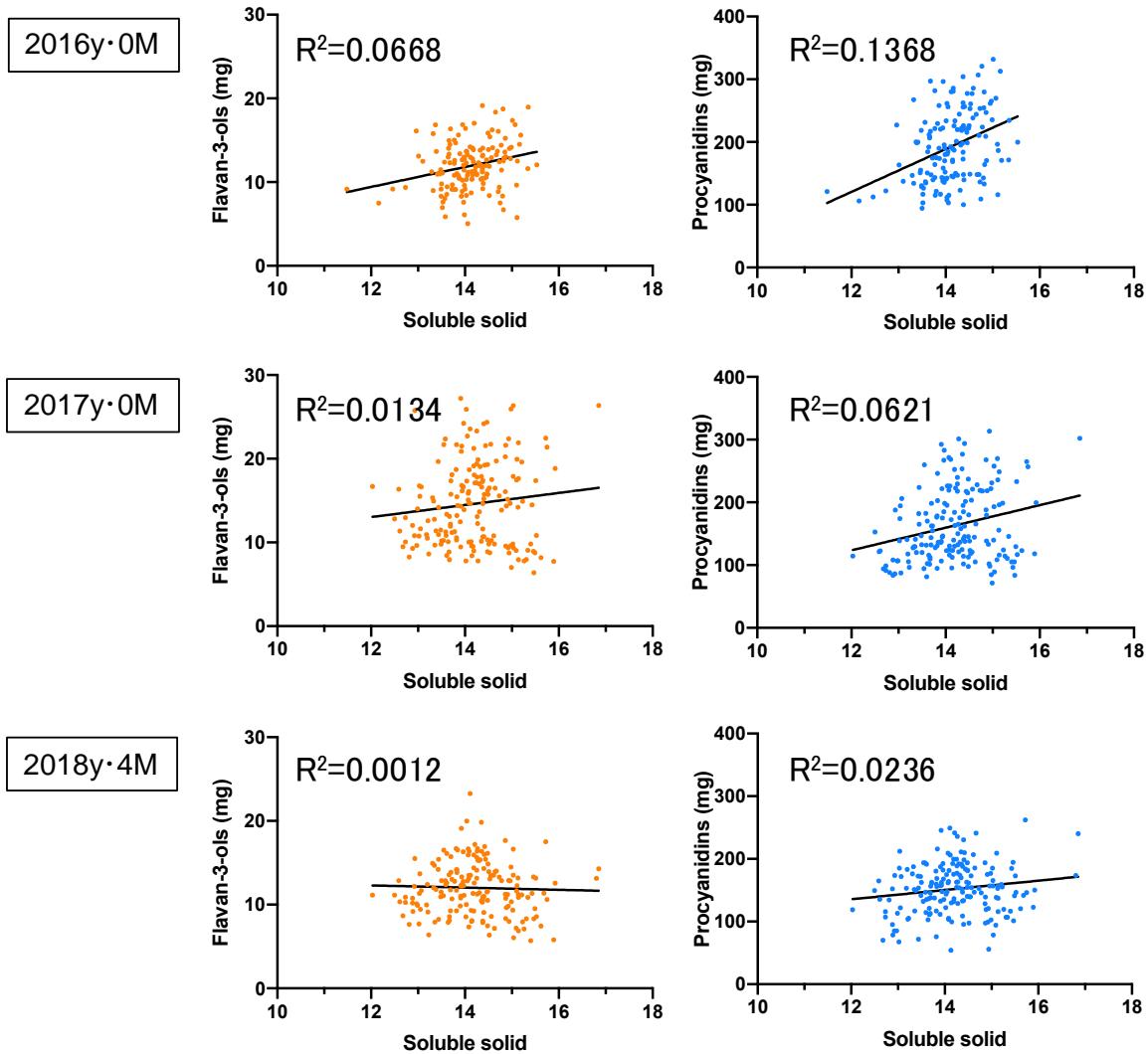


Figure S6. The correlations between apple soluble solid and flavan-3-ols and procyanidins concentrations in unbagged 'Orin' apples. Apples were analyzed in 2016y·0M (n=148), 2017y·0M (n=177) and 2018y·4M (n=179).