

**Table 2 Chemical composition, pH and acidity of the 31 samples of *qishta* analysed**

Parameter	Mean (SD)	Minimum	Maximum
Moisture (g/100 g)	67.5 (2.6)	62.4	72.0
Fat (g/100 g)	13.0 (2.4)	9.2	18.3
Protein (g/100 g)	12.9 (1.9)	9.8	16.2
Ash (g/100 g)	1.8 (0.14)	1.6	2.2
Acidity <sup>a</sup> (g/100 g)	0.3 (0.001)	0.11	0.5
pH	6.53 (0.14)	6.28	6.82

<sup>a</sup>As lactic acid.

SD = standard deviation.