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## Supplementary Material

### ***CaPSY1* gene plays likely the key role in carotenoid metabolism of pepper (*Capsicum annuum*) at ripening**

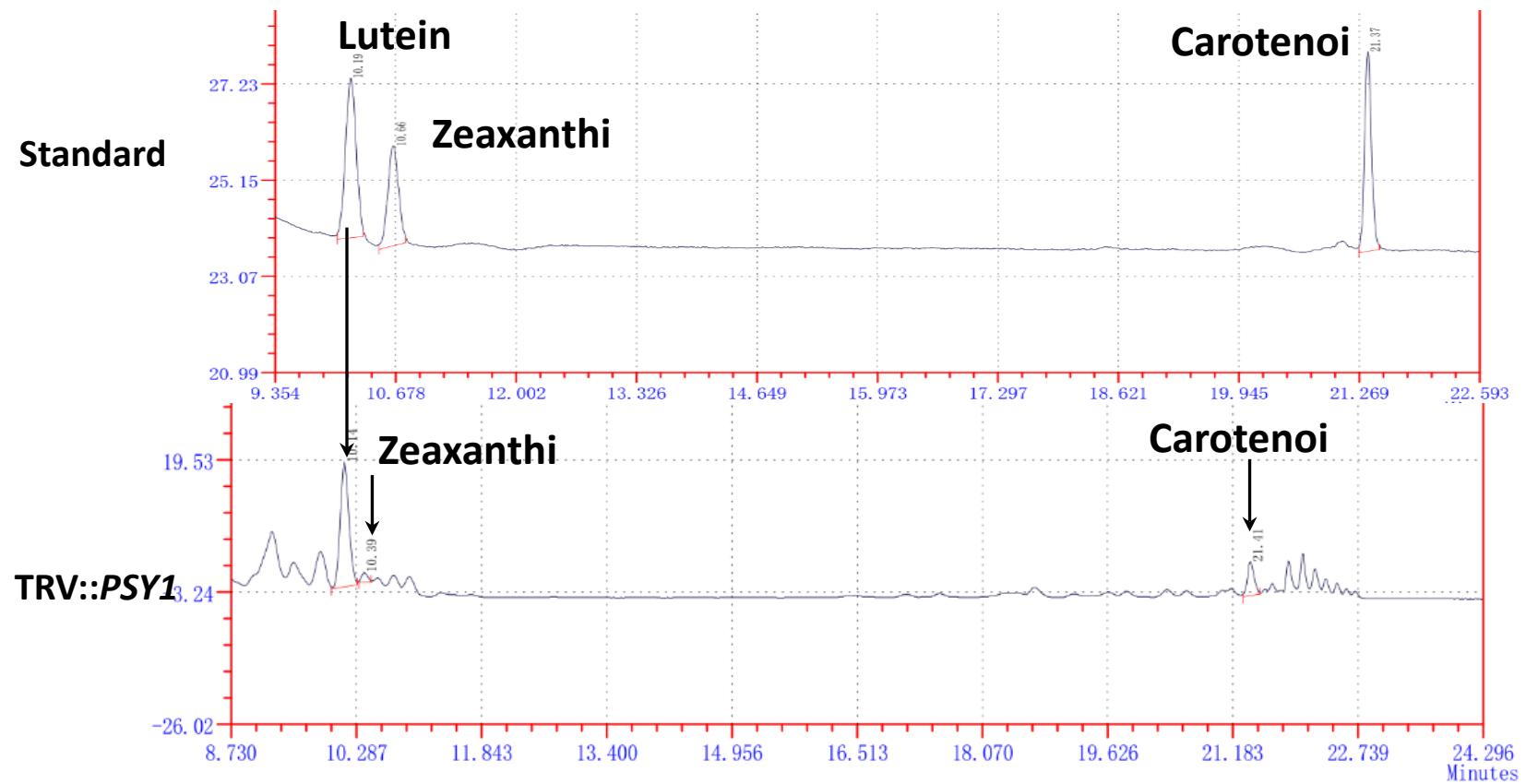
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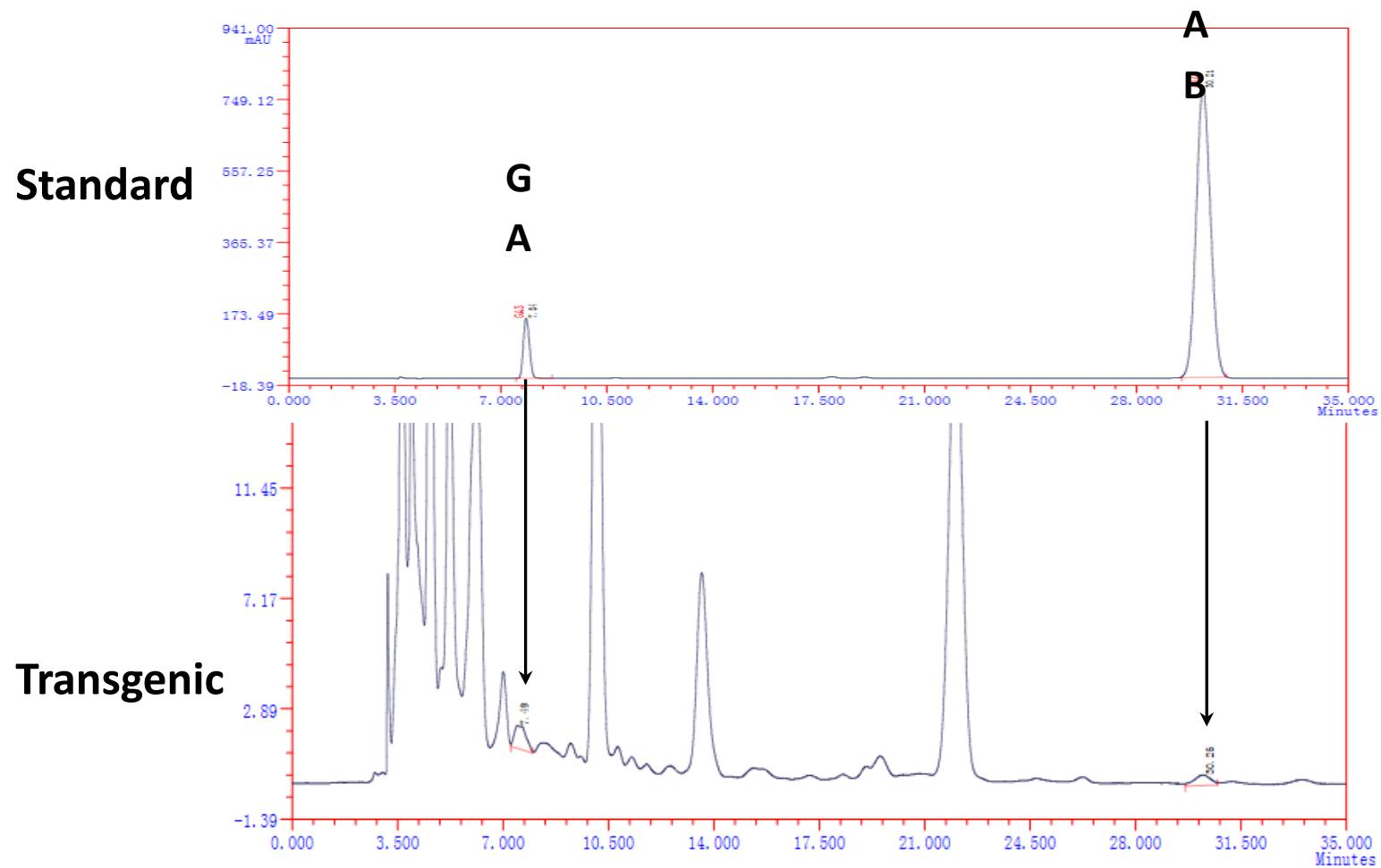
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**Fig. S1.** HPLC peaks regarding lutein, zeaxanthin and carotenoid content in TRV::*PSY1* fruits of pepper in compared to standard sample. Arrows indicate the lutein, zeaxanthin and carotenoid TRV::*PSY1* fruits.



**Fig. S2.** HPLC peaks regarding GA<sub>3</sub> and ABA content in transgenic *A. thaliana* line in compared to standard sample. Arrows indicate the GA<sub>3</sub> and ABA peaks in transgenic line.

**Table S1. List of the primers used in this experiment**

Gene name	Sequence (5' > 3')	Application
<i>CaPSY1F</i>	GACCGTGAACTCCGCTTGTATC	qPCR for <i>CaPSY1</i>
<i>CaPSY1R</i>	AGCCAAGTGCAGGAGTGAAATAAC	
<i>CaPSY2F</i>	TGGAGAAATGGCTGTGTCA	qPCR for <i>CaPSY2</i>
<i>CaPSY2R</i>	CTGCACATACCTCGGCCACAA	
<i>CaPSY3F</i>	GACGGAATGAGAATGGACACG	qPCR for <i>CaPSY3</i>
<i>CaPSY3R</i>	TATGCCCAAATGAAGTGCTGC	
<i>TRV::PSY1F</i>	GGGGTACCCCTGTGCAGAGTACGCAAAGACG	VIGS RT-PCR primer for <i>CaPSY</i> gene
<i>TRV::PSY1R</i>	GGAATTCCCGCATGCCATAATTGGAAC	
<i>TRV1F</i>	GTAGGAGGAAGAGACCGAAG	TRV1 virus vector checking by RT-PCR
<i>TRV1R</i>	TAGTCGAATCAGTAGCAACC	
<i>TRV2F</i>	GTATGTCAGTGATCGCAGTAG	TRV2 virus vector checking by RT-PCR
<i>TRV2R</i>	CGTCCGTTAGACGCTTGCCTAGG	
<i>CaUBQF</i>	GTCCATCTGCTCTGTGTTG	References gene for RT-PCR and qPCR
<i>CaUBQR</i>	CACCCCAAGCACAATAAGAC	
<i>TRV::LCYbF</i>	TTACTATTAGGCAGACTGGTG	VIGS qPCR primer for <i>CaLCYb</i> gene
<i>TRV::LCYbR</i>	CGTTGTTCTTCAAATGAGAGTCG	
<i>TRV::CCSF</i>	GTTATGGCTATTGGTGGGACTTC	VIGS qPCR primer for <i>CaCCS</i> gene
<i>TRV::CCSR</i>	ACAAAGTCTCCATTCCGAAACAA	
<i>TRV::CrtZF</i>	GGGGATTACTTCTATGGCGGTTA	VIGS qPCR primer for <i>CaCrtz</i> gene
<i>TRV::CrtZR</i>	CTTGGTCTATGGTGTGACTCGTG	
<i>TRV::GGPSF</i>	GTACACAAAACGGCAGCTCTCC	VIGS qPCR primer for <i>CaGGPS</i> gene
<i>TRV::GGPSR</i>	ACAACCAAATCTTCCCAGCAG	
<i>CaPSY1F-BP</i>	GGGGACAAGTTGTACAAAAAAAGCAGGCTGACCGTGAACTCCGCTTGTATC	Over-expression primer for <i>CaPSY1</i>
<i>CaPSY1R-BP</i>	GGGGACCACTTGTACAAGAAAGCTGGTAAACTGGTGAAAGTGGGAGATTGT	
<i>AtActinF</i>	GAATGCCGACAGAATGA	qPCR primers for reference gene
<i>AtActinR</i>	TACTGAGGGAGGCCAAGA	
<i>AtPSY1F</i>	TGCTACTACGTCGCTGGAAC	qPCR primers for carotenoid
<i>AtPSY1R</i>	AGACCAGCCTGAGCCAATTG	biosynthetic pathway gene

<i>AtLCYbF</i>	TGAAGAGGATTGAGGAAGACGAG	
<i>AtLCYbR</i>	TGAACCGAGGTATCTCACAAATGG	
<i>AtCrtZF</i>	GATGACAACAAACCAGAAAGCAC	
<i>AtCrtZR</i>	GACACTTCACCTCCCTTCATTTG	
<i>AtGGPSF</i>	TTAGTGGCGGGTCAAGTCGT	
<i>AtGGPSR</i>	ATCATCACTCCTCCACCAACAA	
<i>AtCHLGF</i>	TTCAGGGAACTTCATTGGACC	
<i>AtCHLGR</i>	ACCTCCCAATAATAGCACCCAG	
<i>AtHEMA1F</i>	AGAGGTTGGAGGACTGAGGCA	
<i>AtHEMA1R</i>	ACCGTCTCCAATGAATCCCTC	
<i>AtPORAF</i>	CATTGGACTTGGCGTCTTG	
<i>AtPORAR</i>	AAGAAAGTGGCCCAAATGGTT	
<i>AtPORBF</i>	GGGTTGAGCTTAGTGTGCG	
<i>AtPORBR</i>	TACCCGCCAATGTATTGTGT	
<i>AtPORCF</i>	CGCGGTTACCAACCAACTG	
<i>AtPORCR</i>	CTCCAAGGTTGCCTTGGC	
<i>AtHEMDF</i>	AAGAGGCAATGAAATCGGCAG	
<i>AtHEMDR</i>	AGCCTGACAACCTCAAACCCA	
<i>AtHEMG2F</i>	CTGGCACAAAAAAGGGTTCG	
<i>AtHEMG2R</i>	GGGGTTTGTCTTGCCTTC	
<i>AtCPSF</i>	GTTCCTGCTTGTGGGGC	
<i>AtCPSR</i>	TAACGCAAACCCAATCTCGC	
<i>AtKSF</i>	TTCTGCCAGTCCATACACCG	
<i>AtKSR</i>	CCTTGCCCCACGATATACG	
<i>AtGA20oxF</i>	CCTCTCTGATCCATCCTCC	
<i>AtGA20oxR</i>	CTGCTTGCCTAGCCAACACT	
<i>AtKOF</i>	TGTCTGCGGAGGAGAAAAGTT	
<i>AtKOR</i>	TCCCAACGCTTCTTATCCATG	
<i>AtKAO1F</i>	CCTGACTCCTCACTCGCACTT	
<i>AtKAO1R</i>	GCCTGAGACGCTTGTGTTCC	

qPCR primers for chlorophyll biosynthetic pathway gene

qPCR primers for gibberellin biosynthetic pathway gene

<i>AtKAO2F</i>	AAATGGTCCAAAATGGGAGAAA	
<i>AtKAO2R</i>	GCTCTATGATAAGCAAACCCAGG	
<i>AtGA2oxF</i>	GAATCACTATCCACCAGCACCG	
<i>AtGA2oxR</i>	CAGTCACCGACCAATACGAAGA	
<i>AtGA3oxIF</i>	TCCAAATCTCAAACCAACGGC	
<i>AtGA3oxIR</i>	AACCTTCGGACCACATTGCT	