

## Supplementary data:

### Expression profile of genes coding for carotenoid biosynthetic pathway during ripening and their association with accumulation of lycopene in tomato fruits

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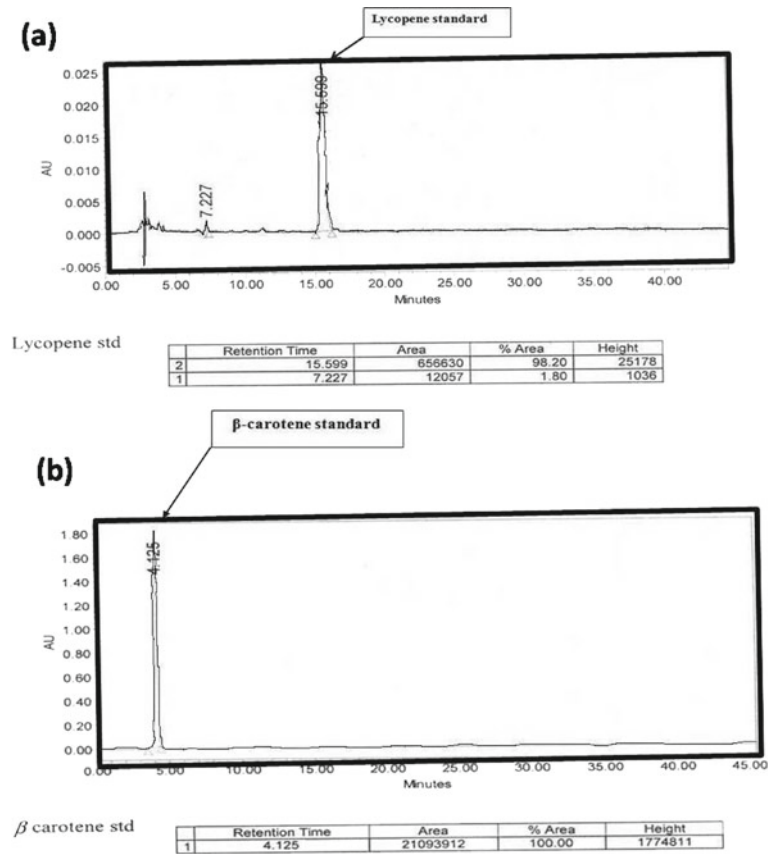
**Table 1.** Area covered by lycopene and  $\beta$ -carotene standards representing their concentration in  $\mu\text{g/g}$  fresh weight of tissue through HPLC analysis of Pusa Rohini variety of tomato (shown by arrow mark on the peak in figure 1 in electronic supplementary material).

Concentration (in $\mu\text{g/g}$ fresh wt.)	Lycopene std. (area)	$\beta$ -carotene std. (area)
0.12	ND	27413
0.25	ND	49501
0.50	ND	107525
0.75	ND	160133
1	82324	222273
2	373526	551141
5	727590	1265607
10	1542121	2520389
25	3574518	ND
50	6835255	1238436
100	14600405	23988331
200	33111997	ND
400	56358263	ND

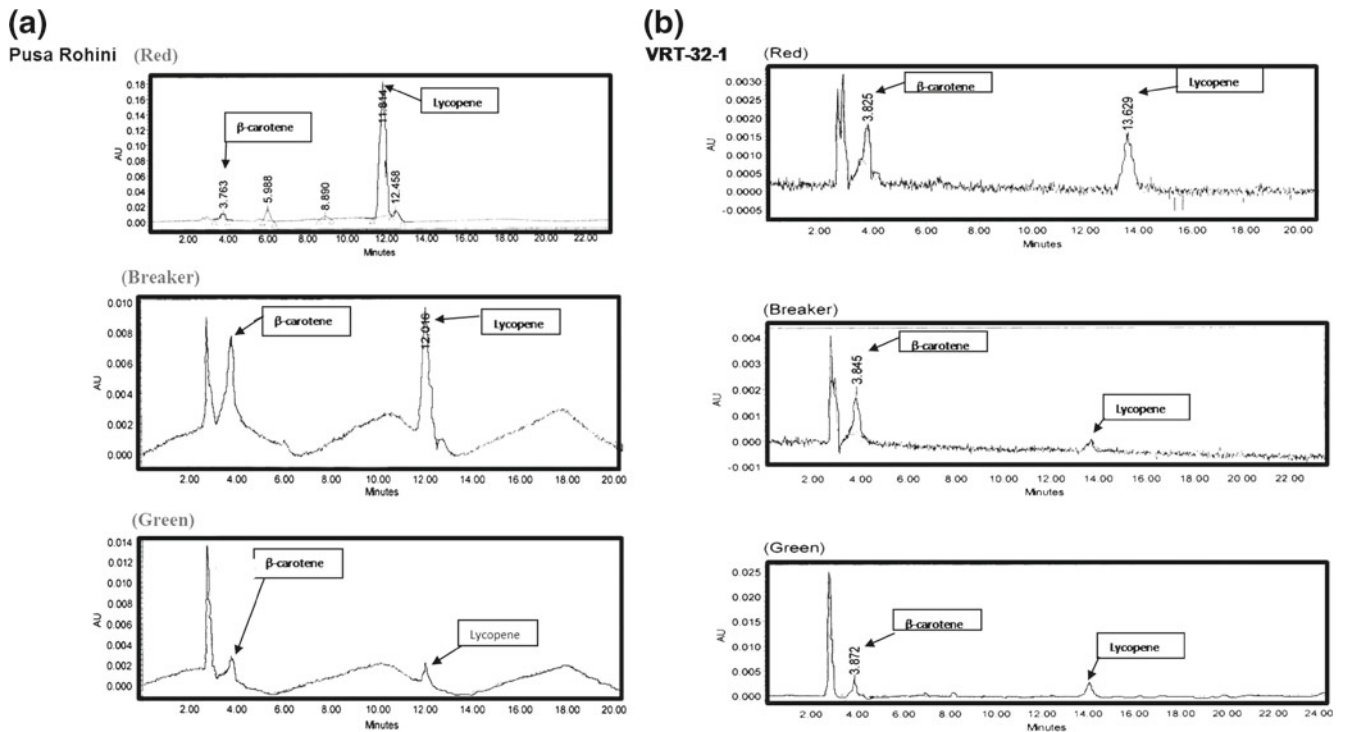
ND, not detected; std., standard.

**Table 2.** Primer sequence for qRT-PCR analysis of carotenoid-related genes in Pusa Rohini genotype of tomato.

Gene	Primer sequence		Amplicon length
	Forward	Reverse	
<i>DXR</i>	5'-TTGTGGAGTTAACATGCGCGA-3'	5'-AGATGATGGTTCCAAACTGGCTGC-3'	119
<i>IPI</i>	5'-AGCAACGATCAGCGACAAAGGTG-3'	5'-TGGTCAACTGGGACATCTTCACCT-3'	128
<i>PsyI</i>	5'-TAGCACAGGCAGGTCTATCCGATG-3'	5'-TCACGCCTTTCTCTGCCTCATCAA-3'	126
<i>PDS</i>	5'-CAATGCCAAGCAAGCCAGGAG-3'	5'-CAAGCATTGCTGGCAAGAGTC-3'	156
<i>ZDS</i>	5'-TGTGGAGCTCTGGATCAAGG-3'	5'-ACAACCAACAACACGTGCAG-3'	123
<i>CrtLb</i>	5'-TGGCTATTGGTGGGAATTCAGGGA-3'	5'-TACTGGTGCTAAAGCCATGCTCCT-3'	80
<i>CrtR-b1</i>	5'-TGGTGCTGCTGTAGGAATGGAGTT-3'	5'-TTGAGGAGGGCTATTGCTGGAA-3'	168
<i>VDE</i>	5'-TGCAGTCTCCCGAAGAAATC-3'	5'-AATGTGGGATTCAAACCGCGA-3'	151
<i>ZEP</i>	5'-AGGTGATCTTCTGGTTGGTGC-3'	5'-AGACGCGGTACCCAACTGTAT-3'	152
<i>SIE1<math>\alpha</math></i>	5'-CACTGGTCACTTGATCTACAAG-3'	5'-GCAGTAGTACTTAGTGGTCTCA-3'	118



**Figure 1.** Retention time and covered area calculated from HPLC of (a) lycopene and (b)  $\beta$ -carotene standards (std.) (labelled by arrow mark on the peaks).



**Figure 2.** HPLC chromatogram of (a) Pusa Rohini and (b) VRT-32-1 genotype of tomato at three different stages of fruit ripening process. X-axis represents the ‘retention time (Rt)’, Y-axis the ‘area covered (ac)’ and arrow marks showing  $\beta$ -carotene and lycopene content.