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ABBREVIATIONS

BHT : Butylated hydroxytoluene

bp : Base pairs

BR : Breaker

Chx : β -Carotene hydroxylase

Chx : Gene coding for Chx

Psy : Phytoene synthase

CHX1 and CHX2 : β -Carotene hydroxylase of *Citrus*

CHX1 and *CHX2* : Gene coding for CHX1 and CHX2 of *Citrus*

CrtL-b : Lycopene β -cyclase

CrtR-b : β -Ring hydroxylase

CrtR-e : ϵ -Ring hydroxylase

CV : Coefficient of variation

DAF : Days after anthesis

DDW : Distilled deionized water

DMAPP : Dimethylallyl pyrophosphate

EDTA : Ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid

FG : Full green

FPP : Farnesyl pyrophosphate

FY : Full yellow

GGPP : Geranylgeranyl pyrophosphate

Ggps : Geranylgeranyl diphosphate synthase

GPI : Glucosephosphate isomerase

GPP : Geranyl pyrophosphate

HPLC : High pressure liquid chromatography

hr : Hour(s)

Ipi : IPP isomerase

IPP : Isopentenyl pyrophosphate
kb : Kilo base pair(s)
LcyE (CrtL-e) : Lycopene ϵ -cyclase
LiCl : Lithium chloride
MeOH : Methanol
MG : Mini-green
min : Minute(s)
MTBE : Methyl tert-butyl ether
NaOAc : Sodium acetate
ORF : Open reading frame
PCR : Polymerase chain reaction
Pds (crtP) : Phytoene desaturase
PEG : Polyethylene glycol
PPPP : Prephytoene pyrophosphate
Psy (crtB) : Phytoene synthase
Psy : Gene coding for Psy
Psy1 : Gene coding for Psy1 of *Citrus*
Psy1 : Phytoene synthase of *Citrus*
PTFE : Polytetrafluoroethylene
PVDF : Polyvinylidene difluoride
 R_f : Retardation factor
RT-PCR : Reverse Transcriptase - Polymerase Chain Reaction
rpm : Revolution per minute
 R_t : Retention time
SD : Standard deviation
SDS : Sodium dodecyl sulfate
SG : Small green
TLC : Thin-layer chromatography
Tris : Tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane

UTR : Untranslated Region

UV : Ultraviolet

Vde : Violaxanthin deepoxidase

YG : Young green stage of *Citrus* fruit ripening

Zds (crtQ) : ζ -Carotene desaturase

Zep (aba2) : Zeaxanthin epoxidase



SUMMARY

Citrus fruit accumulate β -carotene, ζ -carotene and β -cryptoxanthin in flesh, and cryptoxanthin, antheraxanthin, and violaxanthin in peel. It is expected that gene expression of *Ggps*, *Pds*, *Zds* and *Lcy* in *Citrus* fruits contribute to the accumulation of β -cryptoxanthin. So, for studies on characterization of expression patterns of cDNA encoding *Ggps*, *Pds*, *Zds* and *Lcy* were isolated from *Citrus* fruit library.

To determine β -cryptoxanthin content of *Citrus* fruits produced in Korea and America, the peel and flesh of matured *Citrus* fruits were used for the extraction of carotenoid. The crude extract was prepared, and the target component was confirmed by TLC analysis. Content of β -cryptoxanthin, determined by high performance liquid chromatography, in peel and flesh of *Citrus unshiu* Marc. cv.

Satsuma (*Citrus unshiu* Marcovitch) showed the highest β -cryptoxanthin content in both peel and flesh. Contents of β -cryptoxanthin in the peel of Kiyomi (*Citrus* Tangor), Siranuhi (*Citrus* sp.), Semioru (*Citrus* Tangelo), Satsuma (*Citrus unshiu* Marcovitch), Navel orange (*Citrus sinensis* Osbeck var. basiliensis Tanaka), Lemon (*Citrus limon*), Grapefruit (*Citrus paradisi*) and Valencia orange (*Citrus sinensis* Osbeck) were 0.315 ± 0.066 , 0.749 ± 0.011 , 0.811 ± 0.002 , 2.178 ± 0.008 , 0.164 ± 0.026 , 0.066 ± 0.001 , 0.048 ± 0.001 and 0.164 ± 0.001 mg%, respectively. And, contents of β -cryptoxanthin in the flesh of Kiyomi (*Citrus* Tangor), Siranuhi (*Citrus* sp.), Semioru (*Citrus* Tangelo), Satsuma (*Citrus unshiu* Marcovitch), Navel orange (*Citrus sinensis* Osbeck var. basiliensis Tanaka), Lemon (*Citrus limon*), Grapefruit (*Citrus paradisi*) and Valencia orange (*Citrus sinensis* Osbeck) were 0.405 ± 0.003 , 0.427 ± 0.004 , 0.307 ± 0.002 , 0.663 ± 0.002 , 0.068 ± 0.002 , 0.008 , 0.007 ± 0.001 and 0.114 ± 0.004 mg%, respectively.

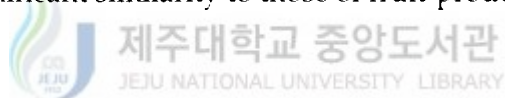
The accumulation of β -cryptoxanthin is controlled by gene expression involved in carotenoid biosynthesis. In this study, we have focused on geranylgeranyl diphosphate synthase (*Ggps*), phytoene desaturase (*Pds*), ζ -carotene desaturase

(Zds) and lycopene cyclase (Lcy) out of carotenoid biosynthesis genes.

First, we isolated a cDNA clone encoding geranylgeranyl diphosphate synthase (Ggps) from the fruit cDNA library of *Citrus* (*Citrus unshiu* Marc.). Sequence analyses and phylogenetic dendrogram revealed that the cDNA contains an open reading frame of 426 amino acids, which showed significant similarity to those of fruit-producing plants.

For studies on Pds and Zds, cDNA clones encoding phytoene desaturase and ζ -carotene desaturase were isolated from *Citrus* fruit and leaf cDNA libraries. Sequence analyses and phylogenetic dendrogram of Pds and Zds revealed that the cDNA contains an open reading frame of 553 and 570 amino acids.

And, we isolated a cDNA clone encoding lycopene cyclase (Lcy) from the fruit cDNA library of *Citrus*. Sequence analyses and phylogenetic dendrogram revealed that the cDNA contains an open reading frame of 504 amino acids, which showed significant similarity to those of fruit-producing plants.



I . INTRODUCTION

1. Biosynthesis pathway of carotenoids

Plant carotenoid are 40-carbon isoprenoids with polyene chains that may contain up to 15 conjugated double bonds. Because of their chemical properties carotenoids are essential components of all photosynthetic organisms (Joseph, 2001). Carotenoids form one of the largest groups of pigments that are widely distributed in plants, and they are responsible for the yellow, orange and red coloration of tissues (Zhu *et al.*, 2002). These yellow, orange, and red pigments protect against photooxidation, harvest light for photosynthesis, and serve a number of other important functions. Most of the carotenoids important in photosynthetic organisms are xanthophylls or oxygenated carotenoids (Sun *et al.*, 1996). Certain cyclic carotenoids, such as β -carotene, are precursors of vitamin A in animals and are of current interest as nutritional factors important for cancer prevention (Matsumura *et al.*, 1997).

The biosynthesis of carotenoids occurs within the chloroplasts of plants and algae (Cunningham *et al.*, 1996). Condensation of three molecules of isopentenyl pyrophosphate (IPP) and one molecule of dimethylallyl pyrophosphate (DMAPP) produces the diterpene geranylgeranyl pyrophosphate (GGPP) that forms one half of all C_{40} carotenoids. A critical step in the formation of the first C_{40} acyclic hydrocarbon carotenoid, phytoene, is the tail-to-tail condensation of two molecules of the C_{20} intermediate geranylgeranyl pyrophosphate (GGPP). The biosynthesis of phytoene from geranylgeranyl pyrophosphate (GGPP) is a two-step reaction catalyzed by the enzyme phytoene synthase (PSY). This reaction yields the first C_{40} carotenoid, phytene, the backbone of all plant carotenoids (Zhu *et al.*, 2002).

Phytoene undergoes a series of four desaturation reactions that result in the formation of first phytofluene and then, in turn, ζ -carotene, neurosporene, and lycopene. These desaturation reactions serve to lengthen the conjugated series of carbon-carbon double bonds that constitutes the chromophore in carotenoid pigment, and there by transform the colorless phytoene into the pink-colored lycopene. The four sequential desaturations undergone by phytoene are catalyzed by two enzymes in plants: phytoene desaturase (PDS) and ζ -carotene desaturase (ZDS).

The cyclization of lycopene in photosynthetic organisms represents an important branching point in the biosynthesis pathway of carotenoids. β -Carotene, with two β -rings, is an essential end product and serves as the precursor for several other carotenoids that are commonly found in the photosynthetic apparatus of plants. α -Carotene, with one β and one ϵ -ring, is the immediate precursor of lutein, the predominant carotenoid pigment in the photosynthetic membranes of many green plants. Carotenoids with two ϵ -ring are not commonly found in plants.

Xanthophylls or oxygenated carotenoids comprise most of the carotenoid pigment in the thylakoid membranes of plants (Cunningham and Gantt, 1998). Several of the enzymes involved in xanthophyll biosynthesis, carotenoids modified with oxygen containing groups, have also been characterized, e.g., the β -cryptoxanthin and zeaxanthin from bacteria and higher plants (Linden, 1999)(Figure 1).

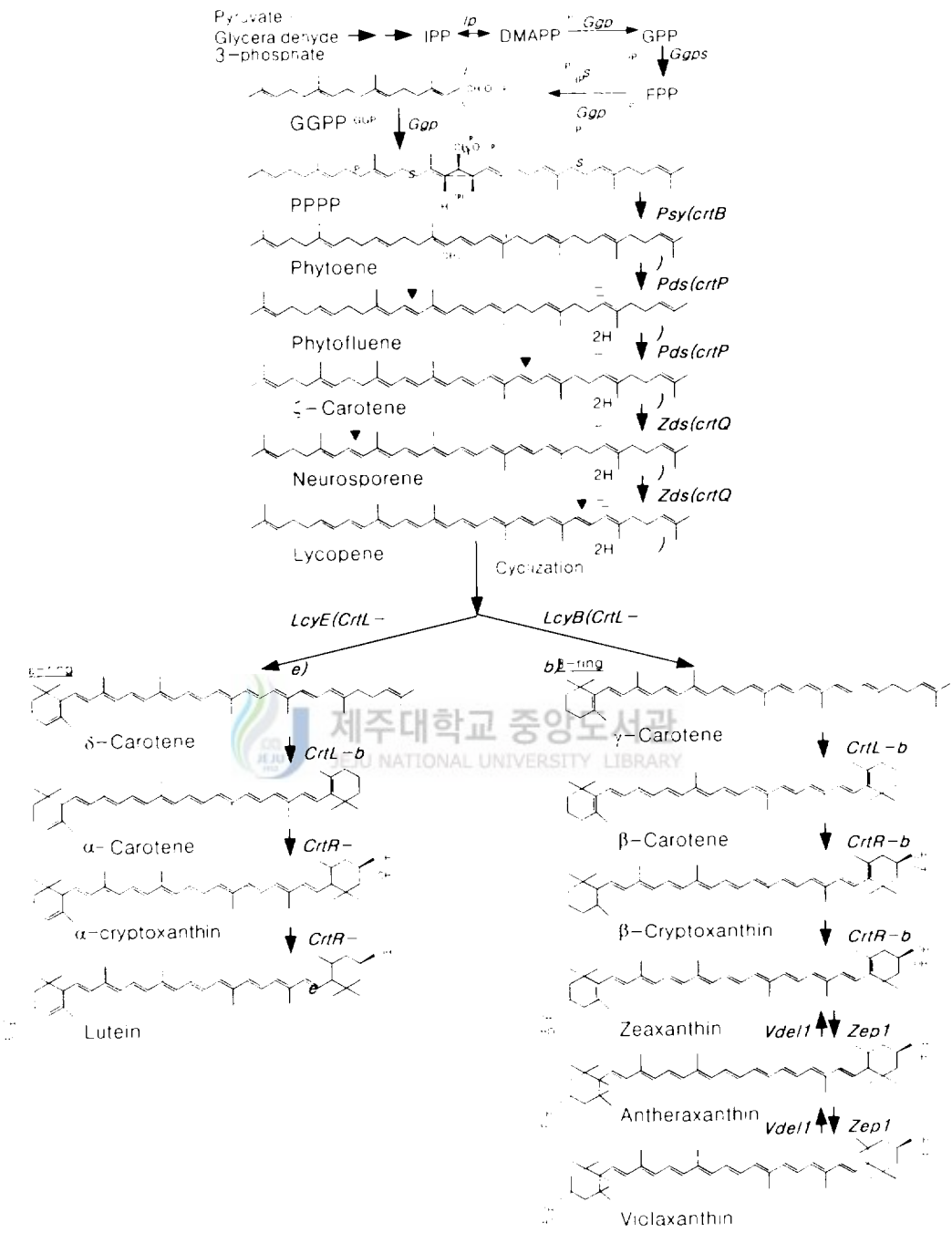


Figure 1. Biosynthetic pathway of carotenoids in plants.

2. β -Cryptoxanthin

Carotenoides in citrus fruits is widely believed to protect human health (Nishino *et al.*, 1996). Various natural carotenoids were proven to have anticarcinogenic activity (Nishino *et al.*, 2000). Some epidemiological studies have confirmed an inverse relation between carotenoid consumption and the development of some cancers (Slattery *et al.*, 1997; Cooper *et al.*, 1999). Anticancer activity of carotenoids from citrus fruits was due to mainly their antioxidants function (Tee and Lim, 1991).

Recently, carotenoids have attracted attention due to reported beneficial health effects (Rauscher *et al.*, 1998; Nishino *et al.*, 1998). In particular, β -cryptoxanthin functions as protective role against human disease (Hart and Scott, 1995; Sumida *et al.*, 1999). β -cryptoxanthin was suggested to stimulate the expression of an anti-oncogene (Nishino *et al.*, 2000). Dorgan *et al.* reported that β -cryptoxanthin shows the effect of anticancer activity on breast cancer (Dorgan *et al.*, 1998). *In vivo* experiments for preventing skin cancer or colon cancer with mouse, β -cryptoxanthin shows higher anticancer activity than that of β -carotene (Nishino *et al.*, 1998)

In recent years, there has been particular emphasis on obtaining more accurate data on the types and concentrations of various carotenoids in foods for various health and nutrition activities (Tee and Lim, 1991). The data on the individual carotenoid content of citrus fruits has become increasingly important. A wide variety of separation and detection and quantitation procedures have been used in studies of carotenoids (Tee and Lim, 1991). Nishio *et al.* reported that *Citrus unshiu* Marcovitch contained great amount of β -cryptoxanthin than those of grapefruits, lemons and oranges cultivated in America (Nishino *et al.*, 1998). Although there are some reports concerning the separation of carotenoids from citrus fruits, the systematic analysis of β -cryptoxanthin from domestic citrus

fruits and foreign citrus fruits were not reported.

3. Geranylgeranyl diphosphate synthase (Ggps), Phytoene desaturase (Pds),
ζ-Carotene desaturase (Zds) and Lycopene cyclase (Lcy)

Carotenoids are isoprenoid polyene pigments synthesized by photosynthetic and some non-photosynthetic organisms (Lagarde and Vermaas, 1999). Carotenoids serve structural functions in the photosynthetic pigment protein complexes of the reaction centers and the light-harvesting antenna, where they are bound to specific chlorophyll/carotenoid-binding proteins (Ronen *et al.*, 1999).

In recent years, plant genes coding for carotenoid biosynthetic enzymes have been cloned using various approaches. All known plant genes encoding carotenoid biosynthetic enzymes are encoded in the nucleus, formed on free cytoplasmatic ribosomes and subsequently imported into the plastids, where they are further targeted to their final destinations (Lintig *et al.*, 1997).

Geranylgeranyl diphosphate synthase

Geranylgeranyl diphosphate synthase (GGPS), a member of the short-chain isoprenyl diphosphate synthase family, catalyzes the consecutive condensation of three molecules of isopentenyl pyrophosphate (IPP) with dimethylallyl pyrophosphate (DMAPP) to give a C₂₀ compound which is a precursor to diterpenes, catotenoids and chlorophylls (Sitthithaworn *et al.*, 2001; Wang and Ohnuma, 1999). A geranylgeranyl diphosphate synthase has been isolated as a soluble and functional homodimer from the chromoplasts of pepper (Dogbo and Camara, 1987), and the corresponding cDNA has been identified and sequenced (Kuntz *et al.*, 1992). Immunolocalization experiments confirmed a predominant

localization in the chromoplast for geranylgeranyl diphosphate synthase in pepper fruits (Cunningham and Gantt, 1998).

Phytoene desaturase and ζ -Carotene desaturase

Phytoene undergoes a series of four desaturation reaction that result in the formation of first phytofluene (7,8,11,12,7',8'-hexahydro- ψ,ψ -carotene) and then, in turn, ζ -carotene (7,8,7',8'-tetrahydro- ψ,ψ -carotene), neurosporene (7,8-dihydro- ψ,ψ -carotene), and lycopene (ψ,ψ -carotene). The four sequential desaturations undergone by phytoene are catalyzed by two related enzymes in plants: phytoene desaturase (PDS) and ζ -carotene desaturase (ZDS) (Cunningham and Gantt, 1998).

The enzyme phytoene desaturase (PDS) catalyzes the conversions of phytoene to phytofluene to ζ -carotene. Evidence suggests that phytoene desaturase catalyzes regulated steps in carotenoid and abscisic acid (ABA) biosynthesis in many organisms (Linden *et al.*, 1991). For example (i) phytoene desaturase steady-state transcript levels increase before and during carotenoid accumulation in several fruits (Giuliano *et al.*, 1993); (ii) studies in fungi and cyanobacteria indicate that the enzyme is subject to feedback regulation by the pathway intermediate, lycopene, and (iii) phytoene synthase has also been shown to catalyze the first ratelimiting step in carotenoid biosynthesis in the cyanobacterium *Synechococcus* (Hable *et al.*, 1998). Phytoene desaturase has been cloned from soybean (Bartley *et al.*, 1991b), pepper (Hungueney *et al.*, 1992), and tomato (Bartley, G. E. and Scolnik, P. A., unpublished data, GenBank accession number M88693; pecker *et al.*, 1992) (Giuliano *et al.*, 1993). The enzyme ζ -carotene desaturase (ZDS) catalyzes the conversions of ζ -carotene to neurosporene to lycopene. A cDNA encoding a ζ -carotene desaturase (ZDS) was recently identified by functional analysis in *E. coli* of a pepper cDNA that predicts a polypeptide distantly resembling the known plant phytoene desaturase

(Albrecht *et al.*, 1995). Phytoene desaturase and ζ -carotene desaturase both have amino acid sequence signatures that are conserved in pyridine nucleotide-disulphide oxidoreductases (Hugueney *et al.*, 1992).

The desaturases are demonstrably membrane-associated in plants, although the predicted amino acid sequences are not particularly hydrophobic overall (Cunningham and Gantt, 1998).

Lycopene cyclase

The cyclization of lycopene is an important branch point in the pathway of carotenoid biosynthesis. Cyclization at both ends of the symmetrical, linear lycopene leads to β -carotene, an essential carotenoid that also serves as a precursor for the production of several other carotenoids with roles in photosynthesis (Cunningham *et al.*, 1996). Lycopene β -cyclase (LCY-B/CRTL-B) catalyzes a two-step reaction that creates one β -ionone ring at each end of the lycopene molecule to produce β -carotene, whereas lycopene ϵ -cyclase (LCY-E/CRTL-E) creates one ϵ -ring to give δ -carotene (Hirschberg, 2001). Most of the carotenoids common in plants and algae have two β or modified β rings (Cunningham *et al.*, 1996). There is a high degree of structural resemblance, 30% identity in amino-acid sequence, between Lcy-B and Lcy-E in both tomato and *Arabidopsis* (Hirschberg, 2001). The apportioning of substrate into the pathways leading to β,ϵ -carotenoids (e.g. the abundant lutein) and to β,β -carotenoids (e.g. β -carotene, zeaxanthin, and violaxanthin) could be determined quite simply by the relative amounts and/or activities of the ϵ and β -cyclase enzymes (Cunningham and Gantt, 1998).

Although *Citrus* fruit is a nonclimacteric fruit like the bell pepper, there are differences in specific carotenoids accumulating during fruit ripening. *Citrus* fruit accumulate β -carotene, ζ -carotene and β -cryptoxanthin in flesh, and

cryptoxanthin, antheraxanthin, and violaxanthin in peel (Baldwin, 1993), whereas bell pepper accumulates capsanthin and capsorubin (Bouvier *et al.*, 1994). It is presumed that these differences in carotenoid contents and kinds may result from different regulation in gene expression in fruits. Moreover, *Citrus* is a woody plant, whereas bell pepper is a herbaceous plant. Therefore, to more clearly elucidate the relationship between changes in carotenoid contents during fruit ripening and gene expression involved in carotenogenesis, in *Citrus* fruits may be useful.

In this study, we investigated the involvement of *Ggps*, *Pds*, *Zds* and *Lcy* in the ripening of flesh and peel of *Citrus* fruits and in leaf development. First, we isolated a cDNA encoding *Ggps*, *Pds*, *Zds* and *Lcy* and characterized the expression patterns. Results indicated that the expression of *Ggps*, *Pds*, *Zds* and *Lcy* is related to and distinct from, respectively, the accumulation of β -cryptoxanthin and other carotenoids.



II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

1. MATERIALS

1) Plant materials

(1) For analysis of β -cryptoxanthin contents

Citrus fruits cultivated in Korea and America were used for determination of β -cryptoxanthin. Table 5 showed the land of origin and taxonomic names of eight *Citrus* cultivars. The pulp and peel separated from *Citrus* fruits were stored at -70°C . β -Cryptoxanthin and β -carotene as standards and butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT) were purchased from Sigma Chemical Co. (St. Louis, MO, USA). Crystalline carotenoids were obtained from Extrasynthese (Genay, France). A 5 mg of β -cryptoxanthin was dissolved in 25 ml of methyl tert-butyl ether containing 1% BHT and methanol (1:1, v/v). The concentrations for the carotenoid standards ranged from 0.1-0.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$. Other chemicals used were HPLC or analytical grade.

In order to assess the characteristics of the method, the linearity of the calibration graphs obtained for each carotenoid the accuracy of the chromatographic response and of the retention times were evaluated. Also, the limit of detection was defined.

(2) For isolation of cDNAs encoding *Ggps*, *Pds*, *Zds* and *Lcy*

Citrus (*Citrus unshiu* Mac. cv. Miyagawa) was cultivated at the *Citrus* Experiment Station, Jeju (Korea) and used throughout this work. Plants were

flowers were sampled. Their fruits were harvested at five stages of development determined by maturity and external fruit color. Developmental stages are as follows: mini-green (MG, size: 0.8-1.5 cm in diameter), 25 days after anthesis (DAF); small green (SG, size: 2-3 cm in diameter), 55 DAF; full green (FG, size: 4-5 cm in diameter), 87 DAF; breaker (BR, full size: 6-7 cm in diameter), 145 DAF; and full yellow (FY), 170 DAF. Leaves were also harvested at five stages determined by size. The stages are as follows: L1 (size: 4-7 cm in length), L2 (size: 7-9 cm in length), L3 (9-12 cm in length), L4 (12-15 cm in length), and L5 (longer than 15 cm in length).

2) Bacterial strains and plasmids

Bacterial strains, plasmids and vector used in this study are list in Table 1 and Table 2. *E. coli* JM109 was used as a host for subcloned plasmid and amplification of the plasmid DNA. *E. coli* XL1-Blue (MRF') and *E. coli* SOLR were used as the hosts for transformation. *E. coli* XL1-Blue (MRF') as a host for λ phage, and *E. coli* SOLR as a host for in vivo excision of λ -Zap clones into plasmid clones were used. Plasmid pBluescript SK+ was used as the subcloning vector of various plasmids.

3) Enzymes and chemicals

Restriction endonuclease and other DNA modifying enzymes (T4 DNA ligase, Klenow fragment, T4 DNA polymerase, calf intestinal alkaline phosphatase, and T4 polynucleotide kinase) used in DNA manipulation were purchased from Boehringer Mannheim (Germany) or Poscochem (Korea). All chemicals, unless other specific remarks, were purchased from Sigma Chemical Co. (USA). Bacto-tryptone, Bacto-yeast extract, bacto-agar, and Bacto-peptone were from Difco Laboratories. Select peptone 140 was from GibcoBRL. Hybond-N, radioactive

Table 1. Bacterial strains and f1 helper phage used in this study.

<i>E. coli</i> strain	Relevant genotype	Reference
<i>E. coli</i> JM109	<i>RecA1 supE44 endA1 hsdR17 gyrA96</i> <i>RelA1 thi</i> $\Delta(\text{lac-proAB})$ F' [<i>traD36 proAB⁺ lacI^q lacZ</i> Δ M15]	Yanisch-Perron <i>et al.</i> , 1985.
<i>E. coli</i> XL1-Blue MRF'	$\Delta(\text{mcrA})183$ $\Delta(\text{mcrCB-hsdSMR-mrr})173$ <i>endA1 supE44 thi-1 recA1 gyrA96 relA1</i> <i>lac</i> [F' <i>proAB lacI^qZ</i> Δ M15 Tn10 (Tet ^r)]	Instruction manual of Strategene
<i>E. coli</i> SOLR™	<i>e14(mcrA)</i> $\Delta(\text{mcrCB-hsdSMR-mrr})171$ <i>sbcC recB recJ umuC::Tn5(Kan^r) uvrC lac</i> <i>gyrA96 relA1 thi-1 endA1</i> λ^R [F' <i>proAB</i> <i>lacI^qZ</i> Δ M15] Su ⁻ (nonsuppressing)	Instruction manual of Strategene
Phage	Description	Reference
ExAssist™ interference-resistant helper phage	Specialized helper phage for excision of the pBluescript phagemid from the Uni-Zap XR vector	Instruction manual of Strategene

Table 2. Plasmids.

Plasmid	Marker	Host	Relevant feature	Reference
pBluescript SK(+)	Amp	JM109, or SOLR	<i>E. coli</i> multipurpose vector derived from pUC19 (2958 bp)	Instruction manual of Strategene
pGEM [*] -T	Amp	JM109	<i>E. coli</i> subcloning vector, having improved efficiency of PCR products, derived from pGEM-5Zf (+) vector containing T7 and SP6 promoter	U.S. Patent No. 4,766,072, Promega
pGEM T-fGps	Amp	JM109	Subcloning vector containing about 500bp PCR products of <i>Gps</i> derived from pGEM-T	In this study
pGEM T-fPds	Amp	JM109	Subcloning vector containing about 500bp PCR products of <i>Pds</i> derived from pGEM-T	In this study
pGEM T-fZds	Amp	JM109	Subcloning vector containing about 500bp PCR products of <i>Zds</i> derived from pGEM-T	In this study
pGEM T-fLcy	Amp	JM109	Subcloning vector containing about 500bp PCR products of <i>Lcy</i> derived from pGEM-T	In this study

* Antibiotic resistance marker of the plasmid is noted as follows : Amp, ampicillin

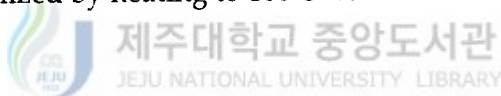
Table 3. Primers.

Primers		Sequence				Usage	
T7 Primer		5'-GTAATACGACTCACTATAGGGC-3'				Sequencing	
T3 Primer		5'-AATTAACCCTCACTAAAGGG-3'				Sequencing	
GGPS5		5'-GAYGAYYTNCCYTGATGGA-3'				PCR	
GGPS3		5'-AYRTCATCNAYHACYTGAWA-3'				PCR	
PDS5		5'-GTTTGGTCTTCAGTTTGATA-3'				PCR	
PDSF3		5'-TAGAGTGCTCCTTCCACTGC-3'				PCR	
ZDS5		5'-GAYGTTTAYTTRAGYGGTCC-3'				PCR	
ZDS3		5'-GTCTTYTGATCRGGYCTGAA-3'				PCR	
LCY5		5'-GGTGGCGGCCCGGCTGGGCT-3'				PCR	
LCY3		5'-TCCAATCCATGAAAACCATC-3'				PCR	
Mixed Base	Code Name	Mixed Base	Code Name	Mixed Base	Code Name	Mixed Base	Code Name
A + G	R	C+T	Y	A+G+C+T	N	A+T+C	H
A+T	W	G+T	K	G+A+C	V	G+C	S
G+A+T	D	A+C	M	G+T+C	B		

isotopes [α - ^{32}P]dCTP and [α - ^{35}S]dATP were from Amersham International. Synthetic oligonucleotides were commercially synthesized by Genotech (Korea). Water used for all procedures was distilled quality, purified by reverse osmosis to a resistance of 18 mega-ohms.

4) Sterilization of solutions and media

All bacterial growth media and solutions unless otherwise stated were sterilized by autoclaving at 121°C for 15 min. Antibiotics and IPTG solutions were sterilized by filtration through a 0.2 μm sterile Millipore filter. To manage RNA for isolation and blotting, all solutions except for amine-containing solutions such as Tris were treated with diethyl pyrocarbonate (DEPC, 0.1%) for at least 12 hr at 37°C and then autoclaved at 121°C for 15 min on liquid cycle. Glassware was sterilized by heating to 160°C for 10 hr or More



5) Media

LB medium : Bacto-tryptone 10 g, Bacto-yeast extract 5 g, NaCl 10 g per
1 liter, pH 7.0

TYP broth : Bacto-tryptone 16 g, Bacto-yeast extract 16 g, NaCl 5 g, K_2HPO_4
2.5g per 1 liter

SOC medium : 2% Bacto-tryptone, 0.5% yeast extract, 10 mM NaCl,
2.5 mM KCl, 10 mM MgCl_2 , 10 mM MgSO_4 , 10 mM glucose,
pH 7.0

NZY medium and agar plates : 0.5% Bacto-teast extract, 0.5% NaCl,
1% Casein hydrolysate, 0.2% $\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$,
pH 7.5, 1.5% Agar (for agar plates only)

NZY top agar : Same as NZY media with 0.7% agarose

6) Buffers and solutions

(1) Agarose gel electrophoresis of nucleic acid

TAE buffer : 40 mM Tris-HCl (pH8.0), 1 mM EDTA

TBE buffer : 0.089 M Tris, 0.089 M boric acid, 0.002 M EDTA

6x Gel loading buffer : 0.25% bromophenol blue, 0.25% xylene cyanol FF,
15% Ficoll (Type 400, Pharmacia)

(2) Plasmid preparation

Suspension solution : 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 10 mM EDTA,
100µg/ml Dnase-free Rnase A

Lysis solution : 0.2 M NaOH, 1% SDS

Neurralising solution : 3 M potassium acetate, pH 4.8

Binding buffer : 6M guanidine hydrochloride

TE buffer : 10mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.5, 1mM EDTA

Washing solution : 80% isopropanol

(3) RNA isolation from plant tissue

6x Extraction buffer : 100 mM LiCl, 100 mM Tris-HCl (pH8.0),
10 mM EDTA, 1% SDS, 0.1% DEPC

4M LiCl solution : 4M LiCl, 0.1% DEPC

3M NaOAc solution : 3M NaOAc, pH 5.2, 0.1% DEPC

6x Gel loading buffer : 50% (v/v) glycerol, 0.1 mg/mL bromophenol blue

(4) cDNA library screening

Denaturing solution : 0.5N NaOH, 1.5M NaCl

Neutralizing solution : 1M Tris-HCl (pH8.0), 1.5M NaCl

2x SSC solution : 0.3M NaCl, 0.03M sodium citrate

20x SSPE : 3M NaCl, 0.2M NaH₂PO₄, 0.02M EDTA, pH 7.4

(5) Others

5x TBE : 54 g Tris, 27.5 g boric acid, 20 mL 0.5 M EDTA (pH 8.0) per liter

SM buffer : 5.8g NaCl, 2.0 g MgSO₄·7H₂O, 50.0 mL 1 M Tris-HCl (pH 7.5),

5 mL 2% gelatin per liter



2. METHODS

1) Analysis of β -cryptoxanthin in peel and flesh of *Citrus* fruits

(1) Extraction of crude carotenoids from *Citrus* fruits

The extraction of carotenoids was performed using the method reported by Ko *et al.* A 10 g peel (or 100 g flesh) was mixed with 70 mL of 40% methanol containing 1 g of MgCO_3 using juice mixer (LG, Korea). The supernatant was collected after centrifugation (7,000 rpm, 7 min, 10°C) and residue was mixed with 140 ml of acetone/methanol (7/3, v/v) solution containing 0.1% BHT for 1 hr and then was filtered by vacuum filtration. The extraction was repeated to recover carotenoid pigments. Filtrate was transferred to 1 L of separatory funnel and was mixed with 150 ml of distilled water, 250 ml of ethyl ether and 100 ml of 10% NaCl. After standing for 1 hr, top phase containing carotenoid pigments was collected and then was concentrated using vacuum evaporator at 35°C. Crude carotenoids were dissolved in 20 ml of ethyl ether containing 10% methanolic KOH. The saponification was conducted at room temperature in the dark for 2 hr. The sample was subsequently partitioned into a saturated solution of NH_4Cl and ethyl ether using separatory funnel and then the organic layer was collected. The aqueous layer was washed with diethyl ether and the organic layers combined were washed several times with water. Organic layer was reduced to dryness using a rotary evaporator at 30°C. The saponified samples were dissolved in 5 ml of MTBE/methanol (1/1, v/v) containing 1% BHT and was filtered through 0.45 μm PTFE filter (Micro Filtration System, CA, USA). The solutions were stored under nitrogen in dark and then were diluted to prepare working solutions in the range of 0.1-5.0 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$. Figure 2 showed overall scheme for the extraction of carotenoids in peel and flesh of *Citrus* fruits.

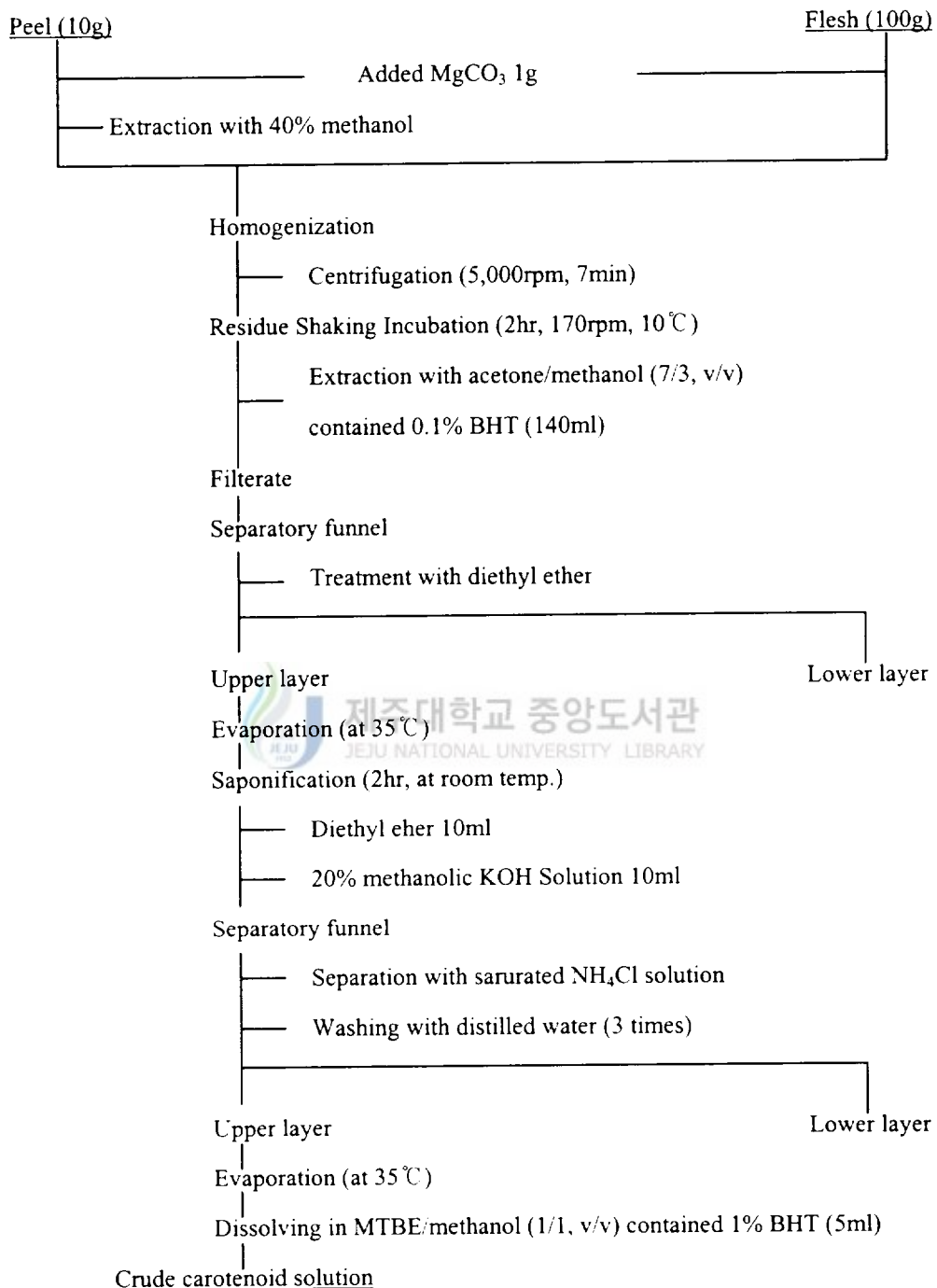


Figure 2. Extract scheme of carotenoids in peel and flesh of *Citrus*.

(2) Chromatography

The carotenoides extracted from citrus fruits were analyzed on silica gel TLC plates (Silica gel 60 F254, Merck, USA). For separation, hexane/acetone (75/25, v/v) was used as the mobile solvent. The separation of carotenoids was performed by HPLC. HPLC equipment consisted of a Spectra-Physics (SpectraSYSTEM) P4000 pump (Spectra-Physica Analytical, Inc., CA, USA), an UV 1000 UV/Vis detector (Spectra-Physics Analytical, Inc., CA, USA), and an AS3500 autosampler (TSP Inc., USA). A μ BondapakTM C18 reverse phase column (3.9 x 30 mm, particle size 10 μ m) (Waters Chromatography, Milford, MA, USA) and a guard column containing C18 material similar to the analytical column was used. The mobile phase was prepared using an HPLC grade methanol, water and high-grade methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE) for gradient conditions from (95:1:4) to (25:71:4) for 13 min. The solvent was filtered through a 0.5 μ m PTFE membrane filter (ADVANTEC MFS, Inc., CA, USA) and degassed in an ultrasonic bath. Samples were injected onto the column via an automatic sampler equipped with a sample loop (20 μ l). The column temperature was maintained at 35°C, and peak responses were measured at 445 nm. With reference carotenoids, the linearity of the calibration graphs was confirmed and the retention times were determined. The identification of β -cryptoxanthin from solvent extracts of citrus fruits was achieved by comparing the retention time of a known standard. Table 4 indicated the condition for HPLC analysis.

Table 4. Operating condition of HPLC for carotenoids.

Solvent Degassers	: Spectra-Physics Analytical, Inc. part number A0099-504
Gradient pumps	: Spectra-Physics Analytical, Inc. part number A0099-510 (P4000)
Autosamplers	: Thermo Separation Products Inc. part number A0099-587 (AS1000)
UV/Vis Detectors	: Spectra-Physics Analytical, Inc. 8/91 part number A0099-540 (UV2000)
Column	: μ Bondapak TM C18 125 Å 10 μ m 3.9 \times 300mm HPLC Column, Waters

Mobile phase

A solvent = Methanol : Methyl tert-butyl ether : H₂O = 95 : 1 : 4

B solvent = Methanol : Methyl tert-butyl ether : H₂O = 25 : 71 : 4

Injection volume	: 20 μ l
Column temperature	: 35 $^{\circ}$ C
Flow rate	: 1ml/min
Wave length	: 445 nm

Gradient table

Time(min)	A(%)	B(%)
0	100	0
12	100	0
25	0	100
30	100	0
35	100	0

2) Cloning of *Ggps*, *Pds*, *Zds* and *Lcy* from *Citrus*

(1) Extraction of plant RNA

Extraction of plant total RNA was performed using the hot phenol RNA isolation procedure as described by Verwoerd *et al.* (1989). Plant tissue was ground to a fine powder with liquid nitrogen, resuspended with preheated mixture (80°C) of 5 mL Extraction buffer and an equal amount of phenol, and was homogenized by vortexing for 30 seconds. The mixture was mixed with 1/2 volume of chloroform:isoamyl alcohol and vortexed again 30 seconds. The suspension was centrifuged at 4°C for 15 min at 9250xg and the upper aqueous phase was removed. After addition of one volume 4 M LiCl, the solution was mixed and stored at -70°C for 1 hr. The pellet was collected by centrifuging at 4°C for 15 min at 9250xg, washed with 70% ethanol, and dried under vacuum. The pellet was dissolved in DEPC-treated water. If the RNA is not to be used immediately, the RNA solution was mixed with 1/10 volume 3 M NaOAc and 2.5 volumes 95% ethanol, and placed at -70°C.

(2) Construction of a cDNA library and screening

Total RNA was extracted from full yellow *Citrus* fruits using the hot phenol RNA isolation procedure (Verwoerd *et al.* 1989). Poly(A)⁺ RNA was isolated by PolyATtract mRNA Isolation System III (Promega). A *Citrus* fruit cDNA library was constructed by using the Zap-cDNA synthesis and Gigapack II gold cloning kits (Stratagene) according to the manufacturer's instructions. *In vivo* excision of pBluescript SK⁺ plasmids was done in the *E. coli* SOLR strain. The library was screened with the radiolabeled PCR products, as described below, by standard plaque lift methods (Sambrook *et al.*, 1989). After prehybridization for 1-2 hr at 42°C in 30% formamide, 5x Denhardt's solution, 5x SSPE, and 100 µg/mL

denatured salmon sperm DNA, filters were washed twice in 2x SSC and 0.05% SDS for 15 min at 42°C and twice in 0.2x SSC and 0.1% SDS for 15 min at 68°C.

(3) PCR amplification and probe preparation

For the amplification of *Ggps* cDNA, the sense primer (GGPS5: 5'-GA[C/T]GA[C/T][C/T]T[A/G/C/T]CC[C/T]TG[C/T]ATGGA-3') and the antisense primer (GGPS3: 5'-A[C/T][A/G]TCATC[A/G/C/T]A[C/T][A/T/C]AC[C/T]TGA[A/T]A-3') were used, and for the amplification of *Pds* cDNA, the sense primer (PDS5: 5'-GTTTGGTCTTCAGTTTGATA-3') and the antisense primer (PDSF3: 5'-TAGAGTGCTCCTTCCACTGC-3') were used. Also, for the amplification of *Zds* cDNA, the sense primer (ZDS5: 5'-GA[C/T]GTTTA[C/T]TT[A/G]AG[C/T]GGTCC-3') and the antisense primer (ZDS3: 5'-GTCTT[C/T]TGATC[A/G]GG[C/T]CTGAA-3') were used, and for the amplification of *Lcy* cDNA, the sense primer (LCY5: 5'-GGTGGCGGCCCGGCTGGGCT-3') and the antisense primer (LCY3: 5'-TCCAATCCATGAAAACCATC-3') were used.

These PCR primers were synthesized on the basis of the conserved regions of the previously reported sequences of *Ggps*, *Pds*, *Zds* and *Lcy* in plants, respectively. Template for PCR was generated by reverse transcription as described by Sambrook *et al.* (1989), using 1 µg of mRNA, 1 µg of random hexamers as primers, and 200 units of M-MLV reverse transcriptase (Promega) in a total volume of 20 µL. PCR amplification was performed in the DNA thermal cycler (Perkin-Elmer Cetus). The reaction mixture (50 µL) contained 20 µL of the cDNA reaction mixture as described above, 100 pmol each of sense and antisense strand primers, 0.4 mM deoxyribonucleotide triphosphates, 2.0 units of *Taq* DNA polymerase (Perkin-Elmer Cetus), and *Taq* DNA polymerase reaction buffer (50 mM KCl, 10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 9.0, at 25°C, 1.5 mM MgCl₂, 0.01% gelatin, 0.1% Triton X-100). The denaturation of DNA was carried out at 94°C for 5 min for the first cycle and then for 1 min. Primer annealing and extension reactions were

performed at 53°C for 1 min and at 72°C for 40sec, respectively. Total 40 cycles of amplification were performed. PCR products were visualized on 1% agarose gels stained with ethidium bromide and purified by GenCleanII kit (BIO 101, Inc). The *Ggps*, *Pds*, *Zds* and *Lcy* fragments were cloned into pGEM-T vector (Promega), which is called pGEM T-fGgps, pGEM T-fPds, pGEM T-fZds and pGEM T-fLcy respectively, by using *E.coli* JM109 as host. Then it was radioactively labeled by use of a random primer labeling kit (Promega) with [α - 32 P] dCTP for the probe preparation.

(4) Isolation of plasmid DNAs

Small quantities of plasmid DNA were prepared from *E. coli* cells by the alkaline lysis method of Birnboim and Doly (1979). In order to sequence plasmids, the plasmid DNA is prepared using Wizard Miniprep (Promega, Cat. No. A7500) from a 3 mL overnight of *E. coli*.



(5) DNA manipulations

DNA samples were digested with restriction endonucleases according to the supplier's recommendations. Plasmid DNAs and/or their digests were analyzed by horizontal agarose (Promega) gel (0.8%-1.5%, w/v) electrophoresis for 0.5-100 kb and MetaPhor agarose (FMC Bioproducts) gel (2-3%, w/v) for 50-500 bp, with TAE buffer system or vertical polyacrylamide gel (6%, w/v) electrophoresis with TBE buffer system (Voytas, 1987).

Agarose gels were routinely used to analyze the double-stranded DNA fragments. After running, the gel bands were visualized by soaking into 1 μ g/mL of ethidium bromide in the electrophoresis buffer for about 20 min and then transilluminating the long wavelength UV light. If necessary, specific DNA bands were eluted and purified from the agarose gel using GENECLEAN II kit

(Bio 101 Inc.) or JetSorb (GENOMED Inc.) according to the manufacturer's guidance. Ligation reactions of DNA fragments were carried out with T4 DNA ligase in a volume of 10 μ L for 12 hr at 16°C and 22°C for cohesive and blunt ends, respectively. Other DNA modifying enzymes were used to manipulate the DNA fragments according to the supplier's recommendations.

(6) Transformation of *E. coli*

(6-1) Preparation of Competent cells

A single colony of *E. coli* cells was inoculated into 5 mL LB media and grow overnight. The 1.5 mL of overnight culture was inoculated into 100 mL LB media in a 250mL flask. The culture was incubated at 37°C with shaking, to an ABS_{600} of 0.3-0.4 (about during 2hr 45min). This procedure requires that cells be growing rapidly (early- or mid-log phase). The culture was aliquoted into 250 mL sterile centrifuge tubes and leaved the tubes on ice to 10 min. The cells were centrifuged for 5 min at 5000 rpm, at 4°C, resuspended gently each pellet in 10 mL ice-cold solution of 50 mM $MgCl_2$ and 80 mM $CaCl_2$ solution, and then stored on ice for 10 min. The cells were centrifuged for 5 min at 2610rpm, at 4°C. The latter two steps were repeated twice. Each pellet was resuspended in 14 mL of ice-cold 100 mM $CaCl_2$ and the suspension was mixed with an equal volume of 50% glycerol to yield competent cells. The tube was standed for 4 hr or more at 4°C. Competent cells were distributed with 500 μ L into the chilled Eppendorf tube, flash frozen in liquid nitrogen, and then placed at -70°C deep freezer.

(6-2) Transformation procedure

DNA samples (about 200 ng) was diluted into 100 μ L with DDW, and then 10 μ L of solution (0.5 M $MgCl_2$ and 0.1 M $CaCl_2$) and 8 μ L of 30% PEG6000 solution were added. The mixture was added to the 100 μ L of rapidly thawed competent cells and mixed gently. After standing on ice for 30 min, cell suspension was

heat-shocked at 42°C for 90 seconds and rapidly cooled on ice for 5 min. The mixture was diluted with appropriate volume of SOC medium and incubated at 37°C for 60 min with gently shaking. Then appropriated volume of cells were spread on the LB agar plate supplemented with carbenicillin, and incubated for 18 hr at 37°C.

(7) DNA sequencing and analyses

Nucleotide sequencing using the dideoxy chain termination method (Sanger *et al.*, 1977) was done using Sequenase Version 2.0 kit (United State Biochemical), and T3 promoter, T7 promotor, and custom-made (DNA International), for a double strand to avoid errors. Sequencing reaction was carried out using [α - ^{35}S]dATP (1 mci/mmole) according to the supplier's instruction. Each reaction mixture was then incubated at 80°C for 3 min and an aliquot of 2.5 μL was loaded onto a 6% polyacrylamide gel containing 8 M urea in TBE. The gel was then dried to on a sheet of Whatman No. 1 paper and exposed to an X-ray film (Fuji) for 24 hr. Computer analyses for the nucleotide and amino acid sequences were done by PCGENE software (IntelliGenetics Inc., Release 6.60).

(8) Genomic DNA blot analysis

Genomic DNA was isolated from young leaves of *Citrus* plants, by the method of Dellaporta *et al.* Genomic DNA was digested with *Bam*HI, *Eco*RI, *Sac*I, *Xba*I, and *Hind*III separated on 0.7% agarose gels, and then blotted onto a Hybond-N (Amersham). Hybridization and washing of filters were done as described in northern blot analysis.

(9) Northern blot analysis

Total RNA was isolated from fruits in five developmental stages (MG, SG, FG, BR, and FY) and leaves in five stages (L1, L2, L3, L4, and L5) as well as flowers. The fruits were divided into two parts, flesh (juice sacs/pulp segments) and peel, except for the mini-green fruit of 25 DAF. The harvest stages of each material were described above. The RNA was fractionated on a denaturing agarose (1.0%) gel, and then transferred to the nylon membrane (Hybond-N from Amersham). Filters were prehybridized at 42°C for 1-2 hr in 50% formamide, 5x SSPE, 5x Denhardt's solution, 0.1% SDS, and 100 µg/mL denatured salmon sperm DNA. The hybridization to the labeled probe with [α -³²P] dCTP and random primer was done overnight in a hybridization buffer. The filters were washed twice at room temperature for 10 min in 2x SSC and 0.1% SDS, once at 65 °C for 15 min in 1x SSC and 0.1% SDS, and twice at 65°C for 15 min in 0.1x SSC and 0.1% SDS. The signal intensity of blot was analyzed by the scanning densitometer (Pharmacia) to adjust a little difference in loading amount among RNA samples.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

1. Contents of β -cryptoxanthin in peel and flesh of *Citrus* fruits

1) TLC analysis of carotenoids in *Citrus* cultivars

Crude carotenoids were extracted from peel and flesh of five citrus fruits grown in Jeju Island and three citrus fruits cultivated in America. Composition of crude carotenoids was analyzed by TLC. Figure 3 shows the TLC chromatograms of a standard β -cryptoxanthin and crude carotenoids extracted from peel of citrus fruits. Crude carotenoids consisted of more than four compounds and contained β -cryptoxanthin with different concentration. The R_f value of β -cryptoxanthin was 0.39. In the peel of citrus fruits, β -cryptoxanthin content was the highest in Satsuma and decreased in order of Semnoru, Suiranuhi, Kiyomi, Navel orange and Valencia orange. Lemon and Grapefruit contained very low concentration of β -cryptoxanthin. In flesh of citrus fruits, the content of β -cryptoxanthin was the highest in Satsuma. Concentration of β -cryptoxanthin was decreased in the order of Suiranuhi, Kiyomi, Semnoru, Navel orange and Valencia orange (Figure 4). Among eight citrus fruits, Satsuma contains higher β -cryptoxanthin content than those of others. The carotenoid content extracted from Lemon and Grapefruit was very low compared with other citrus fruits. The content of carotenoids including β -cryptoxanthin was greatly varied according to *Citrus* cultivars.

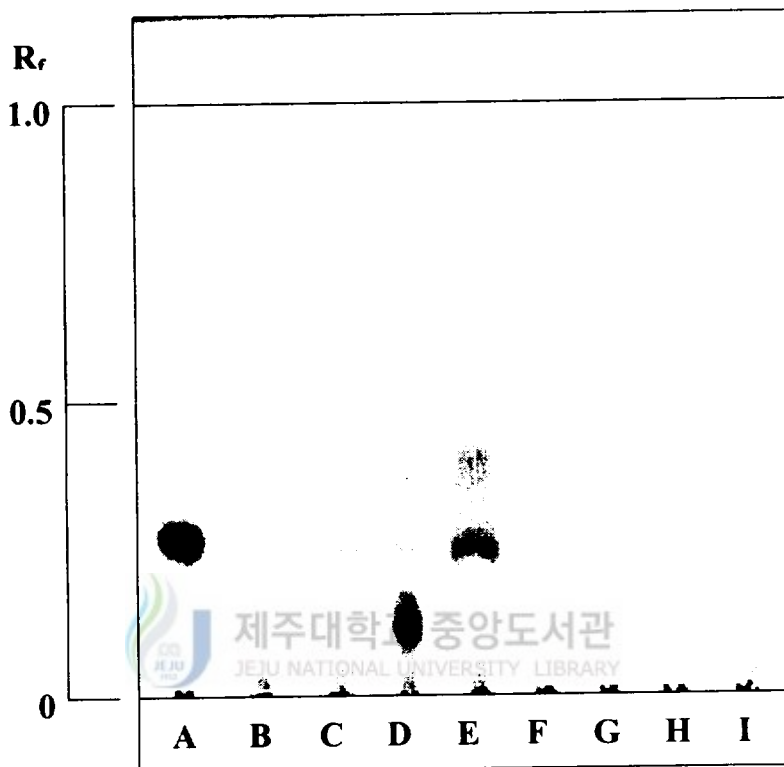


Figure 3. TLC chromatograms of standards of β -cryptoxanthin, and carotenoids peel of *Citrus* varieties.

A : Standard of β -cryptoxanthin, B : Kiyomi, C : Siranuhi, D : Semnoru, E : Satsuma, F : Navel orange, G : Lemon, H : Grapefruit, I : Valencia orange
 TLC conditions : 1) Plate; Silica gel 60 F254 TLC (Merck), 2) Solvent system; Hexane/ Acetone(75/25, v/v)

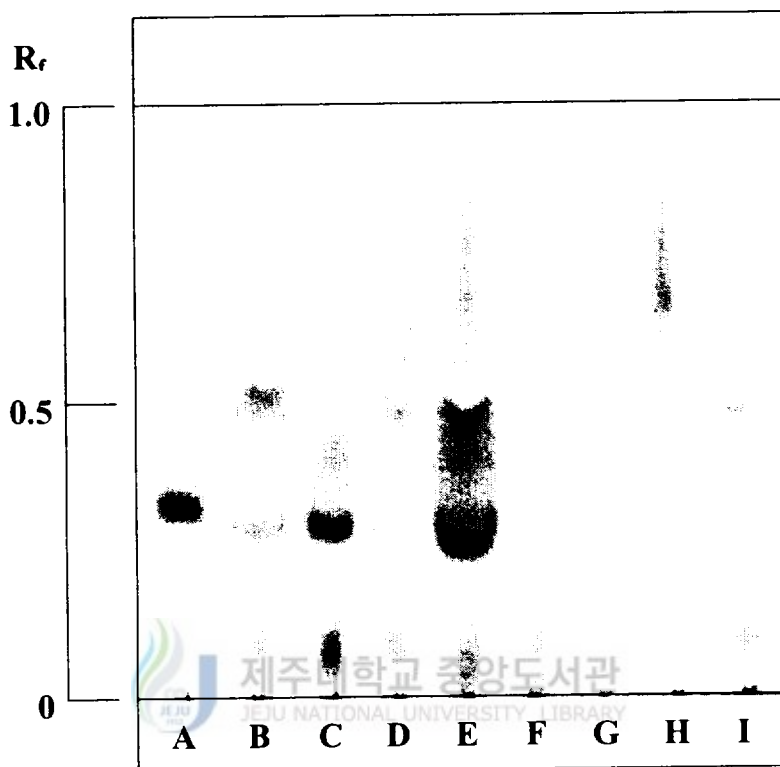


Figure 4. TLC chromatograms of standards of β -cryptoxanthin, and carotenoids flesh of *Citrus* varieties.

A : Standard of β -cryptoxanthin, B : Kiyomi, C : Siranuhi, D : Semioru, E : Satsuma, F : Navel orange, G : Lemon, H : Grapefruit, I : Valencia orange
 TLC conditions : 1) Plate; Silica gel 60 F254 TLC (Merck), 2) Solvent system; Hexane/Acetone(75/25, v/v)

2) Analysis of β -cryptoxanthin by HPLC

In order to determine the concentration of β -cryptoxanthin from crude carotenoids quantitatively, HPLC analysis was performed. The peaks were identified by comparison of the spectra with standard and by the retention time of β -cryptoxanthin. Previously, crude carotenoids were saponified to increase the content of free β -cryptoxanthin (Nogata *et al.*, 1996). Because the yellow pigments of carotenoids absorb maximally at 450 nm, β -cryptoxanthin can be easily determined using a spectrophotometer in the visible range (Tee and Lim, 1991). Typical chromatograms of carotenoids in citrus fruits are shown in Figure 5 and Figure 6. The carotenoids were fractionated with various peaks. β -Cryptoxanthin and β -carotene as standards indicated 20 min and 25 min of retention time, respectively. Various carotenoids as isomeric pigments were mainly eluted at 5 min of retention time. The peel of Satsuma showed large amount of β -cryptoxanthin, and relatively small amount of other compounds (Figure 7). In addition, the flesh of Kiyomi, Siranuhi, Seminoru and Satsuma included β -cryptoxanthin as a dominant peak (Figure 8). The high concentration of β -cryptoxanthin from Satsuma coincided with the analysis of TLC. The β -cryptoxanthin content in the peel of Lemon and Grapefruit cultivated in America was much smaller than those of other *Citrus* cultivars. Crude extract from both citrus fruits contained low amount of carotenoids pigment including β -cryptoxanthin. The β -cryptoxanthin content from the flesh of Kiyomi, Siranuhi, Seminru and Satsuma cultivated in Jeju island was higher than those of Lemon and Grapefruit and Valencia orange grown in America. In particular, crude carotenoids prepared from Satsuma contained relatively purified β -cryptoxanthin. In general, the peel contained higher concentration of β -cryptoxanthin than that of flesh except for Kiyomi cultivar. The amount of β -cryptoxanthin ranged from 0.3 to 2.1 mg% in the peel of domestic *Citrus* cultivars. The amounts of β -cryptoxanthin were less than 0.1% in the peel of three foreign

Citrus cultivars. In addition, the β -cryptoxanthin in flesh of domestic *Citrus* cultivars also were higher than those of foreign *Citrus* cultivars. The amounts of β -cryptoxanthin are 2.178 ± 0.008 mg% and 0.663 ± 0.002 mg% in peel and flesh of Satsuma, respectively. Hart and Scott reported that the β -cryptoxanthin content of Satsumas fruits contained 1.18 mg% (Hart and Scott, 1995). The concentration of β -cryptoxanthin in Lemon and Grapefruit was considerably less than those found in other *Citrus* cultivars and contained below 0.1 mg% in both peel and flesh. The β -cryptoxanthin of Valencia orange was only about 0.1 mg% in both peel and flesh. Hart and Scott reported that Valencia orange contained higher content of β -cryptoxanthin (Hart and Scott, 1995). It implies that same *Citrus* cultivars may contain different concentration of β -cryptoxanthin. In previous analysis of β -cryptoxanthin from other *Citrus* cultivars, Miyagawa was showed 5.26 mg% in peel and 0.78 mg% in flesh (Whang and Yoon, 1995). Byungkyool and Dongjeongkyool contained 1.66 mg% and 0.88 mg% in peel, respectively (Ko *et al.*, 2000). Pupin *et al.* have reported that β -cryptoxanthin content of Brazilian orange juice (*Citrus sinensis*) ranged from 0.10 to 0.46 mg/L, and β -carotene content ranged from 0.10 to 0.53 mg/L, showing 70% of recovery level (Pupin *et al.*, 1999). It implies that some pigments can be destroyed or modified during the extraction and isolation of carotenoids from citrus fruits.

In general, carotenoids have numerous biological properties (Slattery *et al.*, 2000) and are known to play specific roles in mammalian tissues (Tee and Lim, 1991). Sumida *et al.* have reported that β -cryptoxanthin prepared from Satsuma Mandarin (*Citrus unshiu* Marc.) juice showed the inhibitory effect on azoxymethan-induced aberrant crypt foci (ACF) (Sumida *et al.*, 1999). Therefore, Satsuma cultivar will be an important source of biologically active pigments as well as basic material to breed new variety of *Citrus* by genetic engineering.

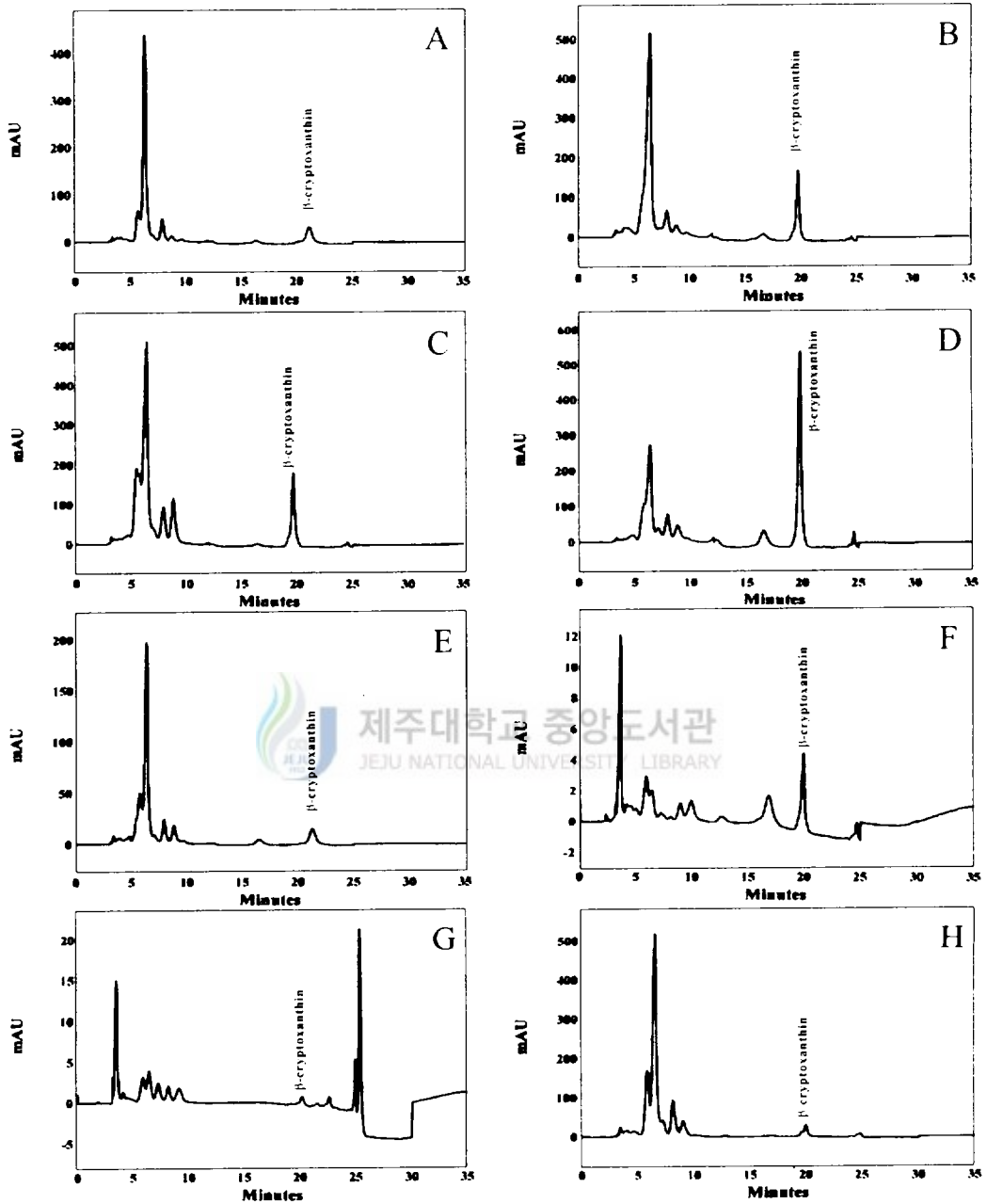


Figure 5. HPLC elution profiles of carotenoid pigments extracted from peel of *Citrus* varieties.

A : Peel of Kiyomi, B : Peel of Siranuhi, C : Peel of Semnoru, D : Peel of Satsuma, E : Peel of Navel orange, F : Peel of Lemon, G : Peel of Grapefruit, H : Peel of Valencia orange

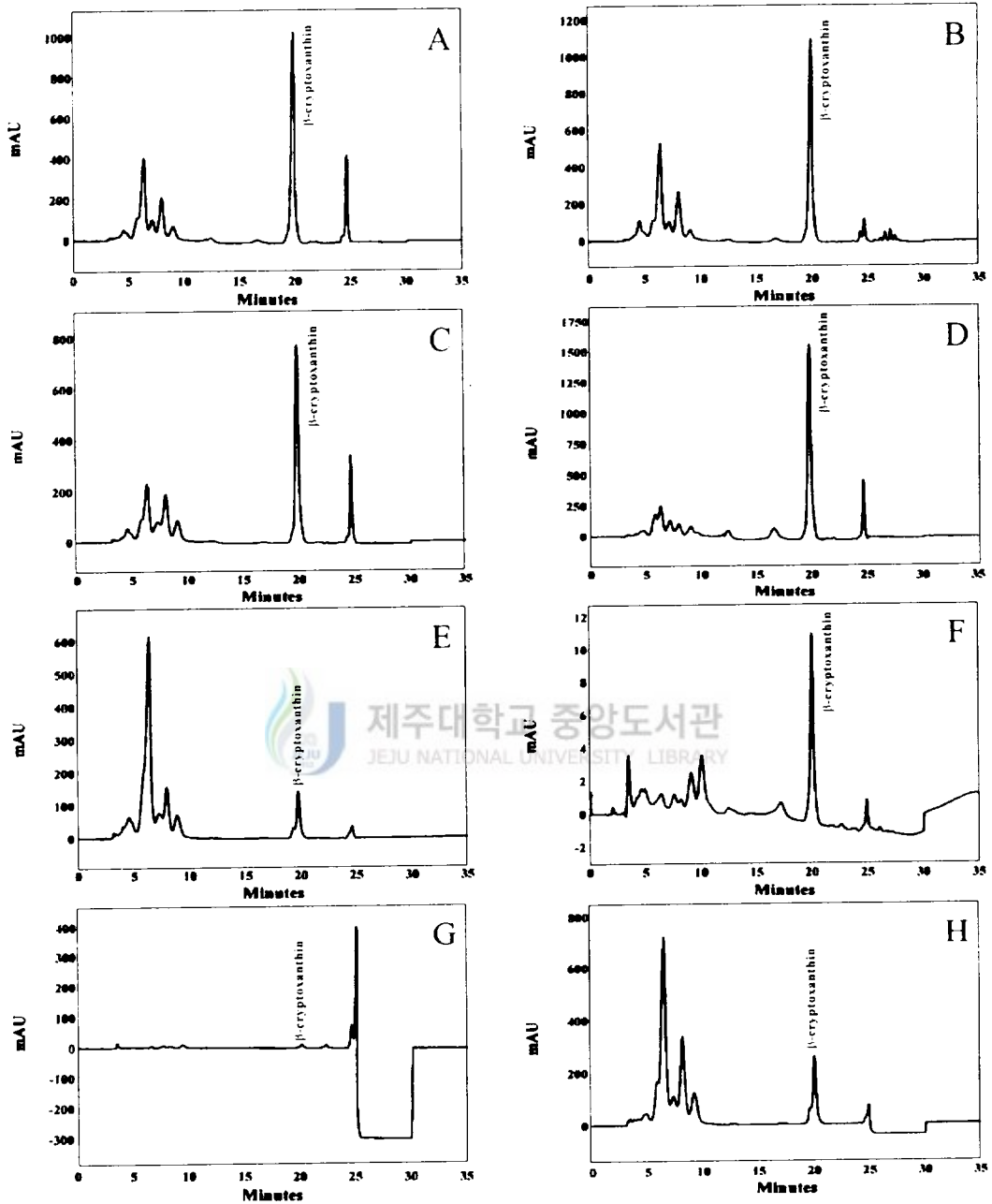


Figure 6. HPLC elution profiles of carotenoid pigments extracted from flesh of *Citrus* varieties.

A : flesh of Kiyomi, B : flesh of Siranuhi, C : flesh of Semnaru, D : flesh of Satsuma, E : flesh of Navel orange, F : flesh of Lemon, G : flesh of Grapefruit, H : flesh of Valencia orange

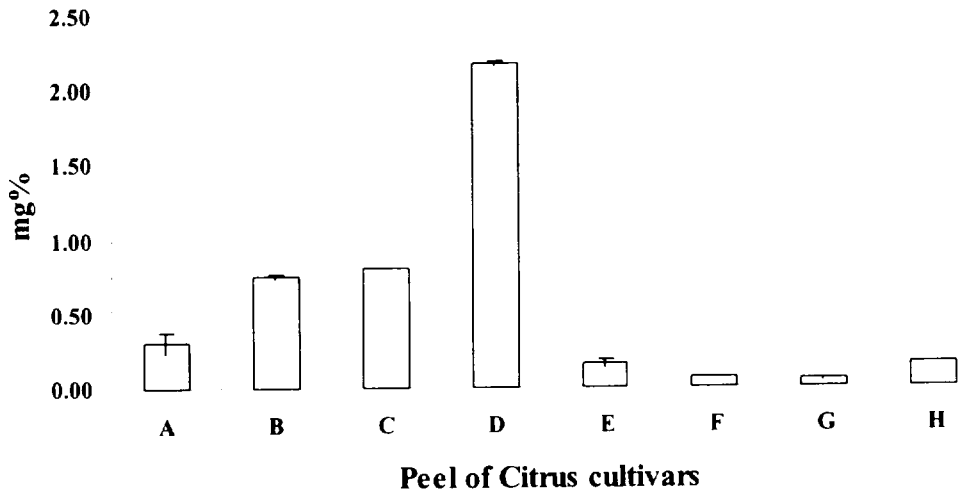


Figure 7. β -Cryptoxanthin content from peel of *Citrus* cultivars.

A : Kiyomi, B : Siranuhi, C : Seminoru, D : Satsuma, E : Navel orange, F : Lemon, G : Grapefruit, H : Valencia orange

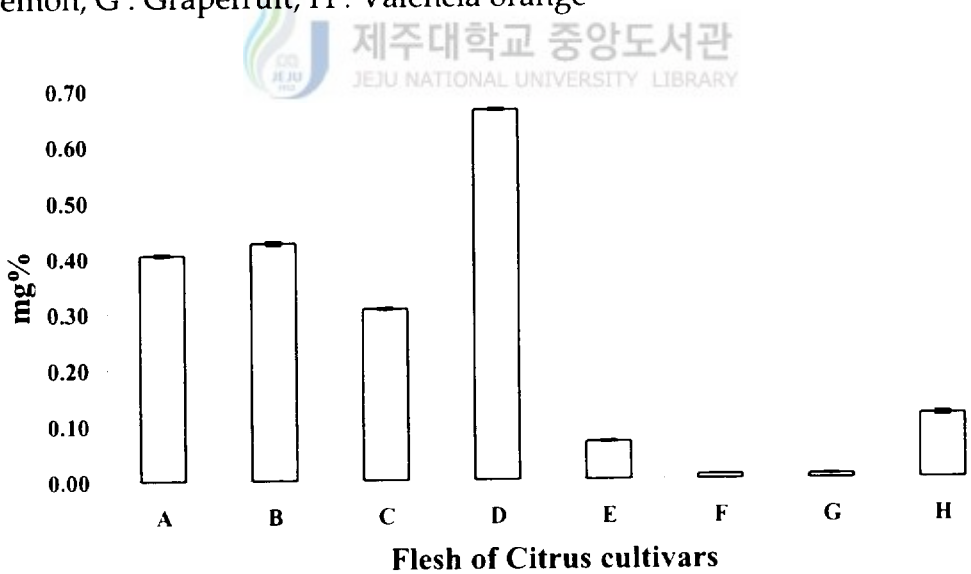


Figure 8. β -Cryptoxanthin content from flesh of *Citrus* cultivars.

A : Kiyomi, B : Siranuhi, C : Seminoru, D : Satsuma, E : Navel orange, F : Lemon, G : Grapefruit, H : Valencia orange

Table 5. Taxonomic names of *Citrus* and *Fortunella*.

Common name	Taxonomic name
Kiyomi	<i>Citrus</i> Tangor
Siranuhi	<i>Citrus</i> sp.
Seminoru	<i>Citrus</i> Tangelo
Satsuma	<i>Citrus unshiu</i> Marcovitch
Navel orange	<i>Citrus sinensis</i> Osbeck var. <i>basiliensis</i> Tanaka
Lemon	<i>Citrus limon</i>
Grapefruit	<i>Citrus paradisi</i>
Valencia orange	<i>Citrus sinensis</i> Osbeck
Fortunella	<i>Fortunella margarita</i> (Lour.) Swingle



Table 6. The land of origin of *Citrus* and *Fortunella*.

Cultivars	The land of origin
Kiyomi	Jungmun Seogwipo-si, Jeju, Korea
Siranuhi	Topyong, Seogwipo-si, Jeju, Korea
Seminoru	Korea
Satsuma	Jungmun Seogwipo-si, Jeju, Korea
Navel orange	Wimi, Namjejugun, Jeju, Korea
Lemon	America
Grapefruit	America
Valencia orange	America
Fortunella	Jeju, Korea

2. Cloning and Expression Analysis of *Ggps*, *Pds*, *Zds* and *Lcy* Gene

To study of the *Ggps*, *Pds*, *Zds* and *Lcy* showing fruit specificity of expression, the experimental scheme (Figure 9) was followed throughout this work.

1) Probe preparation for screening

Total RNA was extracted from *Citrus* and was analyzed by 1% agarose gel electrophoresis (Figure 10). Eight kinds of degenerate oligonucleotides (Table 7) were designed from the sequence of the highly conserved regions of the known *Ggps*, *Pds*, *Zds* and *Lcy* genes. The oligonucleotides were used as primers for PCR reaction to amplify a partial *Ggps*, *Pds*, *Zds* and *Lcy* cDNA fragment from mRNA of *Citrus* fruit. About 500bp for *Ggps*, *Pds*, *Zds* and *Lcy* PCR products were amplified, respectively. The DNA fragments were cloned into pGEM-T⁺ vector (Figure 11 and 12) and sequenced using T7 and T3 primers.

2) Isolation of cDNA clone

(1) *Ggps*

By using degenerate primers (GGPS5 and GGPS3), about 500bp cDNA fragment encoding *Ggps* was amplified by PCR reaction. Fifteen positive clone were isolated out of 600,000 plaques (Figure 11). We screened full cDNAs from the *Citrus* fruit cDNA library and isolated a cDNA clone, which is called *Ggps* (Figure 13A). We could not isolate any clones having different sequences from *Ggps*, from the *Citrus* leaf cDNA library as well as the fruit library.

The length of the *Ggps* cDNA clone is 1965 bp. The *Ggps* cDNA contains 1248 bp coding region, 477 bp 5' UTR (untranslated region), and 240 bp 3' UTR,

which has an uninterrupted open reading frame deriving 45.9kDa polypeptide (Figure 13).

(2) *Pds*

About 500bp cDNA fragment encoding *Pds* was amplified by PCR reaction with degenerate primers (PDS5 and PDSF3). Three positive clone were isolated out of 600,000 plaques (Figure 11). We screened full cDNAs from the *Citrus* fruit cDNA library and isolated a cDNA clone, which is called *Pds*. We didn't any isoform from the *Citrus* leaf and fruit cDNA libraries.

The *Pds* cDNA contains 1918 bp coding region, 150 bp 5' UTR, and 111 bp 3' UTR, which has an uninterrupted open reading frame deriving 54.3kDa polypeptide (Figure 13).

(3) *Zds*



About 500bp cDNA fragment encoding *Zds* was amplified by PCR reaction with degenerate primers (ZDS5 and ZDS3). Fifteen positive clone were isolated out of 600,000 plaques (Figure 12). We screened full cDNAs from the *Citrus* fruit cDNA library and isolated a cDNA clone, which is called *Zds*. We didn't any isoform from the *Citrus* leaf and fruit cDNA libraries.

The length of the *Zds* cDNA clone is 2064 bp. The *Zds* cDNA contains 1710bp coding region, 113 bp 5' UTR, and 241 bp 3' UTR, which has an uninterrupted open reading frame deriving 61.4kDa polypeptide (Figure 13).

(4) *Lcy*

By using degenerate primers (LCY5 and LCY3), about 500bp cDNA fragment encoding *Lcy* was amplified by PCR reaction. Ten positive clone were isolated out of 600,000 plaque (Figure 12). We screened full cDNAs from the *Citrus* fruit cDNA library and isolated a cDNA clone, which is called *Lcy*. We didn't any isoform from the *Citrus* leaf and fruit cDNA libraries.

The *Lcy* cDNA contains 1882 bp coding region, 212 bp 5' UTR, and 98 bp 3' UTR, which has an uninterrupted open reading frame deriving 54.3kDa polypeptide (Figure 13).



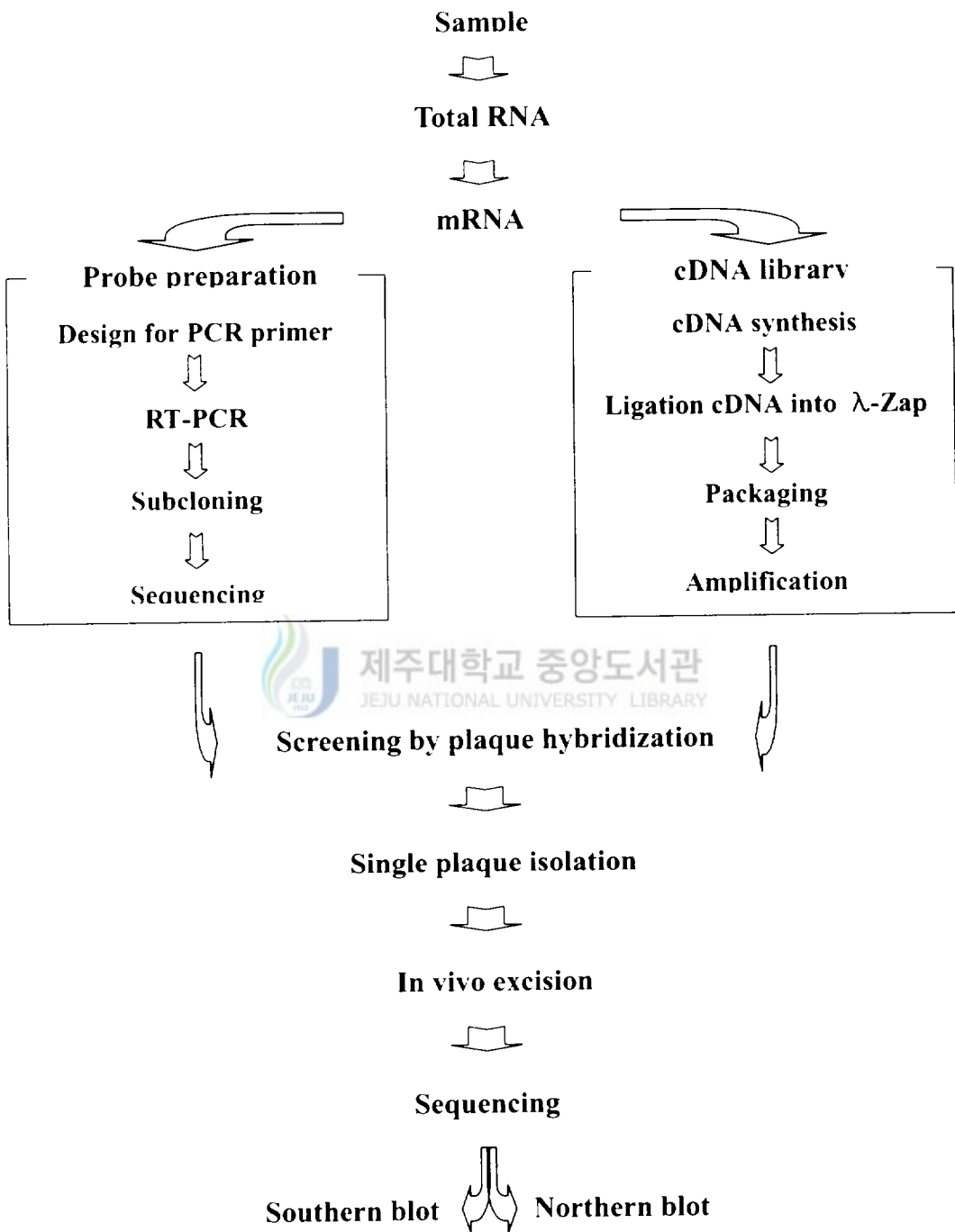


Figure 9. Flow chart for experimental scheme.

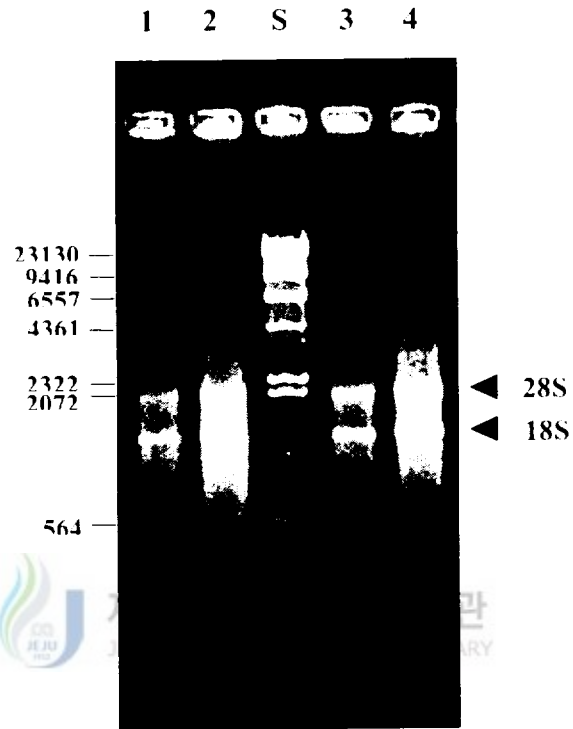


Figure 10. Total RNA extracted from *Citrus* fruits.

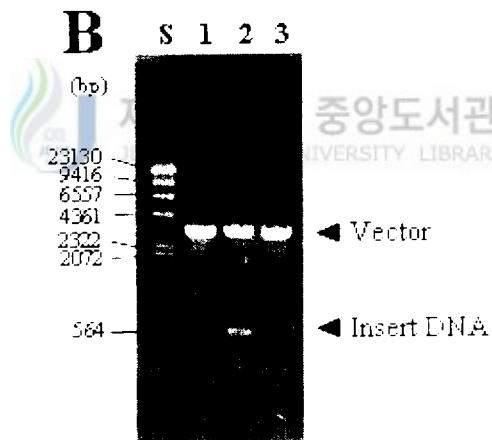
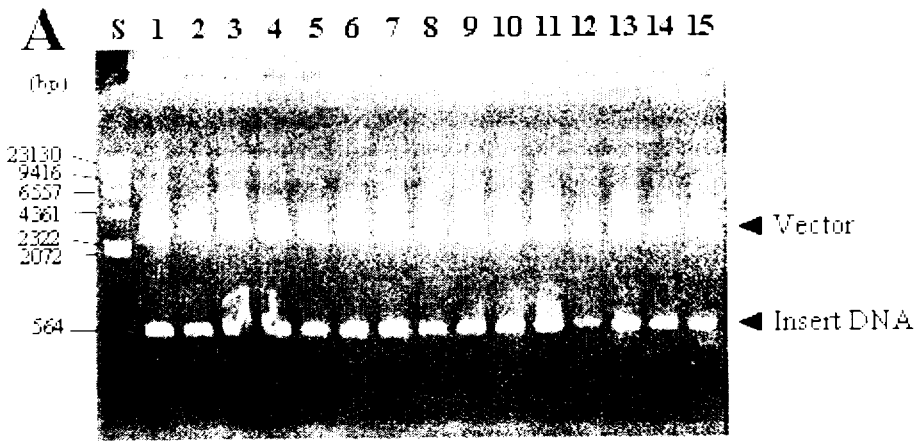


Figure 11. *Ggps* (A) and *Pds* (B) cDNA fragments subcloning. The PCR products of *Ggps* and *Pds* were subcloned into pGEM-T vector. The plasmids for *Ggps* (A) and *Pds* (B) digested with *Fco*RI, and then electrophoresed onto agarose gel. S (bp) represents the molecular standards of λ /*Hind*III.

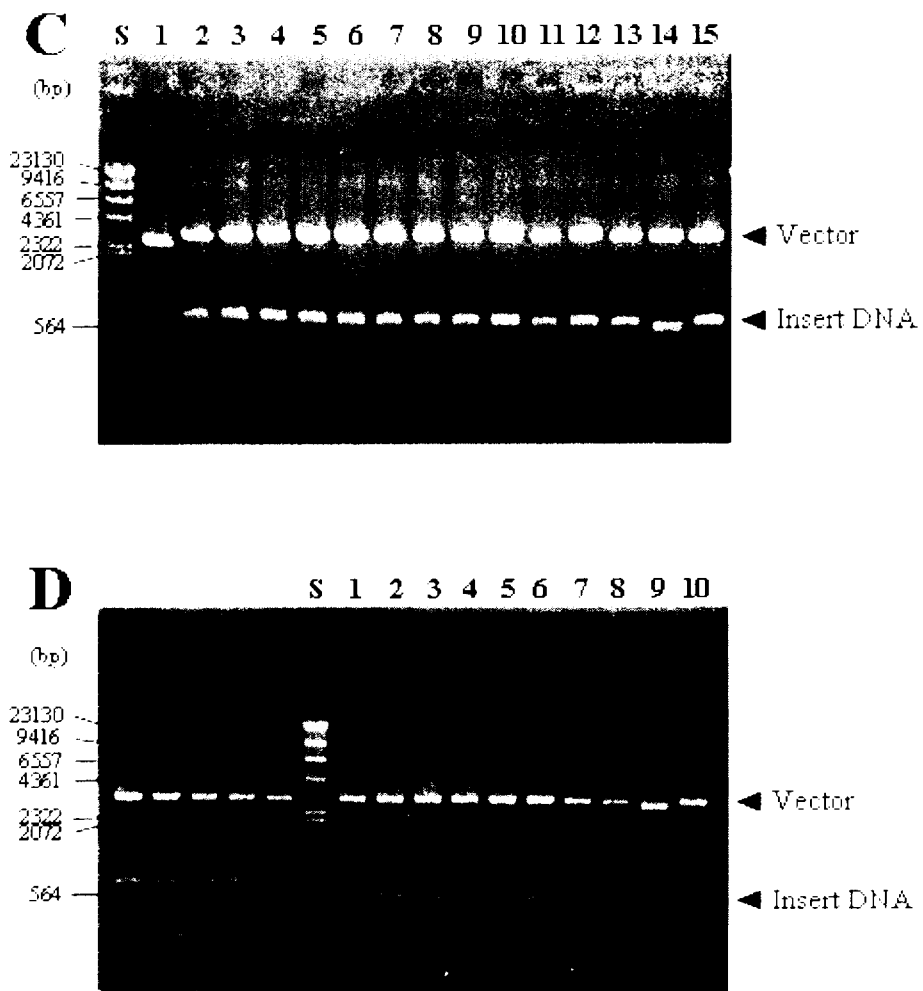


Figure 12. *Zds* (A) and *Lcy* (B) cDNA fragments subcloning. The PCR products of *Zds* and *Lcy* were subcloned into pGEM-T vector. The plasmids for *Zds* (C) and *Lcy* (D) digested with *EcoRI*, and then electrophoresed onto agarose gel. S (bp) represents the molecular standards of λ /*HindIII*.

Table 7. The nucleotide sequences of the regions highly conserved among plant *Ggps*, *Pds*, *Zds* and *Lcy* genes. On the basis of these regions, degenerated oligonucleotides were synthesized and used for PCR amplification.

Primers		Sequence				Usage	
GGPS5		5'-GAYGAYYTNCCYTGATGGA-3'				PCR	
GGPS3		5'-AYRTCATCNAYHACYTGAWA-3'				PCR	
PDS5		5'-GTTTGGTCTTCAGTTTGATA-3'				PCR	
PDSF3		5'-TAGAGTGCTCCTTCCACTGC-3'				PCR	
ZDS5		5'-GAYGTTTAYTTRAGYGGTCC-3'				PCR	
ZDS3		5'-GTCTTYTGATCRGGYCTGAA-3'				PCR	
LCY5		5'-GGTGGCGGCCCGGCTGGGCT-3'				PCR	
LCY3		5'-TCCAATCCATGAAAACCATC-3'				PCR	
Mixed Base	Code Name	Mixed Base	Code Name	Mixed Base	Code Name	Mixed Base	Code Name
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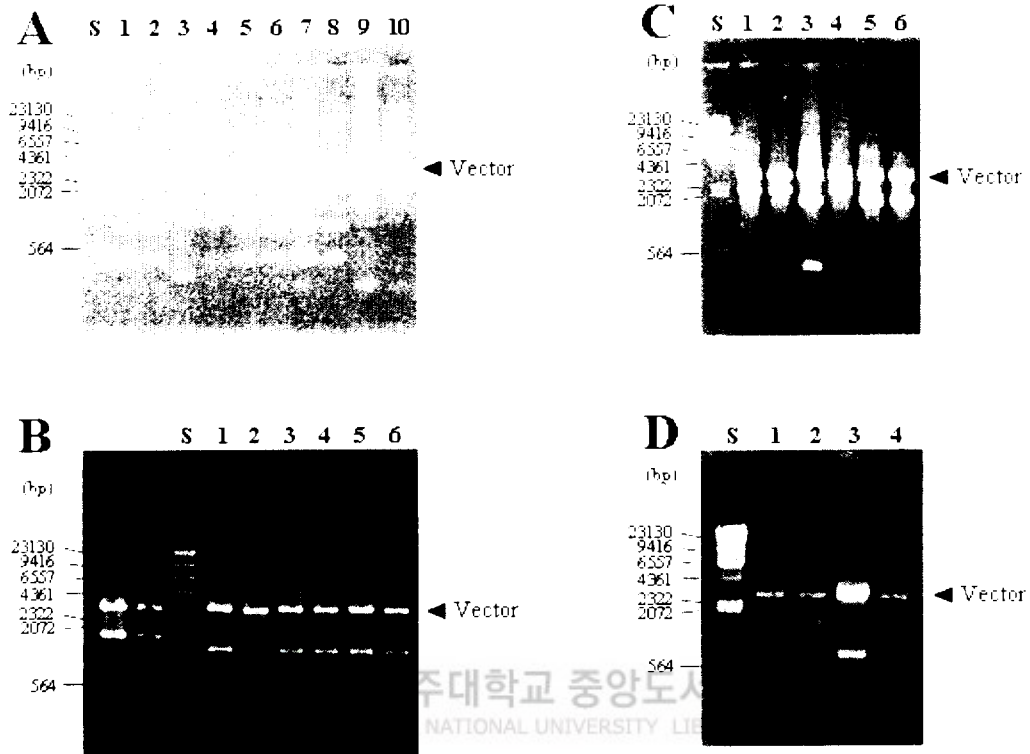


Figure 13. Agarose gel (1%) electrophoresis of *Eco*RI and *Xho*I digestion products of *in vivo* excised phagemid from containing *Ggps* (A), *Pds* (B), *Zds* (C) and *Lcy* (D) cDNAs. Clones were isolated through plaque hybridization twice and *in vivo* excised into pBluescript SK+ phagemids. S (bp) represents the molecular standards of λ /*Hind*III.

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Figure 15. Nucleotide sequence and deduced amino acid sequence for the *Pds* cDNA clones isolated from *Citrus* fruits. The sequence was registered as GenBank accession number AB046992 (92%).

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Figure 16. Nucleotide sequence and deduced amino acid sequence for the *Zds* cDNA clones isolated from *Citrus* fruits. The sequence was registered as GenBank accession number AB072343 (85%).

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Figure 17. Nucleotide sequence and deduced amino acid sequence for the *Lcy* cDNA clones isolated from *Citrus* fruits. The sequence was registered in Genbank (Genbank accession number AY166796).

3) Comparison of the deduced amino acid sequence of *Ggps* and *Lcy* with polypeptides known *Ggps* and *Lcy*

(1) *Ggps*

The deduced amino acid sequences were compared between *Citrus* and other organisms. The sequence of *Ggps* has the highest homology with oak (79%) (GenBank accession number AJ298245). The *Ggps* sequence has a high degree of similarity with various species of plants (19-79%), fungi (14-18%), and bacteria (5-20%) (Figure 18). The phylogenetic dendrogram showed similar patterns, which indicated that *Ggps* isolated from fruits can be categorized into one group (Figure 20). Therefore, these results suggested an evolutionary link among the fruit-producing plants.

(2) *Lcy*



The deduced amino acid sequences were compared between *Citrus* and other organisms. The sequence of *Lcy* has the highest homology with tobacco (83%) (GenBank accession number X81787). Its sequence has a high degree of similarity with various species of plants (29-83%), but not with bacteria (15-34%) (Figure 19). The phylogenetic dendrogram showed similar patterns, which indicated that *Lcy* isolated from fruits can be categorized into one group (Figure 21). Therefore, these results suggested an evolutionary link among the fruit-producing plants.

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Citrus     ML IYRGLSRI SRI SKKTPFGRWLP SHPLLSGASHSAAAAAADSSVKVLGCREAYSWSLPALHGIRHQIHHGSSSVIEDT

Hevea      QNNPPPSDFDKSYMLQKGNISNQALEAAIPLQEPAKIHESMRYSLLAG-GKRVRPALCLAACELVGGNDMAMPA-----
Lupinus    K---PRFNFLNYMVEKSRSVNQALNDVSLREPHKIHEAMRYSLLAG-GKRVRPVLCLAAACEVVGNESTAMAA-----
Sinapis    S---SSFDFMSYIIRKADSVNKALDSAVPLREPLKIHEAMRYSLLAG-GKRVRPVLCLAAACELVGGNESTAMAA-----
Capsicum   QT-EEP-FNFKIYVTEKAI SVNKALDEAIIVKEPHVIHEAMRYSLLAG-GKRVRPVLCLAAACELVGGNEATAMPA-----
Helianthus QK-PKPTFNFNAYMLGKGNVHKALDESIMIKNPPTIHEAMRYSLLAG-GKRVRPVLCLAAACELVGGNEATAMPA-----
Citrus     OS--QEQLDPFSLVADELSILAKRLRSMVVAEVPKLASAAEYFFKMVGEGKRFRPTVLLMATALNVRVPEPLHDGVEDA

Hevea      -----ACAVEMIHMTSLIHDDLPCMONDDLRRGKPTNHIVFGEDVAVLAGDALLAF AFEHI AVST-LNVSSAR
Lupinus    -----ACSEMIHMTSLIHDDLPCMONDDLRRGKPTNHKVFGENI AVLAGDALLAF AFEHI AVST-SGVSPER
Sinapis    -----RCAVEMIHMTSLIHDDLPCMONDDLRRGKPTNHKVVYGEDVAVLAGDALLSFAFEHLASATSEVSPAR
Capsicum   -----ACAVEMIHMTSLIHDDLPCMONDDLRRGKPTNHKIYGEDVAVLAGDALLAF AFEHIVNST-AGVTPSR
Helianthus -----ACAVEMIHMTSLIHDDLPCMONDDFRRGKPTNHKVVYGEDVAVLAGDALLAF AFEVSSRT-EGASPAR
Citrus     LATELRTRQQCIAEITEMIHVASLLHDDV--LDDAOTRRIGSLNFMGNKLA VLAGDFLLSRACVALASLK--NTEVVV
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Hevea      IIVRAVGELAKAIGAEGLVAGQVVDINSEGS--SEVDLEKLEFIH I HKTAKLLEGA VVVGALGGGTDEEVEKLRKYARDI
Lupinus    I IGAIGELAKSIGTEGLVAGQVVDINSEGL--CDIGLEKLEFIHLHKTAAALLEGSVVVGALGGGCNEEVEKLRMFARYI
Sinapis    I VRAVGELAKAIGTEGLVAGQVVDISSEGLDLNNGLEHLKFIHLHKTAAALLEASAVLGGI GGGSDDEEIERLRKFARCI
Capsicum   I V GAVAE LAKSIGTEGLVAGQVVDIKCTGN--ASVSLTELEFIHVHKTAAALLESSVVLGALGGGTNVEVEKLRRFARCI
Helianthus V LAAIGELAKSIGTEGLVAGQVVDIASTGG--QDIGLDQLEFIH I HKTAAALLEGSVVVGALGGGSDAQVEKLRTFARCI
Citrus     LLATV-----VEHLVTGETMQMTTSSD--QRCSMDYYMQTYK TASLISNSCKA IALLAGQTAEVA I LAFDYGNL
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Hevea      GLLFQVVDDI LDVTKSSQELGKTAGKDLVADKVTYPKLL-----GIEKSREF
Lupinus    GLMFQVVDDVLDVTKSSKELGKTAGKDLVADKVTYPKLL-----GIEKSNEF
Sinapis    GLLFQVVDDI LDVTKSSQELGKTAGKDL IADKVTYPKLM-----GLEKSREF
Capsicum   GLLFQVVDDI LDVTKSSEELGKTAGKDLVVDKTTYPKLL-----GLEKAKEF
Helianthus GLLFQVVDDI LDVTKSSEELGKTAGKOLLVDKTTYPKLL-----GLDKSRQF
Citrus     GLAYQLIDDVLDFTGTSASLGKGSLSDIQHGIIITAPILFAMEEFPQLRTVVVEGGFEDSSNVDIALEYLGKSRGIQKTREL
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Hevea      AEKLNKEAQEQLAGFQPEK-----AAPLIALANYIAHRQN
Lupinus    AQKLNRAQEQQLSGFDPVK-----VAPLIALANYIAYSPN
Sinapis    AEKLNTEARQQLLGFDSDK-----VAPLLALANYIAHRQN
Capsicum   AAELNREAKQQLEGFDSRK-----AAPLIALADYIAYRQN
Helianthus AEELLAEAKQQLEEFESQAA-----VAPLLALAEYIAYRQN
Citrus     AVKHANLAAAAIDSLPENNOEDVRKSRRALDLTHRVIRNK-
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Figure 18. Alignment of the deduced amino acid sequences of Ggps isolated from various species. Multiple sequence alignment was done with cDNA encoding Ggps, including Hevea (AB055496), Sinapis (X98795), Lupinus (U15778), Capsicum (X80267) and Helianthus (AF020041)

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Citrus      -----MOTVLRKTHNKLKLEFLPQVHGALFKSSS-----LSSLKIQNGELRFLGKKSQKRNRSFCIKASSSALLELVPEF
Citrus-P    MLPLFSSLLNGVTONPCRKAMD TLLKTHNKLKLEFLPQVHGALFKSSS-----LSSLKIQNGELRFLGKKSQKRNRSFCIKASSSALLELVPEF
Arabidopsis1 -----MOTLLKTPNKLDFEIPQVHGFER-----LCSNHPYPSRVRLGVKK-RAIKIVSSVSG-SAALLDLVPEF
Arabidopsis-b -----MOTLLKTPNKLDFEIPQVHGFER-----LCSNHPYPSRVRLGVKK-RAIKIVSSVSG-SAALLDLVPEF
Tagetes-b   -----
Arabodopsis-e -----MECVGARNFAAMAVSYTFPSWSCKRIKFPVVKRYSYRNIRFGLCSVRSAGGGSSGSESCVAVREDFADEDFVKAGGSEILFVQM00
Tagetes-e   -----MSMRAGHMATMAAFTCP-----RFMTSIRYTKQIKC-----N-----AAKSQLVVK0EIEEEDYVKAGGSELFFVQM00

Citrus      KK-----ENLEFELPMYDPSKG-----LVVDLAVVGGGPAGLAVAQOVSEAGLSVCSIDPSPKLIWPNHYGVWVDEFEAMDLLDCLDTTWSGA
Citrus-P    KK-----ENLEFELPMYDPSKG-----LVVDLAVVGGGPAGLAVAQOVSEAGLSVCSIDPSPKLIWPNHYGVWVDEFEAMDLLDCLDTTWSGA
Arabidopsis1 -----QVVDLAVVGGGPAGLAVAQOVSEAGLSVCSIDPSPKLIWPNHYGVWVDEFEAMDLLDCLDTTWSGA
Arabidopsis-b -----ENLDFELPLDYDTSKS-----QVVDLAVVGGGPAGLAVAQOVSEAGLSVCSIDPSPKLIWPNHYGVWVDEFEAMDLLDCLDTTWSGA
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Arabodopsis-e -----MYDPSRN-----VVVDLAVVGGGpsGLAVAQOVSEAGLTVCSIDPSPKLIWPNHYGVWVDEFEAMDLLDCLDTTWSGA
Tagetes-e   NKDMDEQSKLVOKLPPISIGD-----ALDKVVIIGCGPAGLALAAESAKLGLKVGLIG-POLPFTNNYGVWVDEFEADLGLQKCIETHYWRET
NKSMDAQSSLSQKLRPVPIGGGDSNCLIDLVIIGCGPAGLALAGESAKLGLNVALIG-POLPFTNNYGVWVDEFEADLGLLEGCIETHYWRDT
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Citrus      VVHI DDNTKKDLDPYGRVNRKLLKSKMLQKCI TNGVKFHQAKV IKV IHE -ESKSLI ICNDGVT IQAAVVL DATGFSR-CLVQYDKP-YNPG
Citrus-P    VVHI DDNTKKDLNRPYGRVNRKLLKSKMLQKCI TNGVKFHQAKV IKV IHE -ESKSLI ICNDGVT IQAAVVL DATGFSR-CLVQYDKP-YNPG
Arabidopsis1 -----VVYVDEGVKKDLSPYGRVNRKQLKSKMLQKCI TNGVKFHQSKV TNV VHE -EANSTVVCSDGVK IQASVVL DATGFSR-CLVQYDKP-YNPG
Arabidopsis-b -----VVYVDEGVKKDLSPYGRVNRKQLKSKMLQKCI TNGVKFHQSKV TNV VHE -EANSTVVCSDGVK IQASVVL DATGFSR-CLVQYDKP-YNPG
Tagetes-b   -----VVYIDKSKTKSLNRPYARVNRKQLKTKMLQKCI ANGVKFHQAKV IKV IHE -ELSKSLI ICNDGVT IQATLVL DATGFSR-SLVQYDKP-YNPG
Arabodopsis-e -----VYLDODDKPITIGRAYGRVSRLLHEELLRRRCVESGSVLSKVDOSITEASDGLRLVACDDNVIWPCRLTAVSAGSAGKLLQYVEGGPRVC
Tagetes-e   VYLDODNDPILIGRAYGRVSRLLHEELLTRCSESGSVLSKVERITEAPNGLSLECEGNIITIPCRLATVASGAASGKLLQYVEGGPRVC
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Citrus      YQVAYGILAEVEEHFDFDKMVFMDWRDSHLNNNSLKEANSKIPTFLYAMPFSSNRIFLEETSIVARPGVPMKDIQERMVARLKHILGKIVR
Citrus-P    YQVAYGILAEVEEHFDFDKMVFMDWRDSHLNNNSLKEANSKIPTFLYAMPFSSNRIFLEETSIVARPGVPMKDIQERMVARLKHILGKIVR
Arabidopsis1 -----YQVAYGILAEVDGHFDFDVKMVFMDWRDKHLDSYPLEKERNSKIPTFLYAMPFSSNRIFLEETSIVARPGVPMKDIQERMAARLKHILGINVK
Arabidopsis-b -----YQVAYGILAEVDGHFDFDVKMVFMDWRDSHL DONLEIKARNSRIPITFLYAMPFSSSTRIFLEETSIVARPGVPMKDIQERMAYRKHILGKIVR
Tagetes-b   -----YQVAYGILAEVEEHFDFDVKMVFMDWRDSHL DONLEIKARNSRIPITFLYAMPFSSSTRIFLEETSIVARPGVPMKDIQERMAARLKHILGINVK
Arabodopsis-e -----VQIAYGVEVEVENSYPDQKMFMDYRDYTKNEK----VRSLEAEYPTFLYAMPMTKSRLLFEETCLASKVMPFDLLKTKMLMLRDLTLGIRIL
Tagetes-e   VQIAYGVEVEVESIYPDPSLVMFMDYRDYTKHK----SOSLEAQYPTFLYAMPSPKVFVEETCLASKAMPFELKTKMLMSRKTIMGIRIT
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Citrus      SIEED-----EHCVIPMGGGLPVLPRVVGIGGTAGMIVHPSTGYMVARTLAAAPIVANAIVRSLSS-----DRSISG-----HKLSAEV
Citrus-P    SIEED-----EHCVIPMGGGLPVLPRVVGIGGTAGMIVHPSTGYMVARTLAAAPIVANAIVRSLSS-----DRSISG-----HKLSAEV
Arabidopsis1 -----RIEED-----ERCVIPMGGGLPVLPRVVGIGGTAGMIVHPSTGYMVARTLAAAPIVANAIVRYLGSPS-----SNSLRG-----DOLSAEV
Arabidopsis-b -----RIEED-----ERCVIPMGGGLPVLPRVVGIGGTAGMIVHPSTGYMVARTLAAAPIVANAIVRYLGSPS-----SNSLRG-----DOLSAEV
Tagetes-b   SIEED-----ERCVIPMGGGLPVLPRVVGIGGTAGMIVHPSTGYMVARTLAAAPIVAKSITIRYLNNEKSMVADVTVG-----DOLAAGI
Arabodopsis-e -----KTYEE-----EWSYIPVGGSLPNTTEQNLAFGAASMVHPATGYSVVRSLSEAPKYASVIAEILREET-----TKQIN-----SNISRQA
Tagetes-e   KTYEEYLVAQCQLLEWYSYIPVGGSLPNTTEQNLAFGAASMVHPATGYSVVRSLSEAPNYAAVIAKILGKGN-----SKMLDLGRYTTNISKGA
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Citrus      WKDLWP|ERRRQREFFCFGMD|ILLKLDL|PATRRFFDAFFDLEPRYWHGFLSSRLFLPELLVFGLSLF|SHASNTSRLE|IMAKGTLPLVNM|INN
Citrus-P    WKDLWP|ERRRQREFFCFGMD|ILLKLDL|PATRRFFDAFFDLEPRYWHGFLSSRLFLPELLVFGLSLF|SHASNTSRLE|IMAKGTLPLVNM|INN
Arabidopsis1 -----WRDLWP|ERRRQREFFCFGMD|ILLKLDL|DTRRFFDAFFDLEPRYWHGFLSSRLFLPELLVFGLSLF|SHASNTSRLE|IMTKGTVPLAKM|INN
Arabidopsis-b -----WRDLWP|ERRRQREFFCFGMD|ILLKLDL|EGTRRFFDAFFDLEPRYWHGFLSSRLFLPELLVFGLSLF|SHASNTSRLE|IMAKGTLPLVNM|INN
Tagetes-b   WRDLWP|ERRRQREFFCFGMD|ILLKLDL|EGTRRFFDAFFDLEPRYWHGFLSSRLFLPELLVFGLSLF|SHASNTSRLE|IMAKGTLPLVNM|INN
Arabodopsis-e -----WDLWPP|ERRRQRAFFLFLGLAL|YQFDTEG|RSFRFTFRFLPKWMMQGLGSTL|TSGDVL|FALYMF|V|SPNHLR|KGL|NHL|ISDPTGATM|
Tagetes-e   WDLWPP|ERRRQRAFFLFLGLAL|YQFDTEG|RSFRFTFRFLPKWMMQGLGSTL|TSGDVL|FALYMF|V|SPNHLR|KGL|NHL|ISDPTGATM|
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Citrus      LVQDT0
Citrus-P    LVQDT0
Arabidopsis1 -----LVQDR0
Arabidopsis-b -----LVQDR0
Tagetes-b   LVDR0E
Arabodopsis-e -----KTYLKV
Tagetes-e   KAYLTI

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Figure 19. Alignment of the deduced amino acid sequences of *Lcy* isolated from various species. Multiple sequence alignment was done with cDNA encoding LCT, including Citrus-P (AF152246), Arabidopsis1 (L40176), Arabidopsis-b (ATU50739), Arabidopsis-e (ATU50738), Tagetes-b (AY099484) and Tagetes-e (AY099485). Names are GenBank accession numbers. Stars (*) represent the perfectly matched amino acids. The positions in the well-matched amino acids represented by (.). The bold letters represent the different amino acid residues. This alignment was generated by Clustal X (version 1.8) (Thompson *et al.*, 1994). An asterisk indicates identical amino acid residues. The amino acid residues showing similar character are represented by a dot.

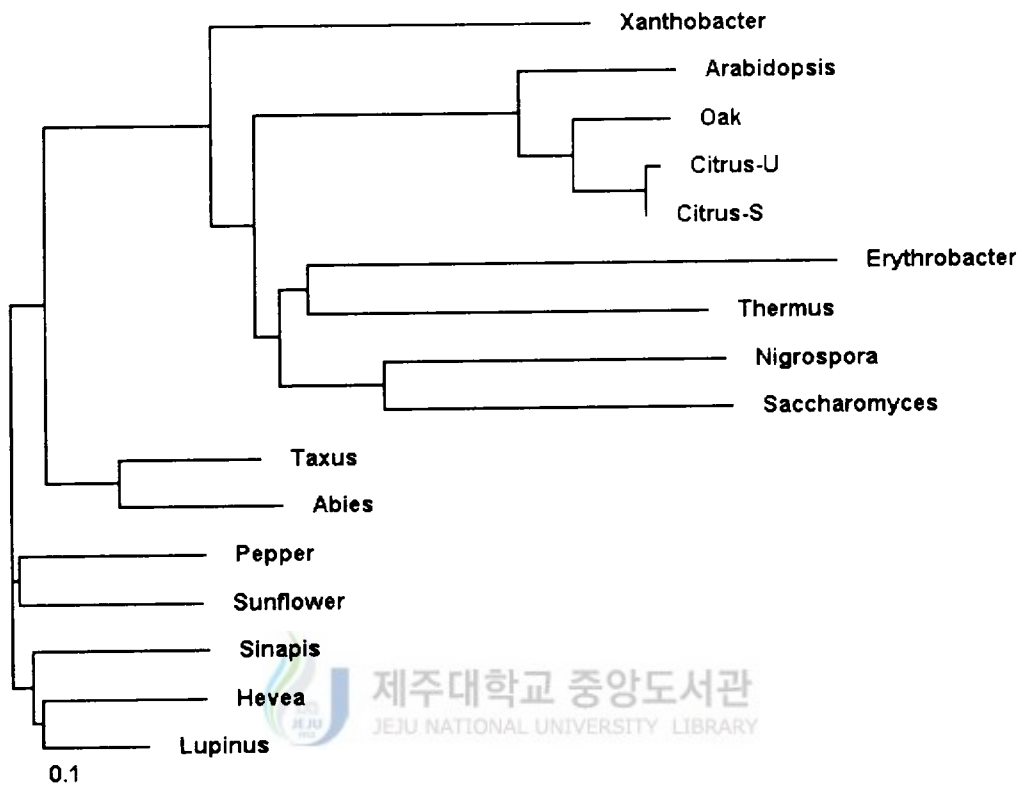


Figure 20. Phylogenetic relationship of the *Citrus Ggps* to *Ggps* of other various species. The *Ggps* cDNA sequences used for amino acid translation and GenBank accession numbers are: Citrus-U , Xanthobacter (AF408847), Arabidopsis (Y17376), Oak (AJ28245), Citrus-S (AJ243739), Erythrobacter (D83513), Thermus (D87817), Nigrospora (AB037600), Saccharomyces (U31632), Taxus (AF081514), Abies (AF425235), Pepper (X80267), Sunflower (AF020041), Sinapis (X98795), Hevea (AB055496) and Lupinus (U15778). Phylogenetic analysis is based on the deduced amino acid sequences of *Ggps* from various species. The tree was generated by Clustal X (version 1.8) and TreeView (version 1.8).

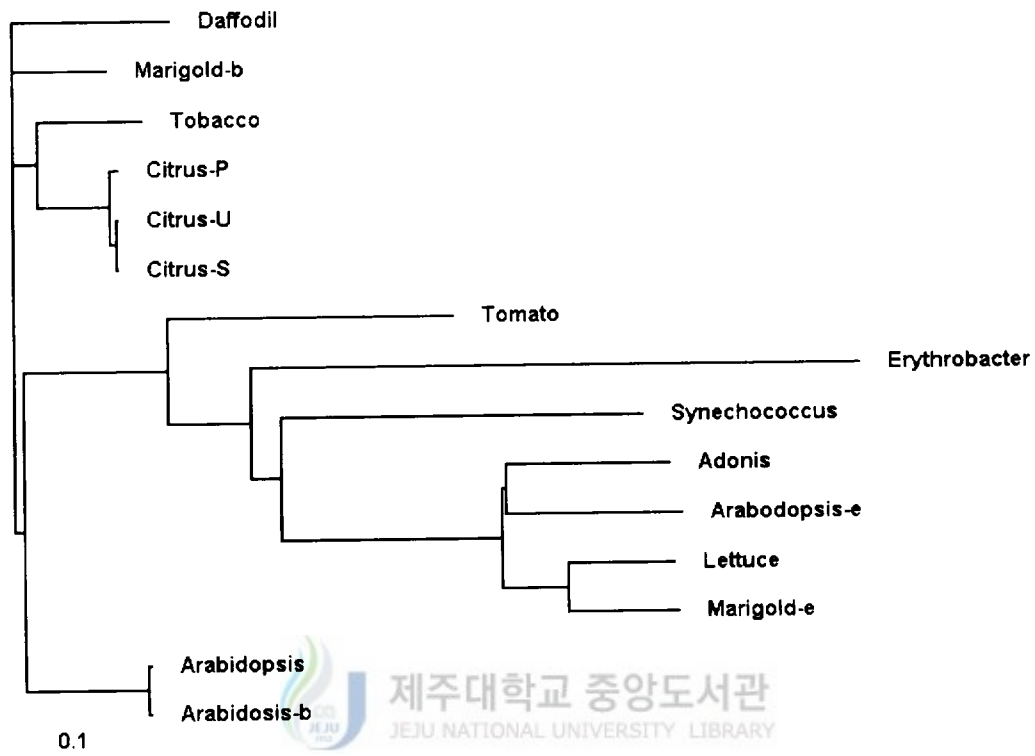


Figure 21. Phylogenetic relationship of the *Citrus Lcy* to *Lcy* of other various species. The *Lcy* cDNA sequences used for amino acid translation and GenBank accession numbers are: Citrus-U, Daffodil (X98796), Marigold-b (AY099484), Tobacco (X81787), Citrus-P (AF152246), Citrus-S (AF240787), Tomato (AF254793), Erythrobacter (D83513), Synechococcus (X74599), Adonis (AF321535), Arabodopsis-e (U50738), Lettuce (AF321538), Marigold-e (AY099485), Arabidopsis (L40176) and Arabidopsis-b (U50739). Phylogenetic analysis is based on the deduced amino acid sequences of *Lcy* from various species. The tree was generated by Clustal X (version 1.8) and TreeView (version 1.8).

4) Genomic Southern analysis

The genomic DNA isolated from *Citrus* leaves was digested with *Bam*HI, *Eco*RI, *Sac*I, *Xba*I and *Hind*III, and then separated on 0.7% agarose gels. As shown in Figure 22 and Figure 23, the digested DNA fragments were hybridized with the *Ggps*, *Pds*, *Zds* and *Lcy* cDNA probe and washed at high stringency (0.1 x SSPE and 0.1% SDS, 68°C). The genomic blot pattern showed 1 to 5 bands in each DNA sample, which indicated that *Ggps*, *Pds*, *Zds* and *Lcy* is present as low copy in *Citrus* genome.

5) Expression pattern in *Citrus*

We investigated the expression patterns of *Citrus Ggps*, *Zds* and *Lcy* gene in the process of fruit and leaf development (Figure 24). *Citrus* fruits and leaves were harvested at five stages determined by maturity and internal fruit color, and size of fruit. Fruit tissues were partitioned into flesh and peel, except for the mini-green fruit of 25 DAF.

In summary, we isolated a cDNA clone encoding *Ggps*, *Pds*, *Zds* and *Lcy*, and investigated the expression patterns during fruit and leaf development in *Citrus*, which is a nonclimacteric fruit-producing woody plant.

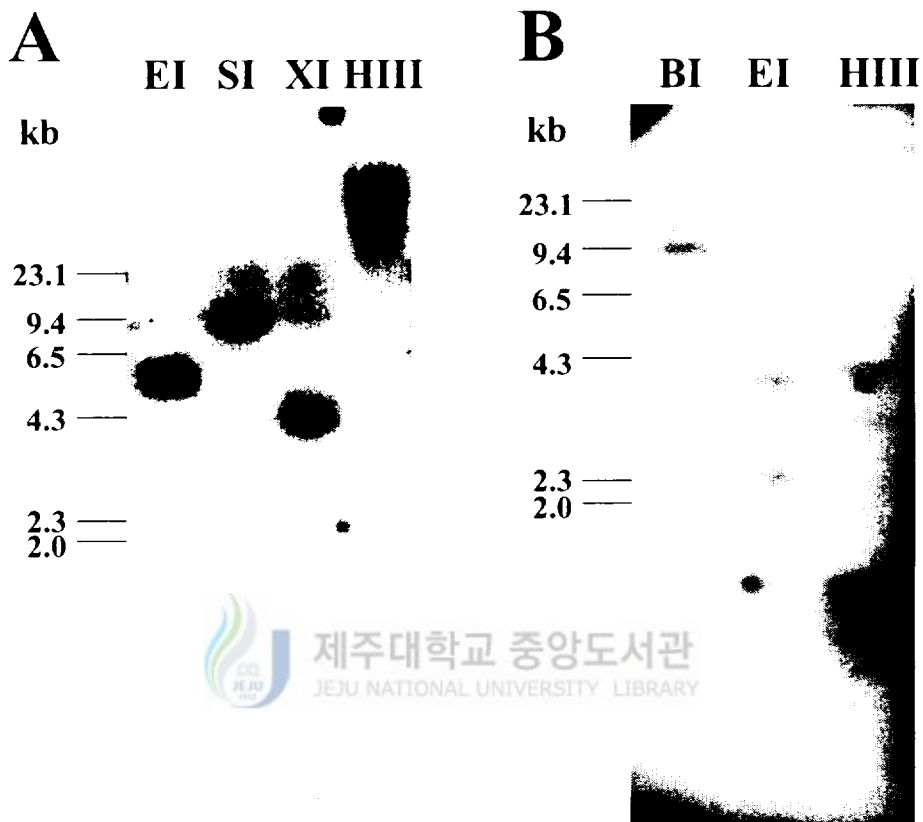


Figure 22. Genomic blot analysis of *Ggps* (A) and *Pds* (B). (A) Genomic DNA (10 μ g) was digested with *Eco*RI (EI), *Sac*I (SI), *Xba*I (XI) and *Hind*III (HI) for each DNA sample. (B) Genomic DNA (10 μ g) was digested with *Bam*HI (BI), *Eco*RI (EI) and *Hind*III (HI) for each DNA sample. Size markers (kb) are indicated on the left.

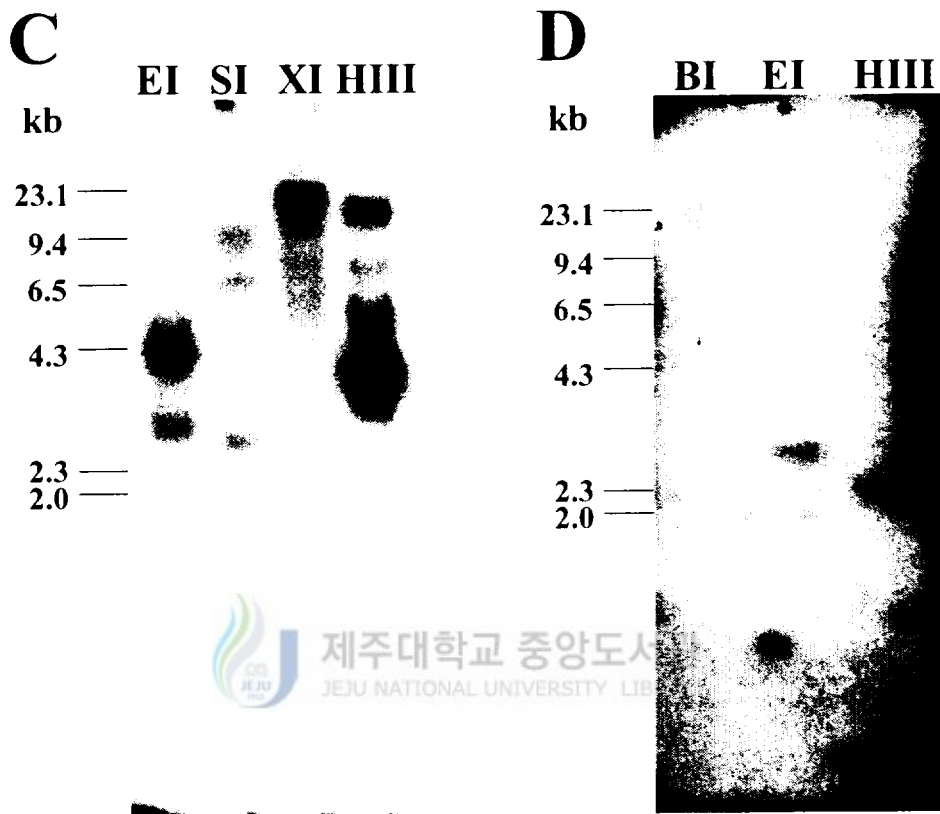


Figure 23. Genomic blot analysis of *Zds* (A) and *Lcy* (B). (A) Genomic DNA (10 μ g) was digested with *Eco*RI (EI), *Sac*I (SI), *Xba*I (XI) and *Hind*III (HI) for each DNA sample. (B) Genomic DNA (10 μ g) was digested with *Bam*HI (BI), *Eco*RI (EI) and *Hind*III (HI) for each DNA sample. Size markers (kb) are indicated on the left.

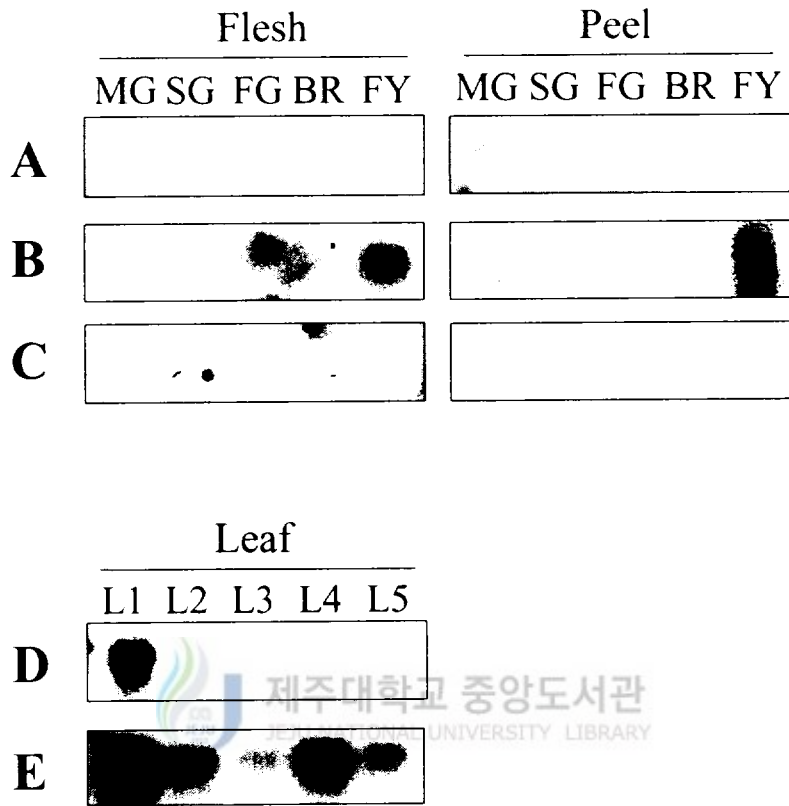


Figure 24. Northern blot analysis of *Ggps* (A, D), *Zds* (B, E) and *Lcy* (C) gene expression in five developmental stages of flesh and peel of fruits, and leaves of *Citrus*. Total RNA (20 μ g/lane) was separated on a 1.2 % formaldehyde gel, transferred to Hybond N membrane (Amersham Life Science, Amersham, UK), and hybridized with *Ggps*, *Zds* and *Lcy* cDNA probes.

SUMMARY (국문 요약)

감귤 중 과육에는 carotenoide 생합성 중에 나타나는 β -carotene 과 ζ -carotene, β -cryptoxanthin 이 많고, 과피에는 cryptoxanthin 과 antheraxanthin, violaxanthin 이 많이 축적되어 있다. 따라서 carotenoid 생합성에 관여하는 Ggps 와 Pds, Zds, Lcy 의 유전자 발현이 β -cryptoxanthin 를 비롯한 carotenoid 의 축적과 밀접하게 관련되어 있을 것으로 생각되어진다. 그러므로, Ggps 와 Pds, Zds, Lcy 를 암호화하는 cDNA 의 발현양상의 특성을 연구하기 위해 감귤과육, 과피 및 잎의 library 로부터 분리하였다.

국내산 감귤과 수입산 감귤의 과피와 과육으로부터 β -cryptoxanthin의 함량을 측정하였다. 추출한 색소농축물은 TLC (Thin-layer Chromatography) 분석에 의해 확인되었다. 감귤의 β -cryptoxanthin 의 함량분석은 HPLC (High Performance Liquid Chromatography) 방법으로 수행하였다. 과피와 과육 중 β -cryptoxanthin의 함량은 Satsuma (*Citrus unshiu* Marcovitch)가 다른 감귤보다 높게 나타났다. Kiyomi (*Citrus Tangor*) 그리고 Siranuhi (*Citrus sp.*), Semioru (*Citrus Tangelo*), Satsuma (*Citrus unshiu* Marcovitch), Navel orange (*Citrus sinensis* Osbeck var. basiliensis Tanaka), Lemon (*Citrus limon*), Grapefruit (*Citrus paradisi*), Valencia orange (*Citrus sinensis* Osbeck) 의 과피 내의 β -cryptoxanthin의 함량은 각각 0.315 ± 0.066 그리고 0.749 ± 0.011 , 0.811 ± 0.002 , 2.178 ± 0.008 , 0.164 ± 0.0026 , 0.066 ± 0.001 , 0.048 ± 0.001 , 0.164 ± 0.001 mg%이었다. 또한 Kiyomi (*Citrus Tangor*) 그리고 Siranuhi (*Citrus sp.*), Semioru (*Citrus Tangelo*), Satsuma (*Citrus unshiu* Marcovitch), Navel orange (*Citrus sinensis* Osbeck var. basiliensis Tanaka), Lemon (*Citrus limon*), Grapefruit (*Citrus paradisi*), Valencia orange (*Citrus sinensis* Osbeck) 의 과육 내의 β -cryptoxanthin의 함량은 각각 0.405 ± 0.003 그리고 0.427 ± 0.004 , 0.307 ± 0.002 , 0.663 ± 0.002 , 0.068 ± 0.002 , 0.008 , 0.007 ± 0.001 , 0.114 ± 0.004 mg%이었다.

β -cryptoxanthin 생합성은 여러 유전자의 발현에 의해 조절되지만, 본 연구에서는 이들 유전자 중, carotenoid 생합성의 첫단계인 geranylgeranyl pyrophosphate 의 생합성에 관여하는 geranylgeranyl diphosphate synthase (Ggps) 그리고 phytoene 에서 ζ -carotene 으로의 생합성에 관여하는 phytoene desaturase (Pds), ζ -carotene 에서 lycopene 으로의 생합성에 관여하는 ζ -carotene desaturase (Zds), lycopene 에서 carotene 으로의 생합성에 관여하는 lycopene cyclase (Lcy) 유전자를 감귤로부터 분리하였다.

감귤 (*Citrus unshiu* Marc.) 의 과피와 과육의 cDNA library 에서 Ggps 를 암호화하는 cDNA 클론을 분리하였다. 염기서열분석과 유연관계조사를 통해 이 클론은 과실수의 Ggps 와 유사한 서열특성을 가지고 있음을 알 수 있었다. Ggps 클론은 426 개 아미노산을 이루는 한 개의 ORF 를 포함하고 있었다.

그리고, 감귤로부터 Pds 와 Zds 에 관한 연구를 위해 먼저 과육과 과피, 잎 cDNA library 로부터 cDNA 클론들을 분리하였다. 염기서열분석과 유연관계조사를 통해 이 클론들이 기존에 감귤로부터 밝혀진 Pds 와 Zds 임을 확인하였다. Pds 는 553 개의 아미노산을 이루는 한 개의 ORF 를 포함하고 있었고, Zds 는 570 개의 아미노산을 이루는 한 개의 ORF 를 포함하고 있었다.

마찬가지로, 감귤로부터 Lcy 를 암호화하는 cDNA 클론을 분리하기 위해 감귤 과피 그리고 과육, 잎 cDNA library 로부터 cDNA 클론을 분리하였다. 염기서열분석과 유연관계조사를 통해 이 클론은 과실수의 Lcy 와 유사한 서열특성을 가지고 있음을 알 수 있었다. Lcy 클론은 504 개 아미노산을 이루는 한 개의 ORF 를 포함하고 있었다.

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