

## SUPPLEMENTARY FILES

**Bile amount affects both the degree of micellarization and the hydrolysis extent of carotenoid esters during *in vitro* digestion**

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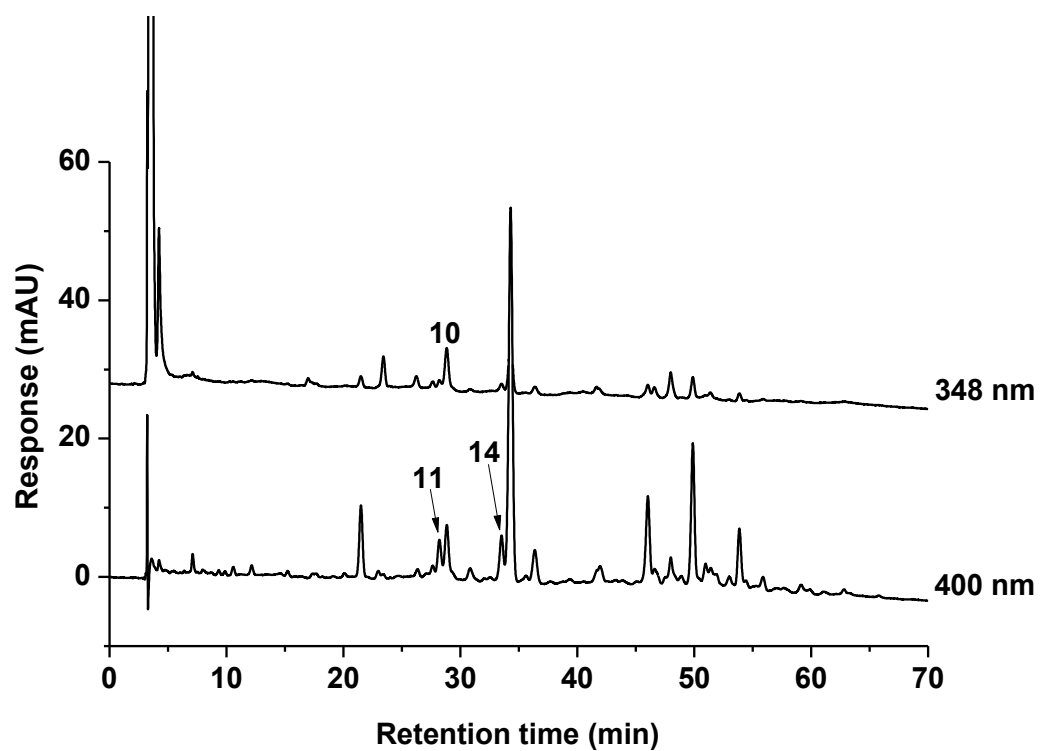


Figure S1. Chromatograms, obtained by HPLC-DAD, of carotenoid extracts from the mandarin pulp, processed at 348 nm and 400 nm, for the detection of phytopluene (peak 10) and  $\xi$ -carotene isomers (peaks 11 and 14), respectively. Peak identification is given in Table 1 from the manuscript.

Table S1. Comparative of the carotenoid contents in the aqueous phase (supernatant) resultant from *in vitro* digestion of mandarin pulp before and after the application of a microfiltration step (bile extract/food ratio 0.045)

peak	carotenoid	supernatant before filtration	supernatant upon filtration (micelles)
1	not identified 1	10.6 ± 1.0	11.0 ± 1.0
2	not identified 2	9.2 ± 1.2	7.6 ± 0.4
3	mutatoxanthin epimer 1	11.4 ± 0.7	13.4 ± 0.1
4	lutein + mutatoxanthin 2	12.2 ± 1.0	13.3 ± 0.2
5	(all- <i>E</i> )-zeaxanthin	13.2 ± 1.3	14.7 ± 0.3
6	(13 <i>Z</i> )- or (15 <i>Z</i> )-β-cryptoxanthin	5.8 ± 0.5	5.5 ± 0.0
7	(9 <i>Z</i> )-zeaxanthin	6.1 ± 0.3	5.9 ± 0.0
8	(all- <i>E</i> )-β-cryptoxanthin	46.0 ± 9.2	50.3 ± 3.4
9	(9 <i>Z</i> )-β-cryptoxanthin	5.1 ± 0.2	5.9 ± 0.3
10	phytofluene	7.5 ± 0.6	6.2 ± 0.3
11	ζ-carotene 1	8.8 ± 0.9	6.9 ± 0.2
12	(13 <i>Z</i> )- or (15 <i>Z</i> )-β-carotene	17.1 ± 1.9	14.8 ± 1.7
13	not identified 3	9.1 ± 1.2	7.4 ± 0.4
14	ζ-carotene 2	8.4 ± 1.2	7.9 ± 0.5
15	(all- <i>E</i> )-β-carotene	143.7 ± 23.6	111.3 ± 15.3
16	(9 <i>Z</i> )-β-carotene	17.4 ± 2.3	14.4 ± 1.4
17	(13 <i>Z</i> )- or (15 <i>Z</i> )-β-cryptoxanthin laurate + (all- <i>E</i> )-zeaxanthin myristate	7.0 ± 0.6	5.7 ± 0.1
18	(9 <i>Z</i> )-β-cryptoxanthin caprate	8.2 ± 0.6	6.0 ± 0.7
19	(all- <i>E</i> )-β-cryptoxanthin laurate	30.8 ± 5.8	14.6 ± 1.8
20	(13 <i>Z</i> )- or (15 <i>Z</i> )- β-cryptoxanthin myristate	7.3 ± 1.1	6.0 ± 0.3
21	(all- <i>E</i> )-zeaxanthin palmitate	6.3 ± 0.6	5.2 ± 0.1

22	(Z)- $\beta$ -cryptoxanthin palmitoleate	12.0 $\pm$ 1.9	6.4 $\pm$ 0.
23	mutatoxanthin laurate myristate 2	6.5 $\pm$ 0.7	7.0 $\pm$ 0.7
24	mutatoxanthin dilaurate 1	5.5 $\pm$ 0.5	5.0 $\pm$ 0.2
25	(all-E)- $\beta$ -cryptoxanthin myristate	40.4 $\pm$ 8.1	16.6 $\pm$ 2.3
26	(9Z)- $\beta$ -cryptoxanthin oleate	11.9 $\pm$ 1.9	10.2 $\pm$ 1.4
27	(13Z)- or (15Z)- $\beta$ -cryptoxanthin palmitate + mutatoxanthin laurate palmitate 1	8.0 $\pm$ 1.2	5.6 $\pm$ 0.3
28	mutatoxanthin laurate palmitate 2+ mutatoxanthin dimyristate 1	6.6 $\pm$ 0.7	5.3 $\pm$ 0.2
29	(all-E)-zeaxanthin dilaurate	6.7 $\pm$ 0.7	5.3 $\pm$ 0.0
30	(all-E)- $\beta$ -cryptoxanthin palmitate	20.4 $\pm$ 3.8	10.9 $\pm$ 1.0
31	mutatoxanthin dimyristate 2	5.7 $\pm$ 0.5	4.8 $\pm$ 0.0
32	zeaxanthin laurate myristate	7.5 $\pm$ 0.5	5.7 $\pm$ 0.1
33	(all-E)-zeaxanthin dimyristate	7.2 $\pm$ 0.4	5.8 $\pm$ 0.3
Total		529 $\pm$ 73	421 $\pm$ 30

Results are means and standard deviations of three replicates.