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                                TMH1                                TMH2
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ZmHYD5 : .....GRGDAAAARRAARKRSERRTYLVAAVMSLGF TSMAAA AVYYR FAWQMEGGG.AIPVTEMVGTFALS VGA
ZmHYD6 : ...D...GGGDAAEVAARRAARKRSERRTYLVAAVMSLGF TSMAAA AVYYR FAWQMEGGG.EIPVTEMVGTFALS VGA

                                TMH3                                TMH4
OsHYD1 : AVGMFWARWAHRALWHASLWHMHESHHRAR..EGPFELNDVFAITNAVPAISLLAYGFFHRGLVPGLCFGAGLGITLFGM
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OsHYD1 : AYMFVHDGLVHRRFPVGP IANVPYFRRVAAAHK IHHMDKFE GVPYGLFLGPKELLEVGCLEELKEKELARINRSL.....
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ZmHYD4 : AYMFVHDGLVHRRFPVGP IANVPYFRRVAAAHK IHHMDKFE GVPYGLFLGPKELLEVGCLEELKEKELARIGRTI.....
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ZmHYD6 : AYMFVHDGLVHRRFPVGP IENVPYFRRVAAAHQLHMDKFE GVPYGLFLGPKELLEVGCLEELKEKIKRIRRRREALDAI

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OsHYD1 : .....
ZmHYD3 : KTRPVCCVVRTSVFMGQSVNPF
ZmHYD4 : .....
OsHYD2 : R.....
OsHYD3 : Q.....
ZmHYD5 : Q.....
ZmHYD6 : Q.....

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Figure S1. Conserved motifs in HYD proteins of maize and rice. Multiple sequence alignment of HYD protein sequences from maize (*Zm*; *Zea mays*) and rice (*Os*; *Oryza sativa*) indicates variable N-termini harboring the chloroplast transit peptide (light blue shaded box), four transmembrane helices (TMH1-4) and four histidine motifs necessary for enzymatic function (consensus sequences indicated by a thin overline).

β -carotene accumulating cells

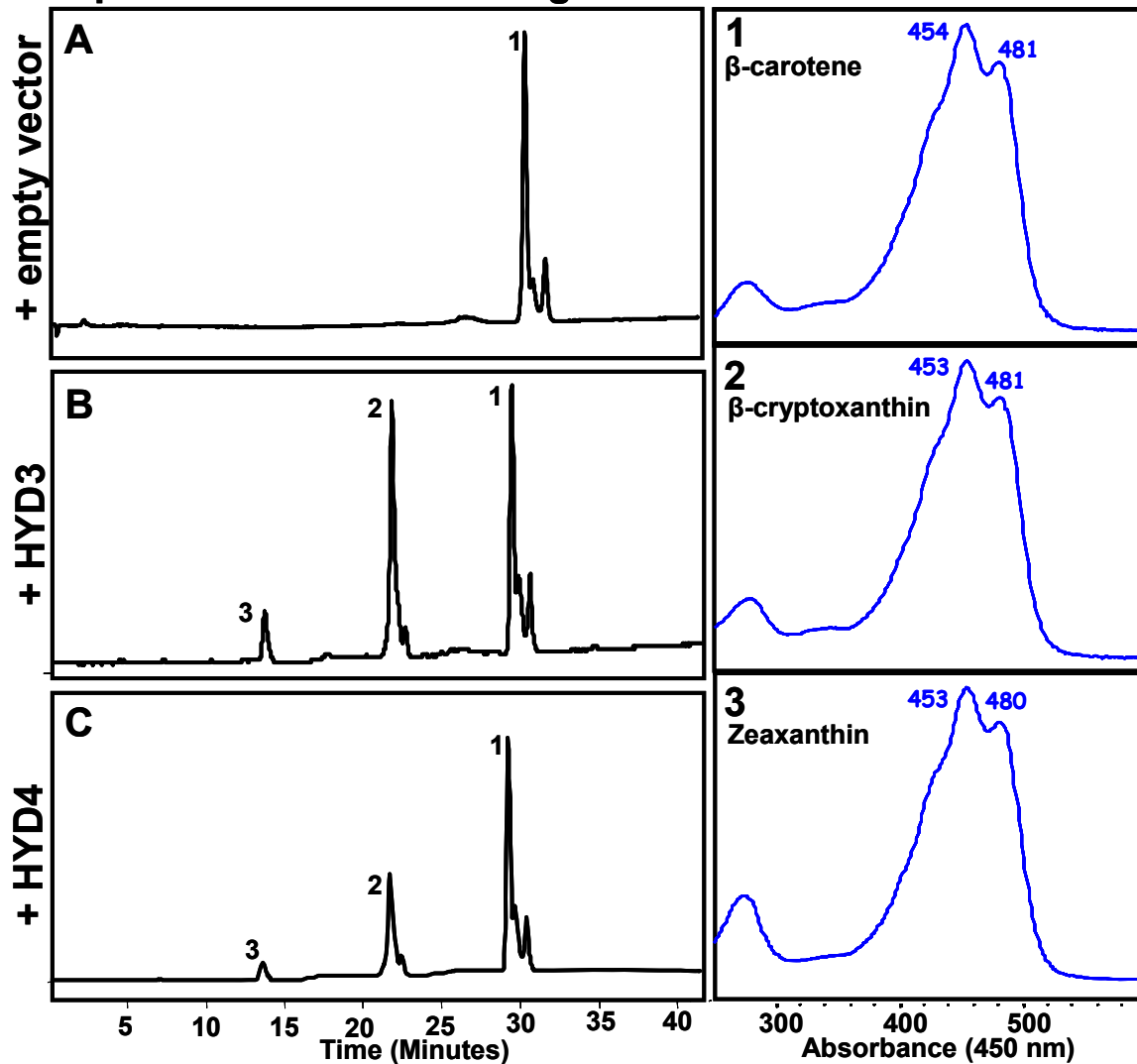


Figure S2. Functional complementation of *HYD* genes. Control cells carrying pAC-BETA-04 which contains genes encoding enzymes needed for β -carotene production (Sun et al., 1996) and an empty vector (pET23c) accumulated the β -carotene substrate (Fig. S2A). Alternatively, when β -carotene – accumulating cells were transformed with the *HYD3* (Fig. S2B) or *HYD4* (Fig. S2C) expression constructs, additional peaks were observed that corresponded to enzyme intermediate, β -cryptoxanthin, and enzyme product, zeaxanthin. This observed hydroxylase activity was similar to that seen for the other class of β -ring hydroxylase, the P450 CYP97A enzyme, which also hydroxylates β -rings, in contrast to CYP97C which was shown to hydroxylate ϵ -rings (Quinlan et al., 2007). **Left**, HPLC chromatograms, at 450 nm of extracted pigments from *E. coli* transformed with pAC-BETA-04 and (A) pET23C (empty vector), showing accumulated β -carotene (peak 1); or (B) pTHYD3 encoding HYD3, showing β -carotene plus β -cryptoxanthin and zeaxanthin (peaks 1-3, respectively); or (C) pTHYD4 encoding HYD4, showing β -carotene plus β -cryptoxanthin and zeaxanthin (peaks 1-3, respectively). **Right**, UV spectra of peaks 1-3 shown in the chromatograms on the left.

Figure S3. Alignment of maize *HYD3* in 51 lines. Variant 5' region was amplified by PCR primers P1/P2 (Fig. 7). Allele and corresponding inbred are denoted on left of each sequence. Colors are as in Fig 6. ①

