

Table S6 Correlation Matrix for Untransformed BLUPs of the 24 Carotenoid Traits

|                                                        | $\beta$ -carotene | $\beta$ -cryptoxanthin | Zeaxanthin | $\alpha$ -carotene | Zeinoxanthin | Lutein | Acyclic and Monocyclic Carotenes | Total Carotoids | $\beta$ -Carotoids / $\alpha$ -Carotoids | $\beta$ -Xanthophylls / $\alpha$ -Xanthophylls | $\beta$ -Carotene/ $\beta$ -Cryptoxanthin | $\alpha$ -Carotene/Zeinoxanthin | Zeaxanthin/Lutein | Phytofluene | $\zeta$ -Carotene | Tetrahydroycopene | Total $\beta$ -Xanthophylls | Provitamin A* | Provitamin A*/Total Carotoids | Acyclic Carotenes/Cyclic Carotenes | $\beta$ -Carotene/( $\beta$ -Cryptoxanthin+Zeaxanthin) | Total Carotenes/Total Xanthophylls |       |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------|--------------------|--------------|--------|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| $\beta$ -carotene                                      |                   | 0.43                   | 0.38       | 0.37               | 0.03         | -0.02  | 0.55                             | 0.43            | 0.28                                     | 0.26                                           | 0.31                                      | 0.18                            | <0.01             | 0.06        | 0.05              | -0.09             | 0.40                        | 0.01          | 0.89                          | 0.74                               | -0.18                                                  | 0.53                               | 0.35  |       |
| $\beta$ -cryptoxanthin                                 | <0.01             |                        | 0.63       | <0.01              | 0.25         | -0.17  | 0.16                             | 0.58            | 0.54                                     | 0.60                                           | -0.38                                     | 0.51                            | -0.34             | 0.38        | -0.08             | -0.02             | -0.12                       | 0.73          | -0.09                         | 0.71                               | 0.42                                                   | -0.23                              | -0.07 | -0.17 |
| Zeaxanthin                                             | <0.01             | <0.01                  |            | -0.06              | <0.01        | -0.09  | 0.24                             | 0.71            | 0.65                                     | 0.71                                           | -0.23                                     | -0.07                           | -0.10             | 0.05        | 0.09              | <0.01             | -0.19                       | 0.99          | -0.10                         | 0.51                               | 0.10                                                   | -0.13                              | -0.27 | -0.22 |
| $\alpha$ -carotene                                     | <0.01             | 0.95                   | 0.38       |                    | 0.34         | 0.53   | 0.62                             | 0.38            | -0.33                                    | -0.32                                          | 0.24                                      | 0.20                            | 0.11              | 0.16        | 0.13              | 0.19              | -0.03                       | -0.05         | 0.58                          | 0.44                               | 0.27                                                   | -0.02                              | 0.43  | 0.34  |
| Zeinoxanthin                                           | 0.67              | <0.01                  | 0.99       | <0.01              |              | 0.35   | 0.22                             | 0.31            | -0.19                                    | -0.20                                          | -0.16                                     | 0.42                            | -0.48             | 0.70        | 0.03              | 0.08              | 0.03                        | 0.04          | 0.49                          | 0.23                               | 0.06                                                   | -0.08                              | 0.01  | -0.04 |
| Lutein                                                 | 0.80              | 0.01                   | 0.20       | <0.01              | <0.01        |        | 0.36                             | 0.40            | -0.56                                    | -0.57                                          | 0.02                                      | 0.04                            | 0.02              | <0.01       | 0.24              | 0.18              | 0.01                        | -0.09         | 0.97                          | 0.03                               | -0.26                                                  | 0.05                               | 0.10  | 0.11  |
| Acyclic and Monocyclic Carotenes                       | <0.01             | 0.02                   | <0.01      | <0.01              | <0.01        | <0.01  |                                  | 0.62            | -0.01                                    | -0.06                                          | 0.16                                      | 0.13                            | 0.03              | 0.15        | 0.56              | 0.50              | 0.02                        | 0.24          | 0.38                          | 0.57                               | 0.33                                                   | 0.32                               | 0.37  | 0.44  |
| Total Carotoids                                        | <0.01             | <0.01                  | <0.01      | <0.01              | <0.01        | <0.01  | <0.01                            |                 | 0.25                                     | 0.22                                           | -0.21                                     | 0.20                            | -0.18             | 0.24        | 0.27              | 0.30              | -0.12                       | 0.72          | 0.45                          | 0.62                               | 0.11                                                   | -0.02                              | -0.08 | -0.02 |
| $\beta$ -Carotoids/ $\alpha$ -Carotoids                | <0.01             | <0.01                  | <0.01      | <0.01              | 0.01         | <0.01  | 0.93                             | <0.01           |                                          | 0.97                                           | -0.17                                     | 0.04                            | -0.10             | 0.06        | -0.15             | -0.06             | -0.04                       | 0.65          | -0.55                         | 0.36                               | 0.29                                                   | -0.13                              | -0.14 | -0.16 |
| $\beta$ -Xanthophylls/ $\alpha$ -Xanthophylls          | <0.01             | <0.01                  | <0.01      | <0.01              | <0.01        | 0.40   | <0.01                            | <0.01           |                                          | -0.20                                          | <0.01                                     | -0.08                           | -0.03             | -0.09       | -0.08             | -0.14             | 0.71                        | -0.56         | 0.35                          | 0.22                               | -0.11                                                  | -0.20                              | -0.19 |       |
| $\beta$ -Carotene/ $\beta$ -Cryptoxanthin              | <0.01             | <0.01                  | <0.01      | <0.01              | 0.03         | 0.74   | 0.02                             | <0.01           | 0.01                                     | <0.01                                          | -0.27                                     | 0.25                            | -0.20             | -0.08       | -0.13             | 0.11              | -0.27                       | -0.01         | 0.08                          | 0.27                               | <0.01                                                  | 0.57                               | 0.31  |       |
| $\beta$ -Cryptoxanthin/Zeaxanthin                      | 0.01              | <0.01                  | 0.35       | <0.01              | <0.01        | 0.55   | 0.07                             | <0.01           | 0.56                                     | 0.98                                           | <0.01                                     | -0.35                           | 0.48              | -0.04       | 0.03              | -0.01             | 0.03                        | 0.16          | 0.36                          | 0.41                               | -0.06                                                  | 0.15                               | 0.13  |       |
| $\alpha$ -Carotene/Zeinoxanthin                        | 0.97              | <0.01                  | 0.17       | 0.10               | <0.01        | 0.80   | 0.62                             | 0.01            | 0.16                                     | 0.25                                           | <0.01                                     | <0.01                           | -0.48             | 0.06        | -0.02             | -0.01             | -0.14                       | -0.08         | -0.14                         | -0.07                              | 0.03                                                   | 0.10                               | 0.20  |       |
| Zeinoxanthin/Lutein                                    | 0.38              | <0.01                  | 0.51       | 0.03               | <0.01        | 0.95   | 0.03                             | <0.01           | 0.43                                     | 0.64                                           | <0.01                                     | <0.01                           | <0.01             | -0.03       | 0.08              | 0.02              | 0.08                        | 0.14          | 0.24                          | 0.24                               | -0.09                                                  | -0.01                              | -0.07 |       |
| Phytofluene                                            | 0.50              | 0.24                   | 0.21       | 0.07               | 0.70         | <0.01  | <0.01                            | <0.01           | 0.03                                     | 0.20                                           | 0.25                                      | 0.60                            | 0.41              | 0.64        |                   | 0.42              | -0.10                       | 0.07          | 0.25                          | -0.02                              | -0.14                                                  | 0.48                               | 0.05  | 0.29  |
| $\zeta$ -Carotene                                      | 0.21              | 0.75                   | 0.98       | 0.01               | 0.28         | 0.01   | <0.01                            | <0.01           | 0.39                                     | 0.26                                           | 0.07                                      | 0.63                            | 0.76              | 0.26        | <0.01             | -0.16             | <0.01                       | 0.20          | -0.07                         | -0.15                              | 0.42                                                   | -0.03                              | 0.20  |       |
| Tetrahydroycopene                                      | 0.45              | 0.08                   | 0.01       | 0.67               | 0.67         | 0.90   | 0.79                             | 0.08            | 0.59                                     | 0.05                                           | 0.14                                      | 0.87                            | 0.93              | 0.73        | 0.16              | 0.02              |                             | -0.19         | -0.02                         | -0.09                              | 0.04                                                   | 0.08                               | 0.07  | 0.07  |
| Total $\beta$ -Xanthophylls                            | <0.01             | <0.01                  | <0.01      | 0.49               | 0.62         | 0.19   | <0.01                            | <0.01           | <0.01                                    | <0.01                                          | <0.01                                     | 0.66                            | 0.05              | 0.23        | 0.34              | 0.96              | 0.01                        |               | -0.08                         | 0.57                               | 0.15                                                   | -0.15                              | -0.25 | -0.21 |
| Total $\alpha$ -Xanthophylls                           | 0.91              | 0.20                   | 0.18       | <0.01              | <0.01        | <0.01  | <0.01                            | <0.01           | <0.01                                    | <0.01                                          | <0.01                                     | 0.90                            | 0.03              | 0.25        | 0.04              | <0.01             | <0.01                       | 0.73          | 0.25                          | 0.09                               | -0.22                                                  | 0.07                               | 0.10  | 0.11  |
| Provitamin A*                                          | <0.01             | <0.01                  | <0.01      | <0.01              | <0.01        | 0.64   | <0.01                            | <0.01           | <0.01                                    | <0.01                                          | <0.01                                     | 0.23                            | <0.01             | 0.05        | <0.01             | 0.80              | 0.33                        | 0.19          | <0.01                         | 0.19                               | 0.74                                                   | -0.25                              | 0.39  | 0.16  |
| Provitamin A*/Total Carotoids                          | <0.01             | <0.01                  | 0.18       | <0.01              | 0.39         | <0.01  | <0.01                            | 0.12            | <0.01                                    | <0.01                                          | <0.01                                     | <0.01                           | 0.30              | <0.01       | 0.04              | 0.03              | 0.58                        | 0.03          | <0.01                         | <0.01                              |                                                        | -0.34                              | 0.63  | 0.31  |
| Acyclic Carotenes/Cyclic Carotenes                     | 0.01              | <0.01                  | 0.06       | 0.81               | 0.28         | 0.50   | <0.01                            | 0.81            | 0.07                                     | 0.11                                           | 0.95                                      | 0.40                            | 0.62              | 0.19        | <0.01             | <0.01             | 0.27                        | 0.03          | 0.29                          | <0.01                              | <0.01                                                  |                                    | -0.10 | 0.39  |
| $\beta$ -Carotene/( $\beta$ -Cryptoxanthin+Zeaxanthin) | <0.01             | 0.36                   | <0.01      | <0.01              | 0.88         | 0.17   | <0.01                            | 0.25            | 0.04                                     | 0.01                                           | <0.01                                     | 0.03                            | 0.14              | 0.85        | 0.47              | 0.65              | 0.35                        | <0.01         | 0.16                          | <0.01                              | <0.01                                                  | 0.16                               |       | 0.66  |
| Total Carotenes/Total Xanthophylls                     | <0.01             | 0.02                   | <0.01      | <0.01              | 0.61         | 0.12   | <0.01                            | 0.80            | 0.02                                     | 0.01                                           | <0.01                                     | 0.07                            | <0.01             | 0.31        | <0.01             | <0.01             | 0.32                        | <0.01         | 0.11                          | 0.02                               | <0.01                                                  | <0.01                              | <0.01 |       |

Pearson correlation coefficients are presented in the upper triangle, and the P-values for the significance of associations are in the lower triangle.

<sup>a</sup>Provitamin A is calculated as the sum of  $\beta$ -carotene,  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\alpha$ -carotene and  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\beta$ -cryptoxanthin.