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#### Abstract 18

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20 The ecological importance and diversity of pico/nano-planktonic algae remains poorly 21 studied in marine waters, in part because many are tiny and without distinctive morphological 22 features. Amongst green algae, Mamiellophyceae such as Micromonas or Bathycoccus are 23 dominant in coastal waters while prasinophytes clade VII, yet not formerly described, appear to be major players in open oceanic waters. The pigment composition of 13 strains representative of 24 25 different sub-clades of clade VII was analyzed using a method that improves the separation of 26 loroxanthin and neoxanthin. All the prasinophytes clade VII analyzed here showed a pigment 27 composition similar to that previously reported for RCC287 corresponding to pigment group prasino-2A. However we detected in addition astaxanthin for which it is the first report in 28 29 prasinophytes. Among the strains analyzed the pigment signature are qualitatively similar within 30 sub-clades A and B. In contrast RCC3402 from sub-clade C (Picocystis) lacks loroxanthin, 31 astaxanthin and antheraxanthin. For sub-clades A and B, loroxanthin was lowest at highest light 32 irradiance suggesting a light-harvesting role of this pigment in clade VII as in *Tetraselmis*.

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39 The paraphyletic group of prasinophytes is an assemblage of free-living unicellular microalgae present in both marine and freshwater habitats (Leliaert et al. 2012). Molecular 40 41 phylogenetic, ultra-structural, and biochemical approaches have helped taxonomists to re-42 organize gradually the group into new classes and clades (Guillou et al. 2004, Marin and Melkonian 2010, Subirana et al. 2013, Lemieux et al. 2014a). Currently the prasinophytes are 43 44 divided into nine groups known as clades I to IX, based on phylogenetic analyses of the nuclear 45 18S (nuclear-encoded small subunit rRNA) gene (Fawley et al. 2000, Guillou et al. 2004, Viprey 46 et al. 2008). These clades may correspond to true classes, or be composed of a small number of 47 species or of environmental sequences only. For example, Chlorodendrophyceae (Massjuk 2006) 48 known previously as prasinophytes clade IV was recently raised to the class level and added to the "core of chlorophytes" (Fucikova et al. 2014). Clade V corresponds to the order 49 Pycnococaceae with two major species, Pseudoscourfieldia marina and Pycnococcus provasolii 50 51 which are probably two forms of a single life cycle (Fawley et al. 1999, Guillou et al. 2004). 52 Clades VIII and IX are composed entirely by environmental sequences without representatives in 53 culture (Viprey et al. 2008). Clade II, previously corresponding to the order Mamiellales, was 54 raised recently to the class level as Mamiellophyceae (Marin and Melkonian 2010) and contains 55 three important genera of marine pico-phytoplankton: Micromonas (Butcher 1952), Bathycoccus 56 (Eikrem and Throndsen 1990) and Ostreococcus (Chrétiennot-Dinet et al. 1995).

In coastal waters, Mamiellophyceae appear largely dominant, especially within the picoplankton, with the genus *Micromonas* making the highest contribution and followed to a lesser extent by *Bathycoccus* (Throndsen, J. and Kristiansen 1991, Not et al. 2004, Collado-Fabri et al. 2011, Balzano et al. 2012). In contrast in the open ocean, another group of prasinophytes, clade VII, with cell size in the 3 to 5 µm range, has been found to make an important contribution to

the pico-plankton community in regions such as the Equatorial Pacific and Mediterranean Sea (Moon-van der Staay et al. 2000, Viprey et al. 2008, Shi et al. 2009). The distribution of clade VII in typically oceanic mesotrophic waters makes this an interesting group. Prasinophyte clade VII contains several cultured strains, but it has not been described formerly yet. Guillou *et al.* (2004) divided this group into three well-supported sub-clades, A, B and C, the latter being formed by *Picocystis salinarum*, a small species found in saline lakes (Lewin et al. 2000, Roesler et al. 2002, Krienitz et al. 2012).

69 Traditionally, pigment signature has been used to determine the taxonomy of algae groups 70 present in the water column (Jeffrey et al. 1997). This approach has been largely superseded by 71 molecular approaches (Liu et al. 2009) but pigments remain an important phenotypic 72 characteristic that allowed to point out the importance of green algae in specific regions of Pacific 73 Ocean, Mediterranean Sea or Arctic Ocean (Obayashi and Tanoue 2002, Miki et al. 2008, 74 Gutiérrez-Rodríguez et al. 2010, Coupel et al. 2014). The use of pigments in order to discriminate different types of prasinophytes has proven to be a difficult task since a diversity of 75 76 photosynthetic signatures can be found in this group. Prasinophytes can be divided into three 77 major groups based on their carotenoid composition (Egeland et al. 1997, Garrido et al. 2009). 78 Group 1 contains the basic set of carotenoids present in Chlorophyceae: neoxanthin, violaxanthin, 79 lutein, zeaxanthin, antheraxanthin, astaxanthin and  $\beta$ - $\beta$ -carotene. The two later pigments are 80 found to accumulate in Haematococcus and Dunaliella species under stress conditions (Lemoine 81 and Schoefs 2010). Group 2 consists of the basic set of carotenoids plus loroxanthin (2A) and 82 siphonaxanthin (2B). Group 3 contains prasinoxanthin (3A) and uriolide/micromonal (3B) in 83 addition to the pigments found in group 2 (Jeffrey et al. 2011)

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84 Within clade VII, a single strain RCC287 has been analyzed for its pigment composition 85 (Latasa et al. 2004). A large number of clade VII strains are available from the Roscoff Culture 86 Collection (http://roscoff-culture-collection.org/) originating from a range of environment. Their 87 genetic diversity is currently analyzed allowing further delineation of new sub-clades (Lopes et 88 al. in preparation) within the two major sub-clades A and B described by Guillou et al (2004). 89 Among the 44 strains of clade VII present in the RCC, 39 belong to sub - clade A. The aim of 90 this study was to determine the phenotypic characteristics of this important group of marine green 91 algae by analyzing the pigment composition of thirteen strains belonging to the three sub-clades 92 (A, B, C) of prasinophytes clade VII and isolated from a range of oceanic location and depths 93 (Table 1). We also assessed the effect of three light irradiances on pigment composition for a 94 subset of these strains.

95 Thirteen strains belonging to clade VII (Table 1) were grown at 22°C in K seawater medium (Keller et al. 1987) under 140 µE.m<sup>-2</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>in continuous light. A subset of nine strains was 96 also grown at two other light levels (14 and 65  $\mu$ E.m<sup>-2</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>). Prior to sample collection, cell 97 98 concentration was determined by flow cytometry using a Becton Dickinson Accuri C6. 99 Approximatively 50 ml of cultures were harvested in late exponential or early stationary phase 100 and were filtered onto glass fiber GF/F (Whatman, Maidstone, UK) without vacuum and 101 immediately frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80°C. Pigments were analyzed within one 102 month. Frozen filters were extracted with 3 mL of 90% acetone in screw cap glass tubes with 103 polytetra-fluoroethylene (PTFE) lined caps, placed in an ice-water bath. After 15 minutes, filters 104 were homogenized using a stainless steel spatula for filter grinding. Tubes were placed in an 105 ultrasonic bath with water and ice for 5 minutes. The slurries were then centrifuged 5 minutes at 106 4.500 r.p.m. and supernatants filtered through 13 mm diameter polypropylene syringe filters (MS

PTFE, 0.22 μm pore size) to remove cell and filter debris. Before injection 1ml of each sample extract was added with 0.4 ml of Milli-Q water to avoid peak distortion. Pigments extracted from clade VII strains were analyzed using a modification of Zapata *et al.* (2000) method, described by Garrido *et al.* (2009) to improve the separation of loroxanthin and neoxanthin (Table S1). All graphs and analyses were performed with the R software using the ggplot2 and FactoMineR libraries (R Development Core Team 2013).

Intracellular chlorophyll (Chl) *a* content ranged from 4 to 26 fg per cell in most strains except for RCC996 (VIIA) and RCC3402 (*Picocystis* - clade VIIC) for which it was much higher (Table 2). This range agreed with values previously determined for marine microalgae in the same size range (Simon et al. 1994).

117 All the prasinophytes clade VIIA and B analyzed here showed a very similar pigment 118 composition (Table 2). It did not seem to change drastically with between sub-clades A and B, 119 nor with the depth of isolation (Figure 1). This composition is very similar to that reported for 120 RCC287 by Latasa et al. (2004) corresponding to pigment group prasino-2A. We did not observe 121 strong differences (Figure 1, Table 2) with the data of Latasa *et al.* (2004): in particular the ratios 122 obtained for zeaxanthin and lutein, were very similar in both studies despite the slight difference in light levels (100 vs. 140 $\mu$ E.m<sup>-2</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup> in our study): zeaxanthin. 0.042 (w/w) versus 0.043 (w/w) 123 124 and lutein, 0.382 (w/w) versus 0.363 (w/w). However their study used a less resolutive method 125 and did not report the presence of loroxanthin and astaxanthin in RCC287. For loroxanthin this is 126 probably due to the co-elution of this pigment with neoxanthin in the analytic method employed by these authors. For astaxanthin, our strains were grown in continuous light in contrast to Latasa 127 128 et al. (2004) who used L:D cycles. This might have triggered the synthesis and accumulation of

this carotenoid, which is known to be synthesized under stressful conditions, such as high light,
UV irradiation or nutrient depletion in Chlorophyceae, like *Haematococcus* and *Dunaliella*(Lemoine and Schoefs 2010) as well in some strains of Trebouxiophyceae such as *Picochlorum*(Lubián et al. 2000). In *Haematococcus*, maximal production of astaxanthin has been obtained
under to continuous illumination (Domínguez-Bocanegra et al. 2004)

In our study, only RCC1124 (sub-clade A) did not contain loroxanthin within strains 134 135 belonging sub-clades A and B (Table 2). Picocystis (RCC3402, clade VIIC) did not contain 136 loroxanthin, astaxanthin and antheraxanthin (Table 1). Violaxanthin and lutein were the most 137 abundant carotenoids for clade VIIA and VIIB. Astaxanthin came as the third more abundant 138 within VIIA and RCC2337 (VIIB), while  $\beta$ - $\epsilon$ -carotene came third for RCC2339 (VIIB). For 139 *Picocystis* (clade VIIC), lutein and  $\beta$ - $\epsilon$ -carotene were the most abundant carotenoids (Figure 1, 140 Table 2), but the ratio of accessory pigments to Chl a was much lower than in clades VIIA and B 141 (Figure 1).

We analyzed the influence of irradiance (14, 65 and 140  $\mu$ E.m<sup>-2</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>) on pigment 142 143 composition of nine strains of prasinophytes VIIA and B (Figure 2 and S1, and Table S2). 144 Change in light intensities induce opposite trends in the ratios of photosynthetic and 145 photoprotective pigments relative to Chl a. Accessory chlorophylls and carotenoids involved in 146 light capture either increase relative to Chl a at low light, while photoprotective carotenoids 147 increase at high light (Schlüter et al. 2000, Henriksen et al. 2002). In our study, Chl b ratios 148 increased slightly at low light, as expected, except for RCC3376 that showed a very slightly lower ratio at low light than at high light (0.78 vs. 0.81) (Figure 2 and Table S2). A similar slight 149 150 decrease was also observed by Garrido et al. (2009) for the green alga Tetraselmis suecia.

151	Neoxanthin, $\beta$ - $\beta$ carotene and loroxanthin appeared to have a light harvesting role for
152	most of the strains, except RCC287 (Figure 2 and Table S2), but change could be subtle as in the
153	case of neoxanthin. Neoxanthin has been found to be associated with light harvesting complexes
154	in the Mamiellophyceae Mantoniella squamata (Wilhelm and Lenarz-Weiler 1987). The most
155	drastic changes were observed for loroxanthin (Figure 2) suggesting that this pigment has a major
156	light harvesting role in clades VII A and B in agreement with what observed by Garrido et al.
157	(2009) with T. suecica. One strain, RCC3376 (sub-clade A), had very low ratios of loroxanthin to
158	Chl <i>a</i> which did not seem to change with light (Figure 2).

159 The increase of astaxanthin (from 2 to 4-fold depending on the strains) with light intensity 160 suggests that this carotenoid has a photoprotective role for in clade VIIA and B (Figure 2), as 161 previously demonstrated in the Chlorophyceae Haematococcus pluvialis (Wang et al. 2003, Gao 162 et al. 2012). Among all strains, RCC3374 showed the most impressive accumulation of astaxanthin which contributed up to 42% of the total carotenoid pool under high light conditions 163 (Figure 2). In comparison, H. pluvialis can accumulate 86 - 90% of astaxanthin in the total 164 165 carotenoid pool after sixteen days cultures of under stress conditions (Sarada et al. 2002). However RCC3374 cell size (3 µm) is about 7 times smaller than H. pluvialis resting cells 166 (25  $\mu$ m, Gu et al. 2013) and maximum cell density is 3.10<sup>6</sup> cell mL<sup>-1</sup>. A rough computation show 167 168 that our RCC3374 culture was able to produce only 0.006 mg/L of astaxanthin against 8.3-10.69 mg/l found in old cultures of H. pluvialis (Sarada et al. 2002). If one could increase the cell 169 170 concentration about 1000-fold with a different medium and manipulate astaxanthin cell content 171 through stress, then clade VII could be an interesting contender for astaxanthin production.

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172 Lutein also showed a photoprotective behavior. Its contribution to total carotenoids 173 increased sharply from low to medium light and the stabilized at the highest light (Figure 2, 174 Table S2). Such increase under high light conditions has been previously reported by Böhme et 175 al. (2002) in the Mamiellophyceae *M. squamata*. These authors suggested that lutein played an 176 important role as intermediate of biosynthesis for light harvesting pigments after light shifts from 177 HL to LL. This role was coherent with its loose binding to the LHC apoprotein, also observed for the violaxanthin cycle (VAZ) carotenoids. However, lutein and loroxanthin are xanthophylls 178 179 derived from  $\beta$ - $\epsilon$  carotene, and both have also been suggested also to take part in photoprotective 180 mechanisms (non-photochemical quenching, NPQ) to prevent photo-oxidative damage in high 181 light conditions in the green alga *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* (Niyogi et al. 1997).

As for lutein, the content of the photoprotective xanthophyll cycle involving violaxanthin, antheraxanthin and zeaxanthin (VAZ cycle) relative to Chl *a* increased in general sharply from low to medium light and the stabilized at high light (Figure 2 and S1, Table S2). Their specific behavior however differed among strains. For example, zeaxanthin did not change much in RCC287 and RCC857 while it increased several-fold in other strains (e.g. RCC719, Figure 2).

In order to assess the visualize any hidden relationship between strain origin and pigment composition, we performed a Principal Component Analysis (PCA) based on pigments to Chl *a* ratios (Figure 3). The first two components explained more than 50% (dimension 1 and 2, 33.1 % and 20.4 %, respectively) of the variance. Pigments contributing positively to dimension 1 corresponded to photoprotective pigments (lutein,  $\beta$ - $\epsilon$  carotene, zeaxanthin, violaxanthin, antheraxanthin and astaxanthin) while pigments involved in photosynthetic capture, such as loroxanthin and  $\beta$ - $\beta$ -carotene, contributed negatively to this axis. Pigments with moderate

194	response to light, such as Chl $b$ and neoxanthin, contributed to dimension 2. Strains under
195	medium and high light were separated from those at low light along dimension 1 which reflects
196	that for several pigments the largest changes occurred between low and medium light and then
197	stabilized at high light. This analysis confirmed that pigment composition and change did not
198	seem to be linked to strain sub-clade (A vs. B) or depth of isolation (surface vs. DCM).

199 Recent phylogenetic results pointed clade VII A/B as a sister group of the core of 200 Chlorophyta (Guillou et al. 2004, Leliaert et al. 2012, Lemieux et al. 2014a, 2014b). The 201 presence of astaxanthin as in core Chlorophyta while it is absent with other prasinophytes may 202 reflects another common feature between clade VII and core Chlorophyta. Moreover while 203 Guillou et al (2004) included Picocystis into clade VII based on the phylogenetic analysis of 18S 204 rRNA gene, the recent analysis of chloroplast genomes (Lemieux et al. 2014a) has shown widely 205 divergent traits between Picocystis on one side and sub-clades VIIA and B, on the other side. 206 The divergent carotenoid composition of Picocystis (absence of loroxanthin, astaxanthin, and 207 antheraxanthin) reinforce these phylogenetic analyses.

Some of the important findings of this study include the discovery of loroxanthin and astaxanthin in prasinophytes clades VIIA and B, which had not been reported before, as well the possible role of the former pigment as a light harvesting accessory pigment. This should prompt the need to reexamine the pigment composition of other members of this diverse and ancient group constituted by prasinophytes using improved analytical protocols.

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Figure 2. Change in pigment to Chl *a* ratios for Chl *b* and five major carotenoids in nine strains of prasinophytes clade VII under three light intensities. Top: pigments involved in light capture. Bottom: pigments involved in photoprotection. Solid lines correspond to sub-clade VIIA and dashed lines to VIIB. Open symbols correspond to surface strains, closed ones to DCM strains and grey to unknown depth of isolation.

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Table	1
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						Depth
RCC	Sub-clade	Strain name	Other names	Ocean origin	Region origin	Isolation (m)
15	А	CCMP 1205		NA		NA
287	А	NOUM15	NOUM97015	Pacific Ocean	Equatorial Pacific	120
719	А	IndianOcean_45-8		Indian Ocean		76
856	А	Biosope_42 A2	CCMP3325	Pacific Ocean	Marquesas islands	10
857	А	Biosope_40 A2		Pacific Ocean	Marquesas islands	10
996	А	Biosope_46 B4S		Pacific Ocean	South East Pacific	100
998	А	Biosope_46 C3S	NIES2676, CCMP3334	Pacific Ocean	South East Pacific	100
1124	А	PAP_AD	PAP_Ludwig_AI	Atlantic Ocean	North Atlantic, PAP site	10
3374	А	CCMP 2152	A7831	Pacific Ocean	Hawaii	NA
3376	А	CCMP 2113	A9533	Pacific Ocean		85
2337	В	JST MH335	MH335, NIES2756	Pacific Ocean	lki Island	0
2339	В	JST MH340	MH340, NIES2758, CCMP3360	Pacific Ocean	lki Island	0
3402	С	CCMP 1897	SFBB	Pacific Ocean	San Francisco Bay	0

Remark : Ordered by clade and then RCC number

Table 2

			t fg Chl a													Caroter	oids								
Strain	sub - clade	Light		Chl b	Chlide a	Chlide b	Sum of carotenoids	Loroxa	inthin	Neoxa	nthin	Violaxa	anthin	Astaxa	nthin	Antheraxanthin		Zeaxa	nthin	Lutei	n a	ββ - car	otene	βε - ca	rotene
		μE.m <sup>-2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup>	/cell	/Chl a	/Chl a	/Chl a	/Chl a	/Chl a	%	/Chl a	%	/Chl a	%	/Chl a	%	/Chl a	%	/Chl a	%	/Chl a	%	/Chl a	%	/Chl a	%
<b>{CC15</b>	А	140	20.3	0.90	0.066	0.018	1.32	0.058	4.4	0.003	0.2	0.327	24.8	0.165	12.5	0.043	3.3	0.103	7.8	0.376	28.4	0.154	11.7	0.093	7.0
RCC287	А	140	5.0	0.99	0.106	0	1.53	0.024	1.6	0.167	10.9	0.572	37.3	0.210	13.7	0.024	1.6	0.043	2.8	0.363	23.7	0.051	3.3	0.079	5.2
RCC719	А	140	14.9	0.68	0.000	0	1.93	0.035	1.8	0.086	4.4	0.617	32.0	0.264	13.7	0.000	0.0	0.478	24.8	0.193	10.0	0.107	5.5	0.149	7.7
RCC856	А	140	23.4	0.86	0.000	0	2.08	0.113	5.4	0.079	3.8	0.291	14.0	0.570	27.4	0.042	2.0	0.310	14.9	0.461	22.2	0.075	3.6	0.136	6.5
RCC857	А	140	4.1	1.00	0.000	0	1.40	0.026	1.9	0.122	8.7	0.534	38.2	0.187	13.4	0.024	1.7	0.094	6.7	0.291	20.8	0.056	4.0	0.064	4.5
RCC996	А	140	51.6	0.93	0.074	0	1.26	0.043	3.4	0.095	7.5	0.119	9.5	0.191	15.2	0.039	3.1	0.245	19.5	0.364	28.9	0.091	7.2	0.074	5.9
RCC998	А	140	26.1	0.78	0.000	0	1.90	0.014	0.8	0.117	6.1	0.877	46.1	0.157	8.2	0.058	3.0	0.168	8.8	0.285	15.0	0.095	5.0	0.131	6.9
RCC1124	А	140	8.6	0.96	0.099	0	1.47	0.000	0.0	0.116	7.9	0.525	35.7	0.148	10.1	0.020	1.4	0.086	5.8	0.399	27.1	0.095	6.5	0.082	5.6
RCC3374	А	140	4.1	0.73	0.229	0	1.84	0.012	0.7	0.082	4.5	0.272	14.8	0.778	42.3	0.041	2.3	0.118	6.4	0.332	18.1	0.059	3.2	0.146	7.9
RCC3376	А	140	4.1	0.81	0.105	0	1.53	0.008	0.5	0.112	7.3	0.572	37.5	0.324	21.3	0.054	3.6	0.129	8.5	0.048	3.1	0.085	5.6	0.194	12.7
RCC2337	В	140	4.4	0.88	0.394	0.236	2.19	0.031	1.4	0.137	6.3	0.504	23.1	0.302	13.8	0.051	2.3	0.154	7.0	0.706	32.3	0.061	2.8	0.240	11.0
RCC2339	В	140	14.6	0.62	0.000	0	1.52	0.026	1.7	0.078	5.1	0.613	40.4	0.045	3.0	0.024	1.6	0.074	4.8	0.302	19.9	0.028	1.8	0.330	21.7
2003402	С	140	131.1	0.26	0.016	0	0.54	0.000	0.0	0.048	8.9	0.014	2.7	0.000	0.0	0.000	0.0	0.071	13.1	0.200	37.0	0.016	3.0	0.191	35.4
RCC287 °	А	100	Nd	1.31	Nd	NI	0.76	Nd	Nd	0.074	9.7	0.131	17.3	Nd	Nd	0.051	6.7	0.042	5.5	0.382	50.3	0.026	3.4	0.053	7.0

nd: Not determined

<sup>a</sup>Values reported by Latasa et al. 2004

Table	<b>S1</b>
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		Zapata	a et al. (2000)	Garrido et al. (2009)						
Pigment	Abbreviation	Rt (min)	Vis maxima (nm)	Rt (min)	Vis maxima (nm)					
Chlorophyllide b	Chlide <i>b</i>	6.21	466, 647							
Chlorophyllide a	Chlide <i>a</i>	11.43	431, 665							
Loroxanthin	Lor	20.18	443 <i>,</i> 468	4.81	448, 475					
Neoxanthin	Neo	20.18	443 <i>,</i> 468	5.07	438, 467					
Violaxanthin	Viola	21.92	443, 472	5.39	442, 470					
Astaxanthin	Asta	22.94	481	5.63	478					
Antheraxanthin	Anth	25.76	447, 476							
Zeaxanthin	Zea	27.85	454, 481							
Lutein	Lut	28.03	447, 476							
Chlorophyll <i>b</i>	Chl <i>b</i>	32.04	463 <i>,</i> 649							
Chlorophyll a	Chl a	33.6	432, 664							
βε -carotene	βε - car	35.82	449, 476							
ββ-carotene	ββ - car	36.23	454, 479							

Table S2

							_									Carote	enoids								
Strain	sub - clade	Light	FCM Mean FL3-A				-																		
		μE/m2/s	/cell	fg Chl a / cell	Chl b	Chlide a	Chlide b	Lor	Lor %	Neo	Neo%	Viola	Viol%	Asta	Asta%	Anth	Anth%	Zea	Zea%	Lut	Lut%	ββ - car	66 - car%	βε - car	βε - car%
		140	97 734	4.99	0.986	0.106	0.000	0.024	1.6	0.167	10.9	0.572	37.3	0.210	13.7	0.024	1.6	0.043	2.8	0.363	23.7	0.051	3.3	0.079	5.2
RCC287	A	65	134 088	36.28	1.148	0.077	0.000	0.044	2.9	0.138	9.1	0.512	33.9	0.243	16.1	0.024	1.6	0.059	3.9	0.389	25.8	0.062	4.1	0.039	2.6
		14	187 046	20.13	1.041	0.000	0.000	0.071	7.4	0.100	10.5	0.282	29.5	0.085	8.9	0.019	2.0	0.032	3.3	0.230	24.1	0.089	9.3	0.047	4.9
		140	90 702	14.89	0.683	0.000	0.000	0.035	1.8	0.086	4.4	0.617	32.0	0.264	13.7	0.000	0.0	0.478	24.8	0.193	10.0	0.107	5.5	0.149	7.7
RCC719	A	65	101 762	22.74	0.832	0.000	0.000	0.066	3.9	0.118	6.9	0.722	42.7	0.137	8.1	0.044	2.6	0.194	11.5	0.204	12.1	0.140	8.3	0.069	4.1
		14	214 898	26.24	0.766	0.000	0.000	0.096	7.6	0.084	6.6	0.663	52.1	0.069	5.4	0.020	1.6	0.091	7.1	0.061	4.8	0.139	10.9	0.049	3.9
		140	145 875	23.37	0.860	0.000	0.000	0.113	5.4	0.079	3.8	0.291	14.0	0.570	27.4	0.042	2.0	0.310	14.9	0.461	22.2	0.075	3.6	0.136	6.5
RCC856	A	65	83 423	58.62	0.882	0.000	0.000	0.018	0.9	0.111	5.6	0.461	23.2	0.459	23.1	0.049	2.5	0.248	12.5	0.438	22.1	0.086	4.3	0.117	5.9
		14	231 009	56.88	0.942	0.000	0.000	0.096	8.2	0.102	8.8	0.310	26.6	0.138	11.8	0.023	1.9	0.093	8.0	0.222	19.0	0.133	11.4	0.049	4.2
		140	104 853	4.10	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.026	1.9	0.122	8.7	0.534	38.2	0.187	13.4	0.024	1.7	0.094	6.7	0.291	20.8	0.056	4.0	0.064	4.5
RCC857	A	65	150 099	11.46	1.128	0.000	0.000	0.072	5.7	0.131	10.4	0.400	31.9	0.141	11.3	0.025	2.0	0.072	5.7	0.314	25.1	0.065	5.2	0.034	2.7
		14	179 776	11.90	1.120	0.000	0.000	0.145	13.6	0.130	12.2	0.287	27.0	0.070	6.6	0.029	2.7	0.082	7.7	0.191	18.0	0.092	8.7	0.036	3.4
		140	253 221	51.57	0.931	0.074	0.000	0.043	3.4	0.095	7.5	0.119	9.5	0.191	15.2	0.039	3.1	0.245	19.5	0.364	28.9	0.091	7.2	0.074	5.9
RCC996	A	65	321 893	120.69	1.028	0.000	0.000	0.116	9.8	0.106	9.0	0.056	4.7	0.163	13.8	0.026	2.2	0.224	19.0	0.315	26.7	0.117	9.9	0.057	4.8
		14	418 516	61.80	0.968	0.000	0.000	0.195	17.8	0.120	11.0	0.399	36.5	0.049	4.4	0.016	1.5	0.058	5.3	0.077	7.1	0.179	16.4	0.000	0.0
		140	53 612	4.14	0.726	0.229	0.000	0.012	0.7	0.082	4.5	0.272	14.8	0.778	42.3	0.041	2.3	0.118	6.4	0.332	18.1	0.059	3.2	0.146	7.9
RCC3374	A	65	105 492	9.87	0.890	0.110	0.000	0.063	4.8	0.094	7.1	0.192	14.5	0.405	30.5	0.038	2.9	0.085	6.4	0.337	25.4	0.058	4.3	0.055	4.1
		14	136 153	11.33	0.777	0.000	0.000	0.113	12.1	0.098	10.5	0.176	18.8	0.187	20.1	0.020	2.1	0.035	3.8	0.159	17.0	0.082	8.8	0.063	6.8
		140	50 333	4.08	0.813	0.105	0.000	0.008	0.4	0.112	5.7	0.572	29.1	0.324	16.5	0.054	2.7	0.129	6.6	0.486	24.7	0.085	4.3	0.194	9.9
RCC3376	A	65	74 109	2.70	0.830	0.142	0.000	0.006	0.3	0.126	6.7	0.447	23.9	0.261	14.0	0.073	3.9	0.177	9.5	0.505	27.1	0.093	5.0	0.181	9.7
		14	101 238	10.08	0.783	0.053	0.000	0.005	0.5	0.095	9.5	0.108	10.8	0.091	9.1	0.029	2.9	0.130	13.0	0.365	36.6	0.055	5.5	0.122	12.2
		140	84 624	4.37	0.882	0.394	0.236	0.031	1.4	0.137	6.3	0.504	23.1	0.302	13.8	0.051	2.3	0.154	7.0	0.706	32.3	0.061	2.8	0.240	11.0
RCC2337	В	65	76 671	64.32	1.043	0.250	0.172	0.064	4.2	0.129	8.4	0.233	15.3	0.245	16.1	0.020	1.3	0.072	4.7	0.560	36.7	0.067	4.4	0.136	8.9
		14	213 378	18.09	1.040	0.158	0.118	0.109	9.1	0.137	11.4	0.255	21.3	0.058	4.8	0.028	2.4	0.067	5.6	0.332	27.7	0.118	9.8	0.095	7.9
		140	123 995	14.58	0.624	0.000	0.000	0.026	1.7	0.078	5.1	0.613	40.4	0.045	3.0	0.024	1.6	0.074	4.8	0.302	19.9	0.028	1.8	0.330	21.7
RCC2339	В	65	178 752	37.66	0.726	0.040	0.000	0.051	3.6	0.100	7.1	0.524	37.4	0.000	0.0	0.032	2.3	0.102	7.3	0.287	20.5	0.004	0.3	0.303	21.6
		14	223 724	75.86	0.736	0.000	0.000	0.051	5.8	0.076	8.6	0.264	29.8	0.031	3.5	0.025	2.9	0.051	5.8	0.193	21.8	0.033	3.7	0.160	18.1











Figure S1.