

# Supplementary materials

Neoxanthin

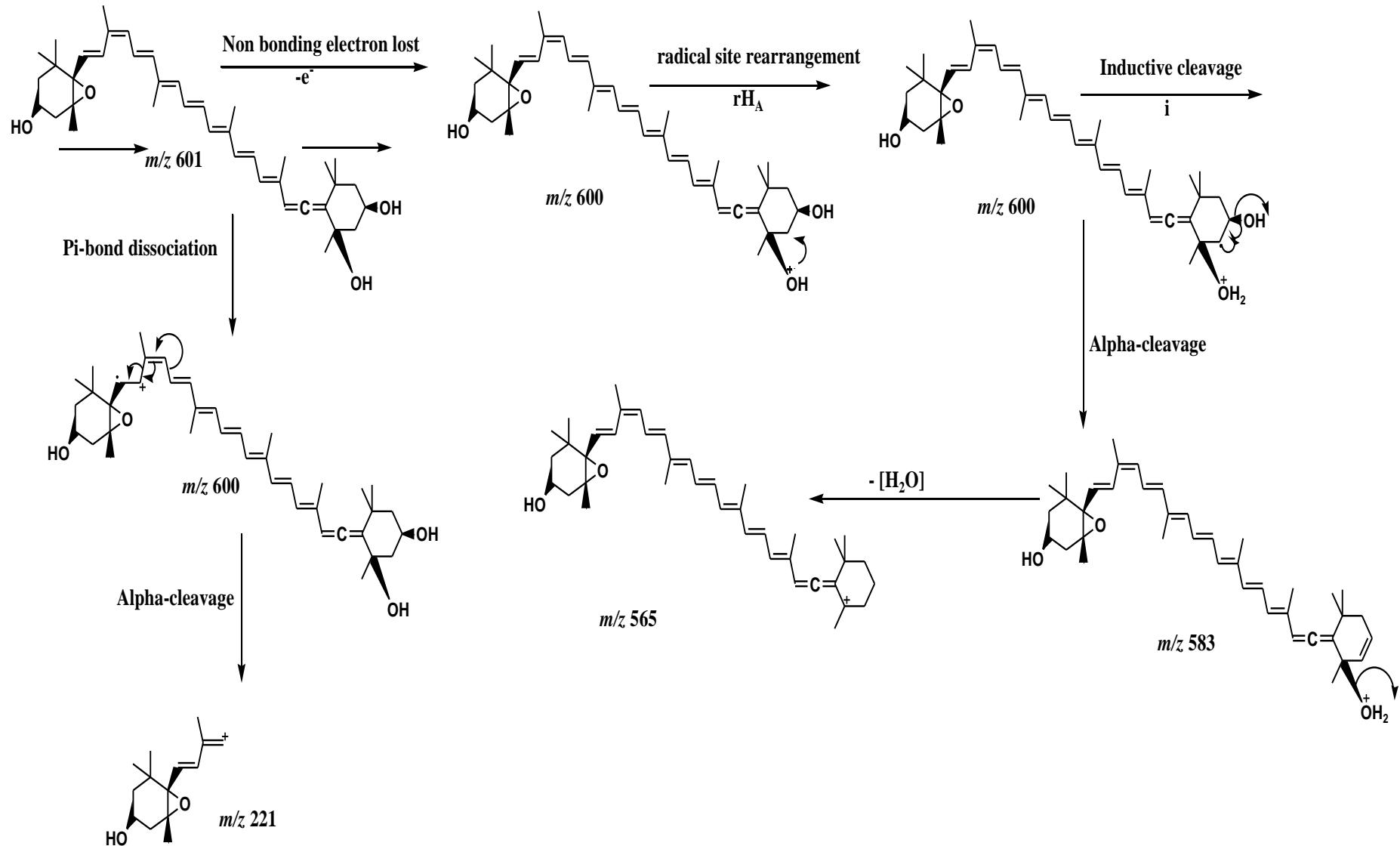


Figure S1: fragmentation pathway of neoxanthin

Violaxanthin

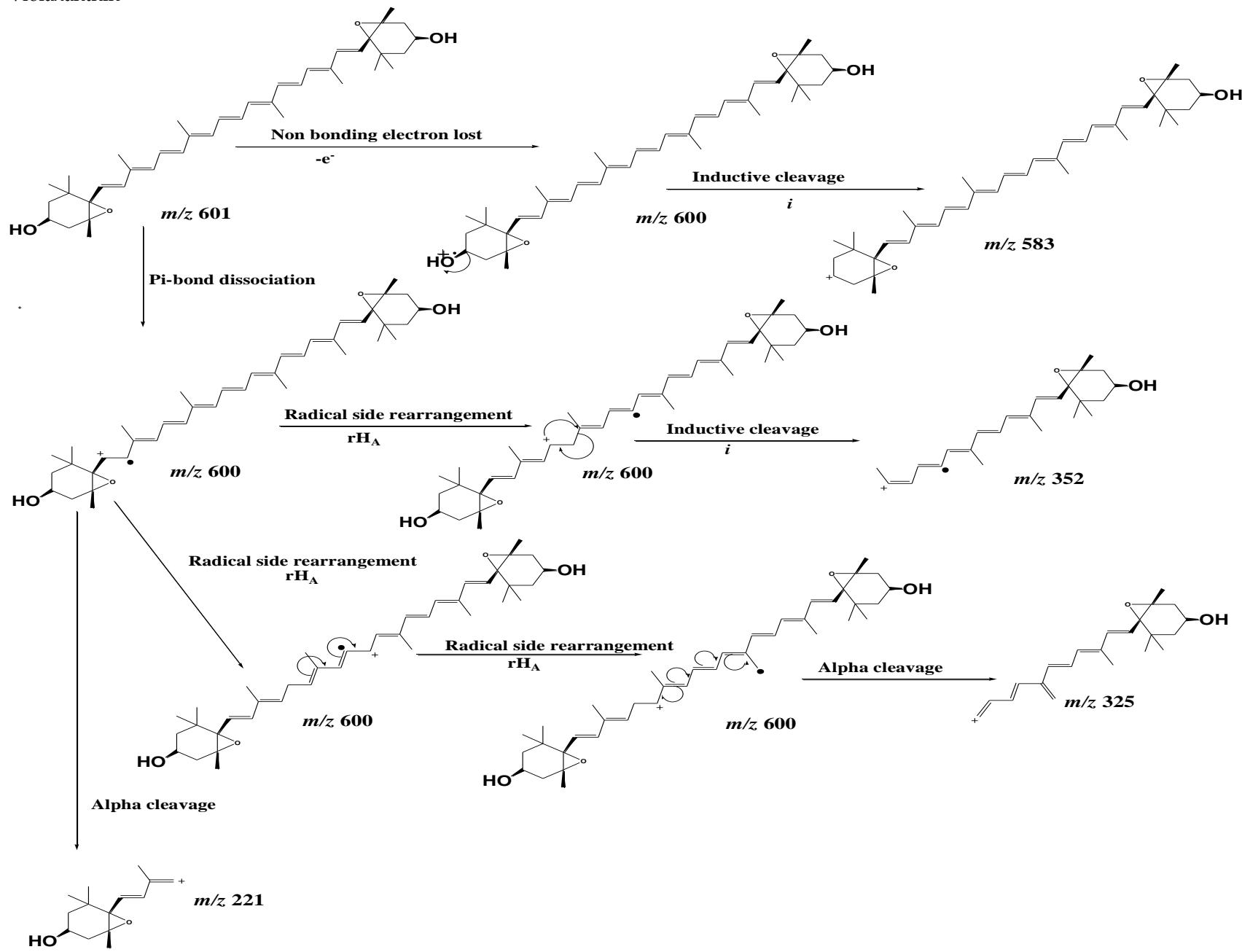
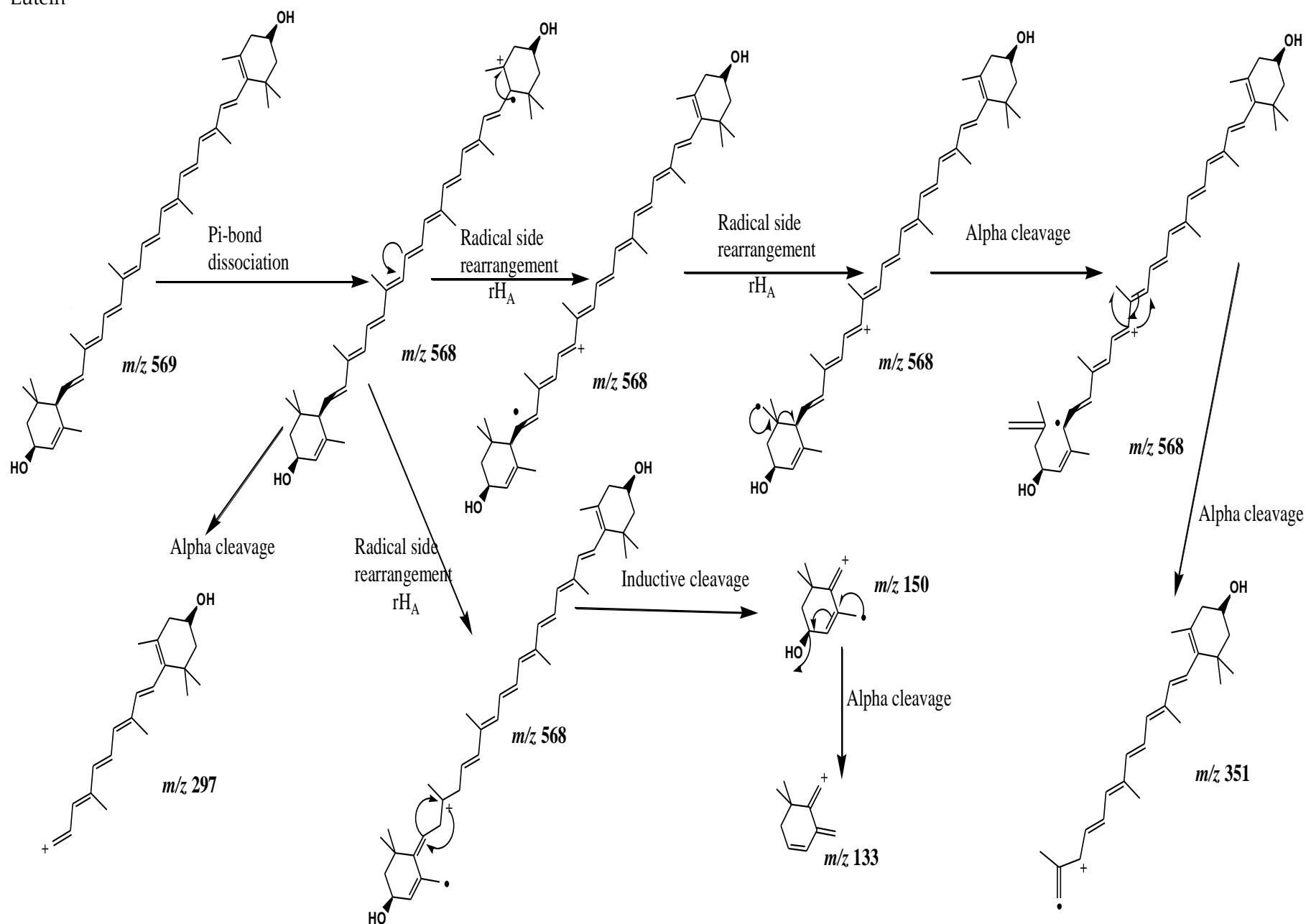


Figure S2: fragmentation pathway of violaxanthin

Lutein



**Figure S3:** fragmentation pathway of lutein

$\beta$ -carotene

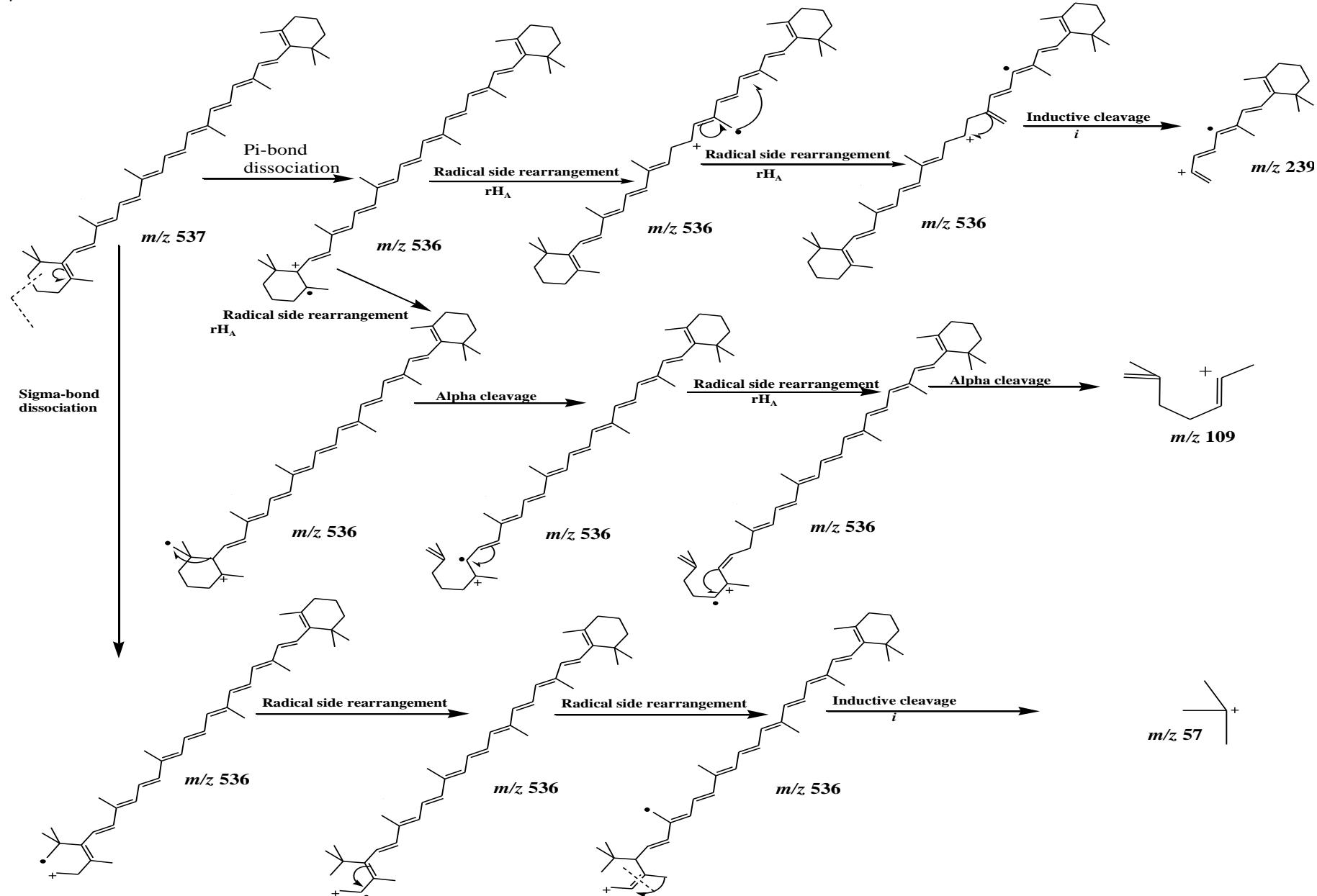


Figure S4: fragmentation pathway of  $\beta$ -carotene

Astaxanthin

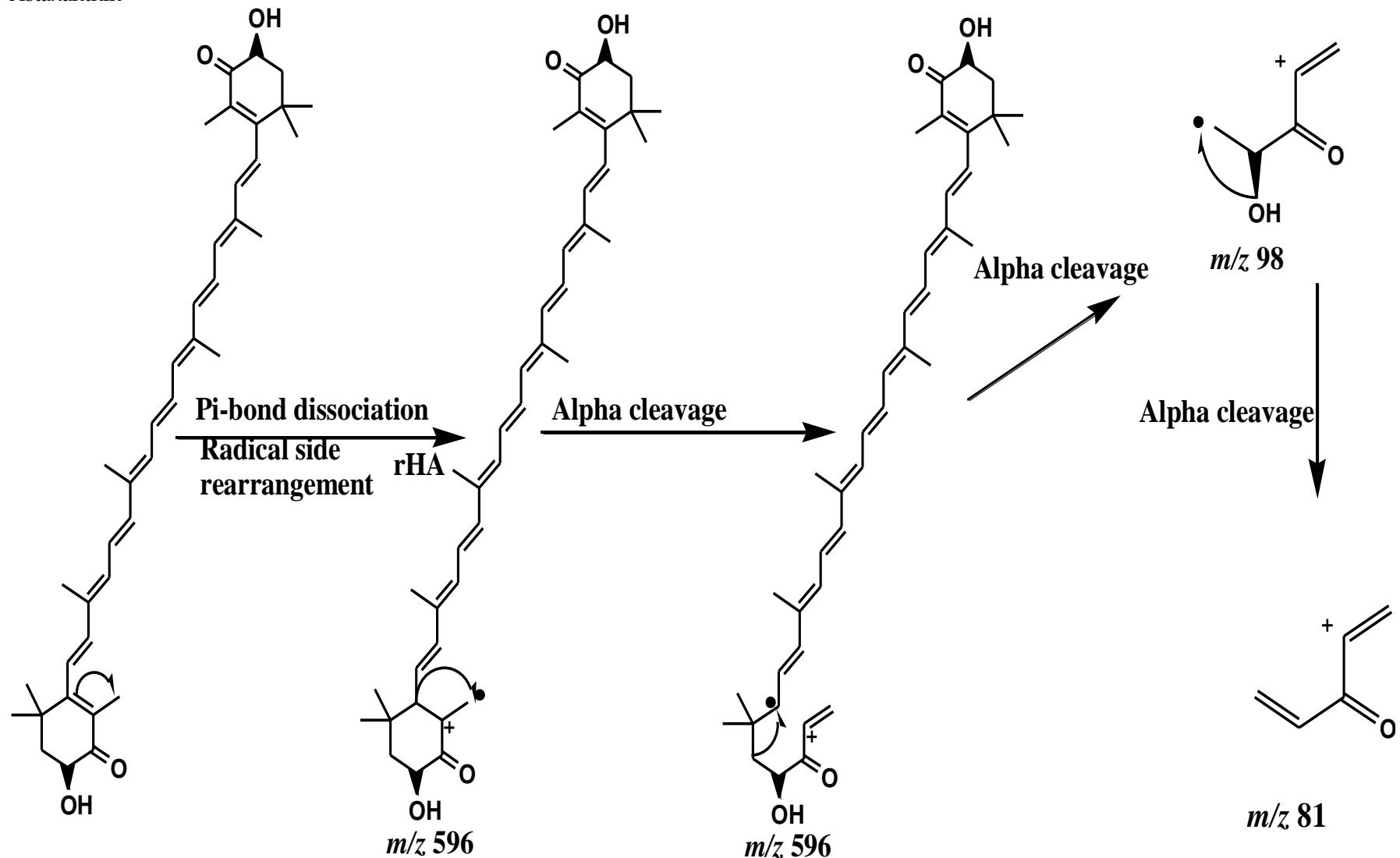


Figure S5: fragmentation pathway of astaxanthin

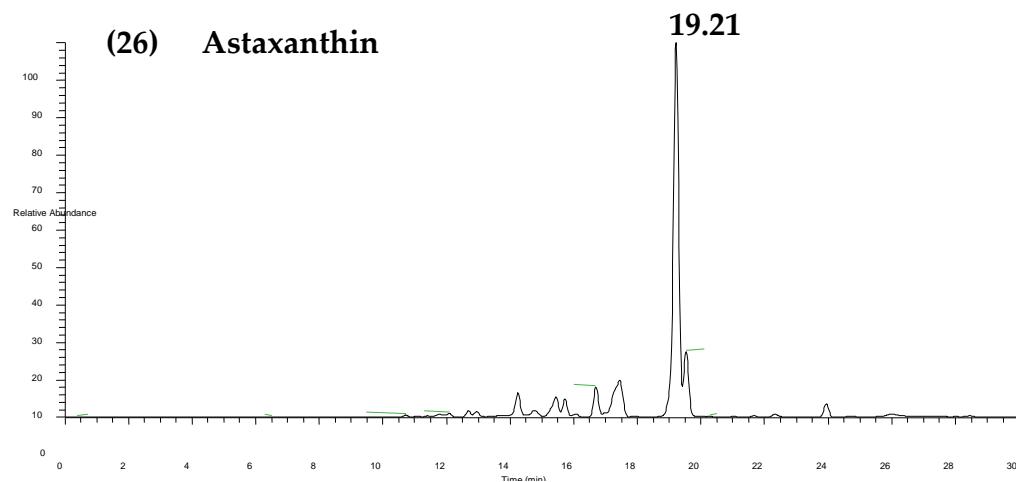
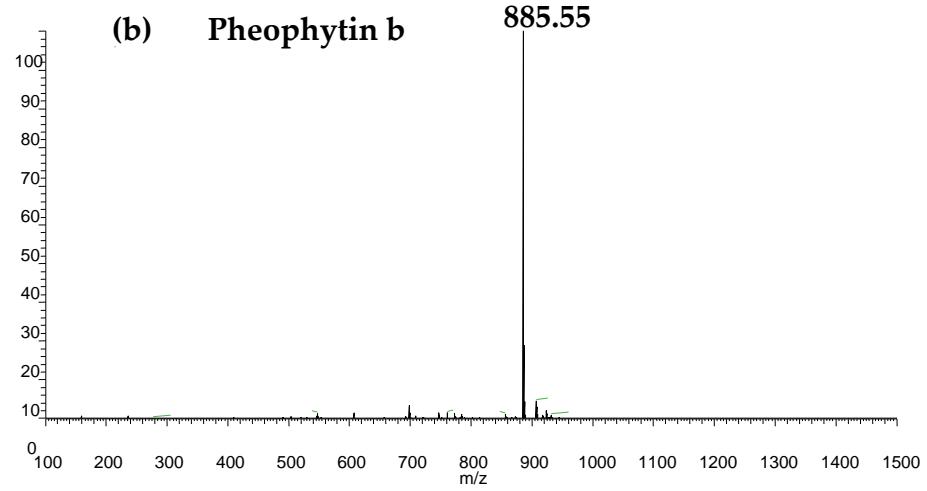
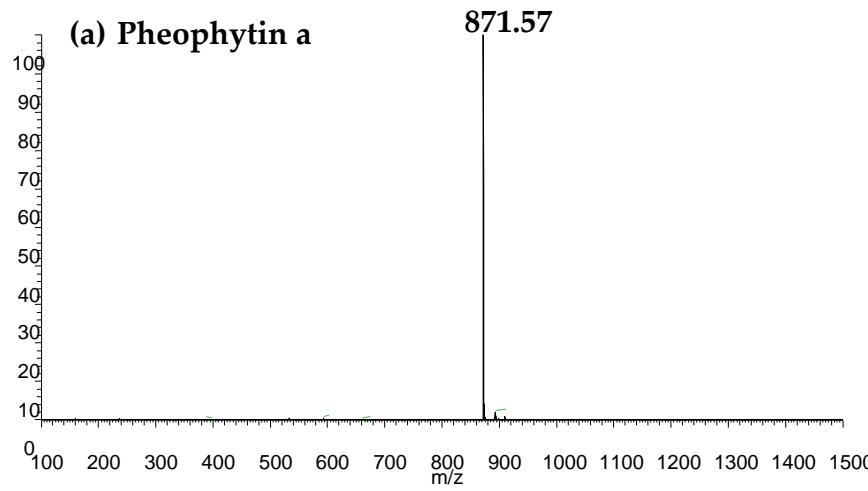
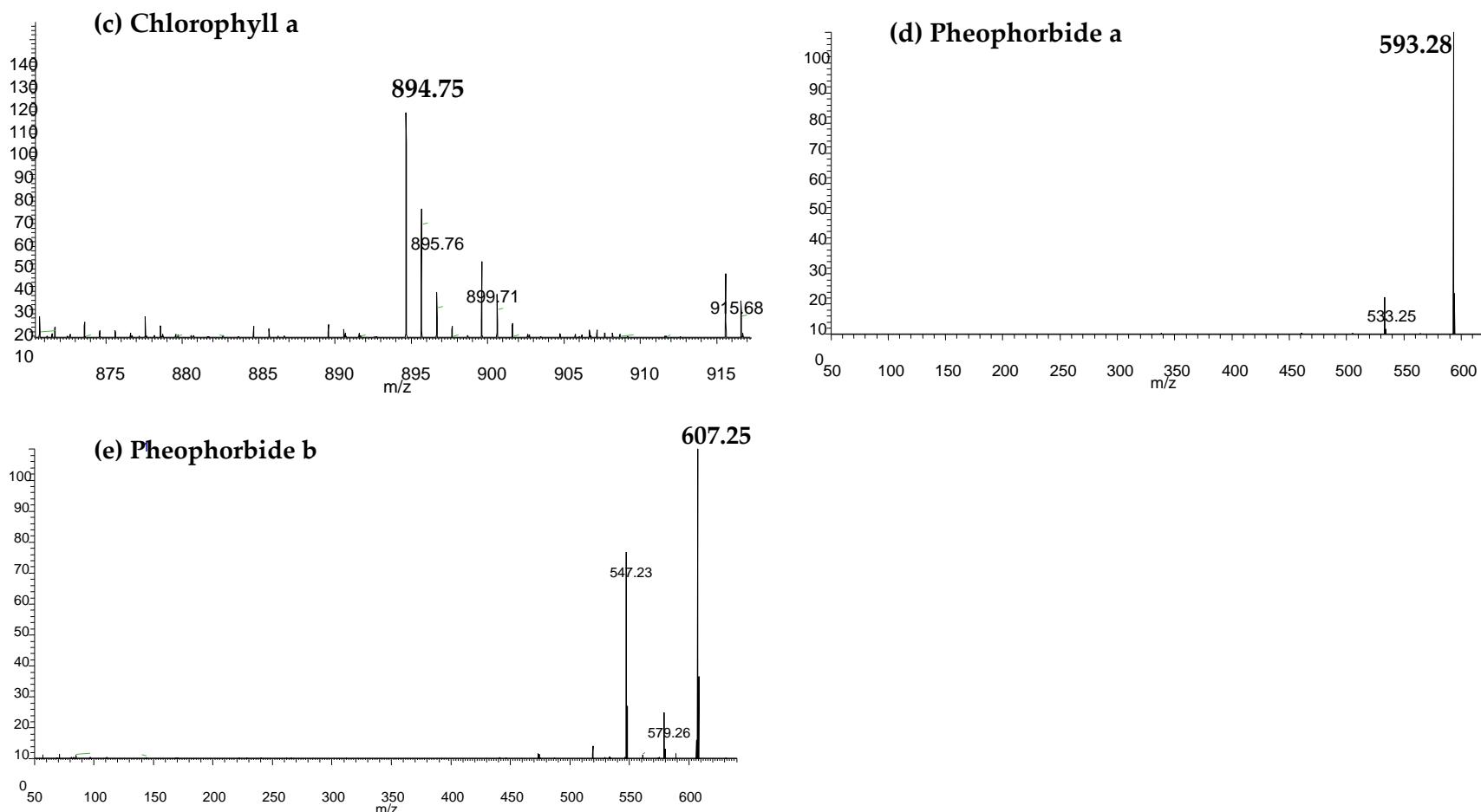


Figure S6: Extraction ion chromatogram (EIC) of (peak 26) Astaxanthin





**Figure S7:** MS/MS of some of the representative pigments: a, pheophytin a; b, pheophytin b; c, chlorophyll a; d, pheophorbide a; e, pheophorbide b.