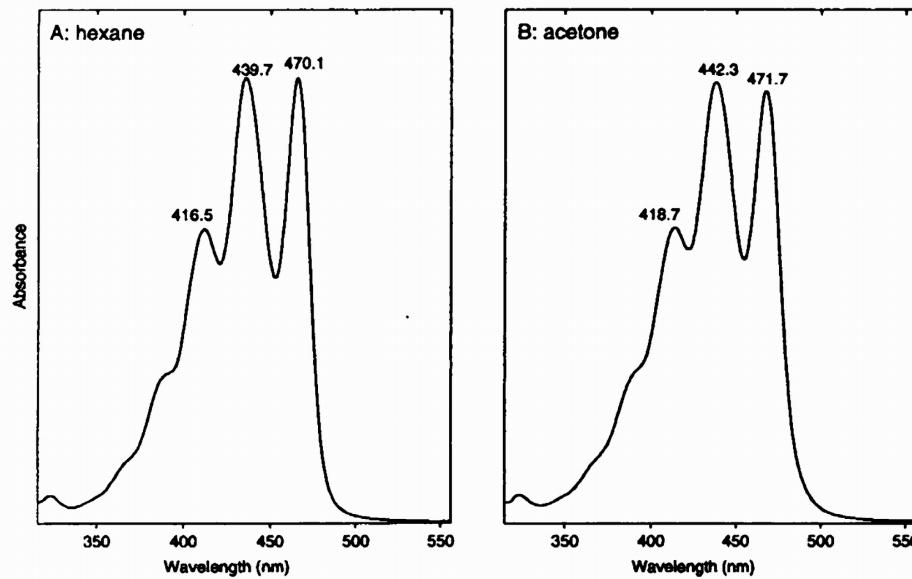


Violaxanthin

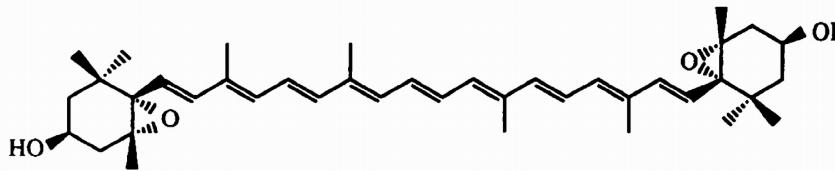
HPLC peak 21

Violaxanthin

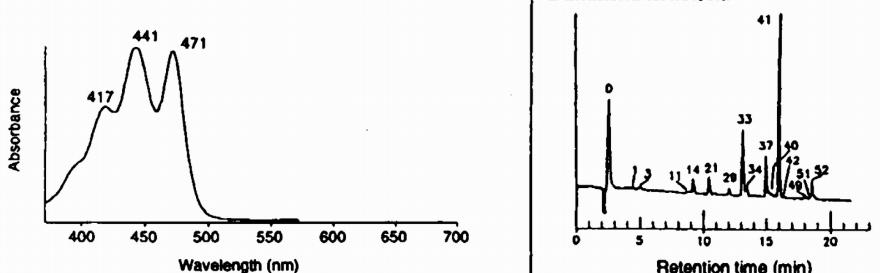
Standard spectrum in reference solvents



Molecular structure



Diode array spectrum in SCOR eluant



Property

Data

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Violaxanthin

(*3S,5R,6S,3'S,5'R,6'S*)-5,6,5',6'-Diepoxy-
5,6,5',6'-tetrahydro- β,β -carotene-3,3'-diol

SCOR abbreviation:

Viola

Occurrence:

Major pigment in higher plants, green
algae, eustigmatophytes, brown seaweeds

Colour:

Yellow

Molecular formula:

C₄₀H₅₆O₄

Molecular weight:

600.88

Specific extinction coefficient:

E_{1% cm} (100 ml g⁻¹ cm⁻¹)

2550 (at 443 nm in ethanol) Davies (1965)
2400 (at 442 nm in acetone) Jensen (1966b)

Molar extinction coefficient:

ϵ (1 mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹)

153 x 10³ (at 443 nm in ethanol)
144 x 10³ (at 442 nm in acetone)

Calculated from E_{1% cm} above

UV-vis spectra:

Solvent	Maxima (nm)			Band ratio %III:II	Reference
	I	II	III		
Acetone	419	442	472	95	SCOR WG 78 data
Acetone	417	440	470	76	Renstrom <i>et al.</i> (1981)
Ethanol	417	440	470	96	SCOR WG 78 data
Ethanol	417	440	469	93	Stransky & Hager (1970a)
n-Hexane	417	440	470	100	SCOR WG 78 data
Methanol	415	440	469		Karrer & Jucker (1948)
HPLC Eluant	417	440	469	96	SCOR WG 78: Mantoura & Llewellyn (1983) method
HPLC Eluant	417	441	471	93	SCOR WG 78: Wright <i>et al.</i> (1991) method

Alteration products:

Cis-isomers; furanoids (luteoxanthins and auroxanthins)

Culture from which SCOR data were obtained:

Dunaliella tertiolecta (green flagellate)

Additional reference(s):

Davies (1965); Isler (1971); Foppen (1971)