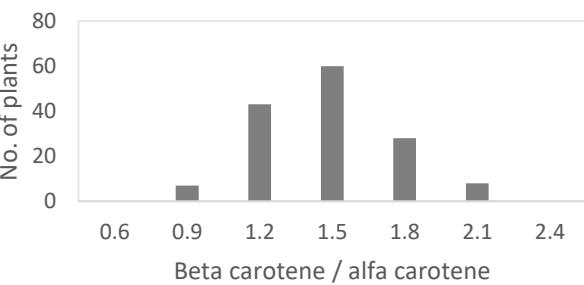
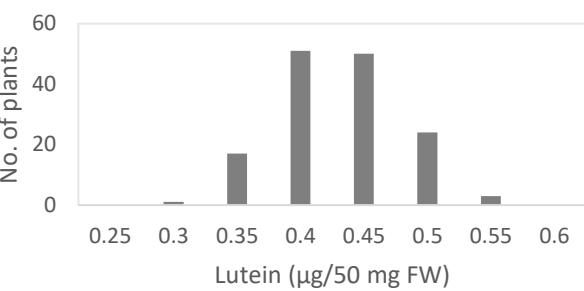
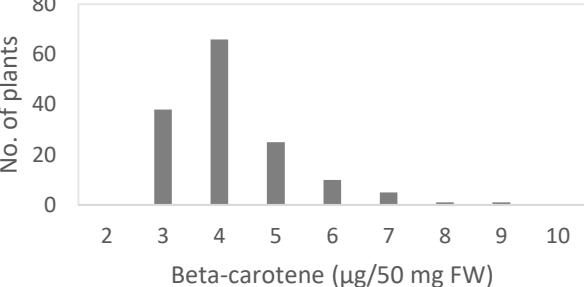
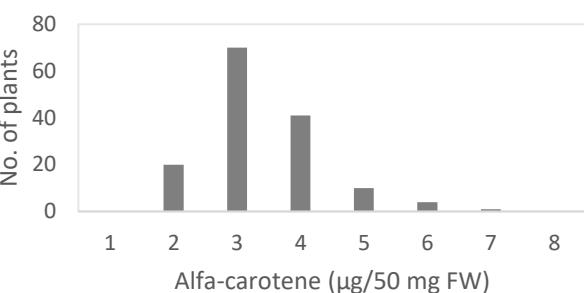
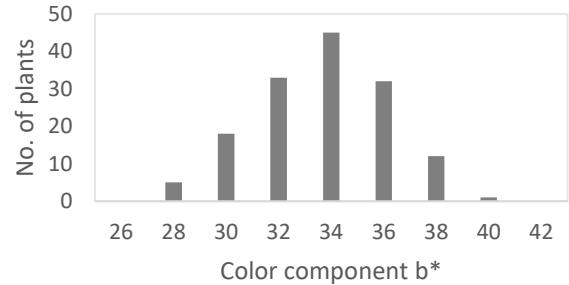
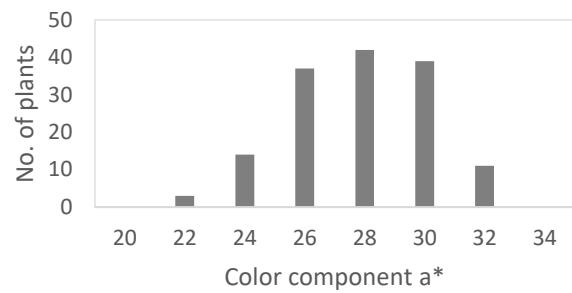
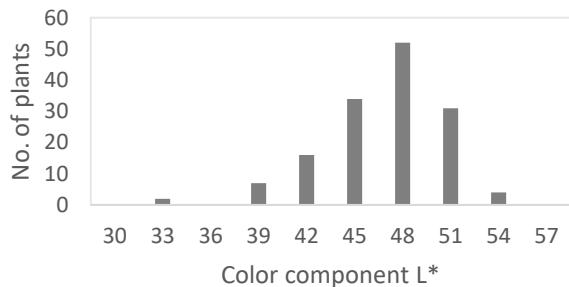
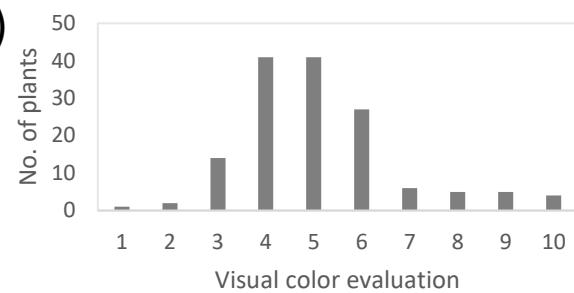
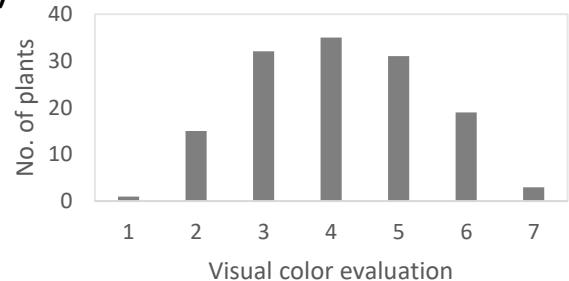
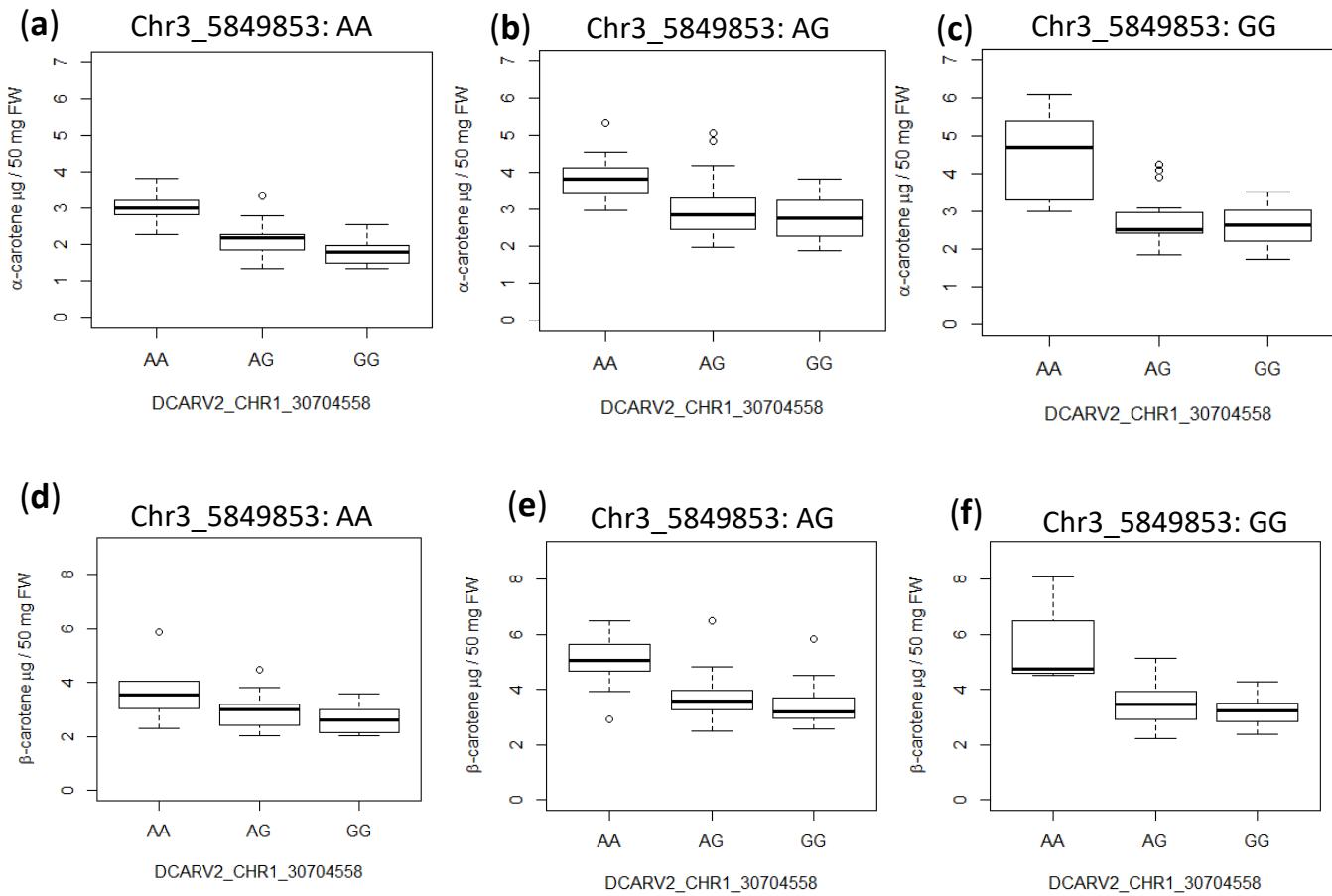


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**Suppl. Fig. S1.** The frequency distributions of carrot root color in  $F_2$  population A (a) and  $F_2$  population B (b). In  $F_2$  population A, roots were visually evaluated, and color components ( $L^*$ ,  $a^*$ , and  $b^*$ ) and  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -carotene contents were examined (a). In  $F_2$  population B, roots were only visually evaluated (b). In the visual color evaluation, root color was categorized in ten grades (1: light orange to 10: dark orange) in  $F_2$  population A (a) and seven grades (1: light to 7: dark orange) in  $F_2$  population B (b).



**Suppl. Fig. S2.** Examination of allelic interactions between associations detected by GWAS on chromosomes 1 and 3 for the  $\alpha$ -carotene (a–c) and  $\beta$ -carotene (d–f) content in carrot root surface. Carotene contents were box-plotted by the SNP showing the highest  $-\log_{10}P$  in the GWAS for the  $\alpha$ -carotene content on the chromosomes 1 and 3. The SNPs of chromosome 3 at physical position 5,849,853 were AA (a, d), AG (b, e), and GG (c, f).