Biochemical Origin of Raman-Based Diagnostics of Huanglongbing in Grapefruit Trees

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**Figure S1.** Averaged spectra of healthy field-grown grapefruits (green dashed line), healthy greenhouse-grown plants (solid green line) and HLB-positive field trees (solid blue line).



**Figure S2.** Zoomed 1400-1650 cm-1 region of healthy (green) and HLB-infected (red) grapefruit trees. Spectra are normalized on the intensity of 1601-1606 cm-1 for clarity.

**Table S1**: Typical quantitative real time PCR (qPCR) based diagnostics of field-grown healthy and HLB citrus leaf tissues. The Ct cut off value for HLB positive (Ct ≤ 28) and negative (Ct ≥30) are indicated.

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| **Sample name** | **Raw Ct (RNR)** | **Ct normalized (RNR) to GAPC2** | **Diagnosis** | | |
|  |  |  | **Negative Cut off (≥30)** | **Borderline to cut off (28 to 30)** | **Positive Cut off (≤28)** |
| H1(healthy-1) | 33.84 | 34.01 | Negative |  |  |
| H2 (healthy-2) | 31.45 | 33.20 | Negative |  |  |
| H3 (healthy-3) | 32.18 | 33.20 | Negative |  |  |
| HLB1 | 23.98 | 23.79 |  |  | Positive |
| HLB2 | 25.71 | 25.71 |  |  | Positive |
| HLB3 | 23.01 | 23.00 |  |  | Positive |

**Table S2.** Identification of carotenoid standards.

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| Retention Time | compound |
| 7.793 | neoxanthin |
| 9.107 | violaxanthin |
| 12.013 | lutein |
| 14.012 | chlorophyll |
| 17.494 | α-carotene |
| 17.591 | β-carotene |