

1 **Vanishing coccolith vital effects with alleviated carbon** 2 **limitation**

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11 **Abstract**

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13 By recreating a range of geologically relevant concentrations of dissolved inorganic carbon
14 (DIC) in the laboratory, we demonstrate that the magnitude of the vital effects in both carbon
15 and oxygen isotopes of coccolith calcite of multiple species relates to ambient DIC
16 concentration. Under high DIC levels, all the examined coccoliths exhibit significantly
17 reduced isotopic offsets from inorganic calcite compared to the substantial vital effects
18 expressed at low (present-day) DIC concentrations. The supply of carbon to the cell exerts a
19 primary control on biological fractionation in coccolith calcite via the modulation of
20 coccolithophore growth rate, cell size and carbon utilisation by photosynthesis and
21 calcification, altogether accounting for the observed interspecific differences between
22 coccolith species. These laboratory observations support the recent hypothesis from field
23 observations that the appearance of interspecific vital effect in coccolithophores coincides
24 with the long-term Neogene decline of atmospheric CO₂ concentrations and bring further
25 valuable constraints by demonstrating a convergence of all examined species towards
26 inorganic values at high pCO₂ regimes. This study provides palaeoceanographers with a
27 biogeochemical framework that can be utilised to further develop the use of calcareous
28 nannofossils in palaeoceanography to derive sea surface temperature and pCO₂ levels,
29 especially during periods of relatively elevated pCO₂ concentrations, as they prevailed during
30 most of the Meso-Cenozoic.

1 **1 Introduction**

2 The quest to generate reliable and accurate palaeoenvironmental reconstructions is hindered
3 by uncertainties in our current proxies from the sedimentary archive. One prominent caveat
4 owes to the biological origin of sedimentary calcareous particles in marine and oceanic
5 realms. As a consequence of the biological controls on chemical signals in algae, most
6 biominerals do not precipitate at equilibrium conditions and the compositional departure
7 between biocarbonates and an inorganic reference is commonly referred to as the vital effect.
8 Therefore, geochemical data from ancient biomineralising organisms must be corrected in
9 order to derive the primary signals from palaeoseawater. In the case of the foraminifera,
10 corals and coccoliths, the foremost carbonate producers in the marine realm, there has been a
11 considerable number of studies during which living organisms were cultured in strictly
12 controlled environmental conditions and their biominerals measured for a range of isotopic
13 systems to generate empirical proxy calibrations (Erez and Boas, 1982; Dudley et al., 1986;
14 Spero et al., 1997; Bemis et al., 1998; Ziveri et al., 2003; Tripathi et al., 2010; Rickaby et al.,
15 2010; Rollion-Bard et al., 2011; Grauel et al., 2013; Hermoso et al., 2014; Minoletti et al.,
16 2014; Hermoso, 2015).

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18 Another important aim in palaeoceanography is to determine whether the physiology-induced
19 fractionation for a given taxon was constant through time from an evolutionary perspective,
20 and over shorter time intervals comprising large climatic fluctuations, in turn inducing an
21 environmentally-driven modulation of the vital effect (Hermoso, 2014). In the absence of
22 more reliable information, the Uniformitarianism principle – by which, the processes that
23 were operating in the geological past still exist today, and *vice-versa*, is commonly applied for
24 elucidating vital effects and reconstructing primary oceanographic signals.

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26 Although coccoliths are relatively challenging to extract at the species-specific level from
27 sediments compared to foraminifera, coccolith-based studies represent a growing field since
28 the pioneering work by Anderson and Steinmetz (1981). To better interpret coccolith isotope
29 signals and generate more reliable palaeoenvironmental estimates from these cosmopolitan
30 organisms, we need to gain a broader picture of their vital effects, and more specifically
31 determine how environmental parameters govern their magnitude. Several studies have
32 specifically measured coccolith $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ with changing temperature in laboratory cultures in
33 order to determine and calibrate the temperature / $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ relationship for a wide range of
34 species (Dudley et al., 1986; Ziveri et al., 2003; Candelier et al., 2013; Stevenson et al.,

1 2014). Meanwhile, other culture studies have kept temperature constant but have manipulated
2 the carbonate chemistry of the culture medium and the irradiance level (Ziveri et al., 2003;
3 Rickaby et al., 2010; Hermoso, 2015) and found substantial modulation of the oxygen isotope
4 vital effect with these parameters at constant temperature. In most cases, only one parameter
5 was controlled at a time, and we are lacking cross-parameter investigations that are required
6 for the effective application of palaeoproxies. In nature, environmental parameters generally
7 co-vary, such as sea surface temperatures and pCO₂ concentrations. This is illustrated by the
8 recent natural environment study by Hermoso et al. (2015) analysing coccoliths
9 microseparated from core top sediments, which further illustrates the intricate (multi-
10 parameter) control of coccolith oxygen and carbon isotope compositions ($\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta^{13}\text{C}$,
11 respectively).

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13 These biogeochemical proxies raise questions regarding what vital effect coefficients should
14 be applied to ancient coccolith species extracted from Meso-Cenozoic sediments as
15 temperature and pCO₂ significantly evolved before reaching the present-day levels. In the
16 present study, we document a multi-species control of stable carbon and oxygen isotope
17 composition under a wide range of DIC (hence pCO₂) levels at constant pH (8.2) recreated in
18 the laboratory. As varying the availability of ambient DIC substrate may modulate the degree
19 of carbon limitation for algal growth (cell division rate and size), this culture approach will
20 allow us to determine whether the vital effect is constant for a given coccolith species or
21 changes with the environment, and in particular in response to ambient carbon concentrations.

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23 **2 Material and methods**

24 **2.1 Coccolithophore strains studied**

25 *Emiliana huxleyi* has attracted most recent attention in coccolithophore research due to its
26 dominance in present-day oceans, its importance in biogeochemical cycles, and
27 accompanying relevance to ocean chemistry and climate of the Anthropocene (*e.g.*, Bidigare
28 et al., 1997; Riebesell et al., 2000; Iglesias-Rodriguez et al., 2008; De Bodt et al., 2010;
29 Suffrian et al., 2011; Müller et al., 2012; Bach et al., 2013; Sett et al., 2014; Tchernov et al.,
30 2014; Young et al., 2014; Aloisi, 2015; Holtz et al., 2015). The strain RCC 1256 used in this
31 study produces lightly calcified coccoliths assigned to the morphotype A (Langer et al.,
32 2011). From a geological point of view however, palaeoceanographic applications on *E.*
33 *huxleyi* only cover a narrow time interval as this species has only recently evolved (~ 268 kyr
34 ago; Thierstein et al., 1977).

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2 The species *Calcidiscus leptoporus* has a longer geological record with its first appearance in
3 pelagic sediments reported in the Miocene (Bown, 1998). This species was studied in culture
4 to assess changes in the morphology of its coccoliths with altered medium chemistry (Langer
5 and Bode, 2011) and isotopically (Ziveri et al., 2012; Candelier et al., 2013; Hermoso et al.
6 2014). In the present study, we used the strain RCC 1129 corresponding to the intermediate
7 morphotype on the merit of coccolith size. The same monoclonal strain was previously
8 cultured by Candelier et al. (2013) and Hermoso et al. (2014) where cells were successively
9 subjected to change in temperature and medium oxygen composition.

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11 The large and relatively ancient taxon *Coccolithus pelagicus* (strain RCC 1202 being studied
12 here) corresponds to the subspecies *braarudii*. This taxon has been examined isotopically in
13 culture (Rickaby et al., 2010; Hermoso et al. 2014; Stevenson et al., 2014). Amongst all
14 extant coccolithophore species, *C. pelagicus* has the longest geological record with a first
15 occurrence of the informally defined “*C. pelagicus* group” dated back to the Palaeogene (~ 66
16 Myr ago).

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18 *Pleurochrysis placolithoides* has no direct geological relevance. The occurrence of this
19 species has not been reported in the fossil record owing to its nearshore ecology compared to
20 most coccolithophore species living in more open ocean settings (Young et al., 2003).
21 However, its coccosphere size is in between *C. pelagicus* and *C. leptoporus* – all taxa
22 belonging to the Coccolithales Order. As these two strains have contrasting vital effects, it is
23 interesting to study an intermediate cell size to further explore a link between cell morphology
24 and coccolith isotopic composition. The strain used in this study is RCC 1401.

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26 **2.2 Culture medium preparation**

27 A raw batch of natural seawater collected from the English Channel (Station L4; 50° 15.00' N
28 – 4° 13.02' W) was supplied by MBA, Plymouth (UK). The batch of seawater (salinity ~ 33
29 psu) was first acidified using concentrated HCl to reach pH ~ 2, conditions under which most
30 of the dissolved inorganic carbon was present in form of aqueous CO₂. The batch was
31 bubbled overnight with pure N₂ to remove DIC. Subsequently, pH was brought back to a
32 value around 8 by addition of NaOH. Still under N₂ purge, we amended the medium in
33 nitrate, phosphate, EDTA and vitamins according to the *K/2* recipe (see Hermoso et al., 2014
34 for further details). To obtain the desired DIC level (2; 4; 6; 8; 10 and 12 mmol kg_{sw}⁻¹), we

1 proceeded to add calculated amounts of NaHCO₃ powder (Sigma – Batch CAS 144-55-8) in
2 different aliquots with immediate pH adjustment to 8.2 (total scale), after which each DIC
3 batch then was promptly filtered-sterilised and kept in Teflon-sealed flasks without
4 headspace. Prior to inoculation, each medium was measured for its total alkalinity using a 916
5 Ti Touch automatic titrator (Metrohm) (Table 1). Successive alterations of the carbonate
6 chemistry, due to the addition of HCl, NaHCO₃ and NaOH, did not induce change in total
7 alkalinity compared to the original seawater batch, and there was a very good agreement
8 between target and measured DIC concentrations for each batch (within a range of 5 %).

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10 **2.3 Cell density, size and growth**

11 During the acclimation and culture phases, cells were maintained at 15 °C and illuminated
12 under a daily 14h/10h light/dark cycle in Sanyo MLR-351 plant growth chambers. The
13 irradiance was measured as 150 μmol photons m⁻² s⁻¹. Duplicate culture batches were
14 performed semi-continuously to allow DIC to remain stable with cell growth and preferential
15 CO₂ assimilation and utilisation by the cells leading to increasing pH (Hermoso, 2014), which
16 conforms to experimental guidelines (Barry et al., 2010). Unfortunately due to this
17 experimental set-up, too low amount (mass) of harvested culture residues has prevented us
18 from generating meaningful PIC/POC ratios for this study.

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20 The evolution of culture growth was determined by cell enumeration made every two days,
21 approximately 3 hours after the onset of the illuminated phase using a Beckman Coulter
22 Counter Series Z2 apparatus fitted with a 100 μm aperture tube. The diluent used was
23 ISOTON II obtained from Beckman Ltd. Calibration of spherical-equivalent coccosphere
24 sizes was performed daily using 10.16 μm diameter latex beads provided by the same
25 company. Coccosphere sizes were determined by the mode of Gaussian distribution on the
26 coccospheres given by the Coulter Counter device (Table 1). The specific growth rates (μ)
27 were calculated from cell densities measured at time of culture harvest (c_f) and two days prior
28 to that (c_{f-2}), using the formula:

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$$30 \mu = [\ln(c_f) - \ln(c_{f-2})] / 2 \quad (1)$$

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32 **2.4 Isotopic analyses**

33 Carbon and oxygen isotope compositions of coccolith calcite and the oxygen isotopic ratios
34 from water media were measured as described in Hermoso et al. (2014). In brief, coccolith

1 calcite from rinsed and oxidised culture residues were measured using a VG Isogas Prism II
2 mass spectrometer with an on-line VG Isocarb at Oxford University. Results ($\delta^{18}\text{O}_c$ and $\delta^{13}\text{C}_c$)
3 are expressed against the international V-PDB reference (Table 1). Medium $\delta^{18}\text{O}$
4 compositions ($\delta^{18}\text{O}_{sw}$) were determined by gas-water exchange on a Delta Gas Bench II
5 coupled to a Delta V Advantage mass spectrometer at the University of Oxford. A similar
6 value was obtained for all the DIC batches with a typical value of +0.50 ‰ V-SMOW.

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8 The $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ of NaHCO_3 powder used was directly measured on the Prism with a value of -2.54
9 ‰ V-PDB. Subsequently, $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ of DIC ($\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{DIC}}$) were measured at Cambridge University
10 using a Thermo Gas Bench attached to a Delta V mass spectrometer and isotopic values were
11 similar for each batch (within typical error of ± 0.1 ‰) and indistinguishable from that of the
12 NaHCO_3 powder employed to amend the growth milieus.

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14 The magnitude of the vital effects for the oxygen and carbon isotope systems is expressed as
15 the isotopic offset of coccolith calcite from inorganic calcite ($\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{inorg}}$ and $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{inorg}}$,
16 respectively) calculated using the equations provided by Kim and O'Neil (1997) and
17 Romanek et al. (1992).

$$18 \quad {}^{18}\text{O} \text{ Vital effect} = \delta^{18}\text{O}_c - \delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{inorg}} \quad (2)$$

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21 where $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{inorg}}$ is calculated after the equation of Kim and O'Neil (1997) and Bemis et al.
22 (1998). We note that this computed oxygen isotopic composition is indistinguishable from
23 that of Watkins et al. (2014) with a biogenic-relevant kinetic effect (see Hermoso, 2015). For
24 our experiments, a constant $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{inorg}}$ value of -0.04 ‰ V-PDB was calculated for a
25 temperature of 15 °C and an oxygen isotope composition of the culture medium of $+0.5$ ‰
26 V-SMOW.

$$27 \quad {}^{13}\text{C} \text{ Vital effect} = \delta^{13}\text{C}_c - \delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{inorg}} \quad (3)$$

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30 where $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{inorg}}$ is calculated as $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{DIC}} + 1$ (Romanek et al., 1992), hence $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{inorg}}$ has a
31 constant value of $+1$ ‰ expressed in the $\delta^{13}\text{C}_c - \delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{DIC}}$ referential.

32 33 **3 Results**

34 **3.1 Modern-day dissolved inorganic carbon concentration (~ 2 mmol DIC)**

3.1.1 Growth rates and coccosphere sizes

Cell division rates at present-day (pre-industrial) DIC levels (~ 2 mmol) are similar to those found in published literature (Langer et al., 2006, 2009; Rickaby et al., 2010; Bach et al., 2013; Candelier et al., 2013; Hermoso et al., 2014; Kottmeier et al., 2014; Sett et al., 2014). *Emiliania huxleyi* is the fastest grower for the smaller cell size, achieving about one division per day ($\mu \sim 0.7 \text{ day}^{-1}$) (Fig. 1a; Fig. 1b). The largest cells of *C. pelagicus* and *P. placolithoides* (19 and 16 μm diameter on average, respectively) show specific growth rates around 0.5 day^{-1} . *Calcidiscus leptoporus* with a coccosphere diameter between *E. huxleyi* and *P. placolithoides* (~ 10 μm) exhibits the lowest division rates among all examined species at 2 mmol DIC, with μ values around 0.3 day^{-1} (Fig. 1a; Fig. 1b).

3.1.2 Carbon isotope composition of coccolith calcite

The interspecies range in coccolith $\delta^{13}\text{C}_c$ values grown under present-day CO_2 levels (~ 270 ppm / ~ 2 mmol DIC) is considerable, on the order of 3 ‰ (Fig. 2a). This variation confirms the presence of very large vital effects for the carbon isotope system (Ziveri et al., 2003; Rickaby et al., 2010; Hermoso et al., 2014). Coccolith calcite carbon isotopic compositions are distributed either side of the inorganic reference value (Fig. 2a): *E. huxleyi* and *P. placolithoides* exhibit positive $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values (hence, a “positive” ^{13}C vital effect). Due to insufficient calcite yield at harvest for isotopic analysis for *P. placolithoides* grown at 2 mmol DIC, the assignment of *P. placolithoides* to an isotopic “heavy group” (*sensu* Dudley et al., 1986) is inferred by extrapolation from the 4 – 12 mmol range. *C. pelagicus* and *C. leptoporus* meanwhile have relatively similar $\delta^{13}\text{C}_c - \delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{inorg}}$ values, corresponding to a -2.5 ‰ vital effect. These numbers are in good agreement with published literature when cultures were grown at low cell concentration (see synthesis in Hermoso, 2014).

3.1.3 Oxygen isotope composition of coccolith calcite

The $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of coccolith calcite grown by algae exposed to 2 mmol of DIC is also comparable to values reported in literature with media aerated with laboratory air (Ziveri et al., 2003; Candelier et al., 2013; Hermoso et al., 2014; Stevenson et al., 2014) (Fig. 2b). Our data are thus compatible with the assignment of coccolith species into three groups on the merit of oxygen isotope composition either from $\delta^{18}\text{O}_c - \delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{sw}}$ or from $\delta^{18}\text{O}_c - \delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{inorg}}$ values (the latter being used to quantify the magnitude of the “vital effect”; Eq. 2). *Emiliania huxleyi* (“heavy group”) has the most positive $\delta^{18}\text{O}_c$ values and large vital effects (+2 ‰) (Fig. 2b).

1 *Coccolithus pelagicus* (“equilibrium group”) produces calcite with oxygen isotope
2 composition close to that of inorganic calcite, although in the present study, the values are
3 slightly (~ 0.5 ‰) shifted towards heavy $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ratios. *Calcidiscus leptoporus* (“light group”)
4 exhibits lighter $\delta^{18}\text{O}_c$ values than the inorganic reference (Fig. 2b). The offset from inorganic
5 calcite is -1.4 ‰ for *C. leptoporus*, the same magnitude of the vital effect reported by
6 Candelier et al. (2013) rather than those by Dudley et al. (1986). By extrapolation from higher
7 DIC levels in amended medium, it can be deduced that *P. placolithoides* would belong to the
8 “light group”, which is consistent with the work of Dudley et al. (1986) concerning the
9 closely related species *Pleurochrysis carterae*.

11 **3.2 Effect of increased DIC (at constant pH) on growth and isotopes (4 – 12** 12 **mmol DIC)**

13 **3.2.1 Change in cell size and growth rate with increased DIC**

14 Contrasting responses among examined species are observed in the evolution of specific
15 growth rates and coccosphere volume with increased ambient DIC level, and as a result, in the
16 carbon resource around the cells (Fig. 1a; Fig. 1b). The relatively fast growing *E. huxleyi*
17 species exhibits fertilisation (higher growth rates) from 2 to 8 mmol, beyond which a decrease
18 is observed at the highest DIC levels. A similar decrease at high alkalinity was previously
19 observed on the close relative *Gephyrocapsa oceanica* (Rickaby et al., 2010). Both *C.*
20 *leptoporus* and *C. pelagicus* decreased cellular division rates over the 2 to 12 mmol range of
21 DIC concentration, but decreased growth rates are marked for *C. pelagicus* with μ linearly
22 changing from 0.5 down to 0.1 day^{-1} with increasing DIC concentrations. Changing ambient
23 DIC does not induce significant modulation of growth rate for the species *P. placolithoides*.
24 Overall, there is no covariation between growth rates and coccosphere and cell sizes for the
25 species examined here (Fig. 1a; Fig. 1b). One may expect decreased μ to be accompanied by
26 longer generation time, and hence larger cell sizes (Aloisi, 2015). Nevertheless, the data
27 confirm that both *E. huxleyi* and *P. placolithoides* cells become relatively larger with elevated
28 DIC levels, as observed for the former in the work by Müller et al. (2012). *Calcidiscus*
29 *leptoporus* exhibits no change in size with DIC availability, whereas *C. pelagicus* shows
30 significantly decreased coccospheres sizes at high DIC levels.

32 **3.2.2 Change in carbon isotope composition of coccolith calcite**

1 With increased DIC concentration in the culture medium, species that exhibited high $\delta^{13}\text{C}$
2 values at 2 mmol DIC show a significant decrease in $\delta^{13}\text{C}_c - \delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{DIC}}$ values, hence a
3 diminished vital effect (Fig. 2a). The observed decreases in $\delta^{13}\text{C}_c - \delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{DIC}}$ with increasing
4 DIC are linear ($r^2 = 0.96$ for *E. huxleyi* and 0.70 for *P. placolithoides*). At the highest DIC
5 concentrations, it appears that the averages between the two duplicates show coccolith calcite
6 $\delta^{13}\text{C}_c$ values for these two species indistinguishable from that of the inorganic reference
7 (*sensu* Romanek et al., 1992), hence vital effects vanish at high DIC. By contrast, species with
8 lowest $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ at 2 mmol (*C. pelagicus* and *C. leptoporus*) show increased carbon isotope
9 compositions with addition of DIC in the medium, a trend that also corresponds to a strong
10 decrease in the expression of the vital effect for these species (Fig. 2a). This positive
11 evolution is linear for *C. leptoporus* ($r^2 = 0.83$) and *C. pelagicus* ($r^2 = 0.85$), although for the
12 latter largest species the 2mmol datapoints departs from the 4 – 12 mmol linear trend with
13 substantial low $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values. This “jump” in *C. pelagicus* $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values between 2 and 4 mmol
14 represents most of the evolution in the $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ composition over the whole range of DIC
15 concentration investigated here. At the highest DIC concentration, *C. pelagicus* exhibits near
16 inorganic $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values, whereas *C. leptoporus* remains -0.4 ‰ negatively shifted from this
17 reference.

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19 **3.2.3 Change in oxygen isotope composition of coccolith calcite**

20 The typology of a heavy and light isotopic group for the oxygen isotope system still exists
21 with increased ambient DIC concentration, but the magnitude of the vital effect is
22 considerably reduced with coccolith $\delta^{18}\text{O}_c$ tending towards inorganic values over the 2 to 12
23 mmol DIC range. Not only are interspecies ^{18}O vital effects reduced at high DIC, but also as
24 is the case for carbon isotopes, the absolute vital effects become significantly reduced at the
25 highest DIC level (Fig. 2b). There is, however, a residual $+1.3$ ‰ $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ shift for *E. huxleyi* at
26 12 mmol of DIC, yet representing a substantial decrease in the magnitude of the vital effect
27 compared to the 2 mmol measurement. The large species *C. pelagicus*, assigned to a near-
28 inorganic (*sensu* Kim and O’Neil, 1997) group shows constant $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values with a limited
29 vital effect ($+0.45$ ‰), regardless of changes in ambient DIC concentrations.

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31 **4 Discussion**

32 **4.1 Nature of observed isotopic changes: inorganic or vital effect?**

33 In biological systems, an increase in the DIC concentration of the ambient medium may not
34 be linearly related to that of the mineralising fluid due to the effects of physiology (vital

1 effect). The observation of such contrasting interspecific responses in μ , $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ with
2 increased DIC levels in different species points towards a biological control. That the light
3 group increases and the heavy group decreases coccolith $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values precludes a
4 unified thermodynamic mechanism, as the direction of isotopic changes with increased DIC
5 are opposite (Fig. 2a; Fig. 2b). Likewise, we cannot explain the isotopic data of coccoliths by
6 a shift in the relative assimilation of HCO_3^- and CO_2 by the cells with changing ambient DIC
7 concentration (Kottmeier et al., 2014).

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9 Theoretical work and experiments seeking to identify the control of inorganic calcite isotopes
10 have provided useful reference points that are valuable to understand biogeochemical signals
11 and the magnitude of the vital effect. For the carbon isotope system, calcite $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ composition
12 is insensitive to temperature, precipitation rates and geologically relevant seawater pH values
13 (Romanek et al., 1992). Thermodynamically, the mechanisms and the dynamics of oxygen
14 isotope fractionation are very different to those for the carbon isotopes (Zeebe and Wolf-
15 Gladrow, 2001). Large isotopic kinetic effects are documented with high precipitation rates
16 favouring ^{16}O incorporation into the calcite crystal (Gabitov et al., 2012). This effect can be as
17 high as 1.5 ‰ for $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values, and corresponds to the “kinetic limit” by Watkins et al. (2013,
18 2014). An understanding of the saturation state with respect to calcite in the coccolith vesicle,
19 and of true calcite precipitation rates is currently lacking. Both of these concepts are relevant
20 for understanding the vital effect.

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22 The present dataset is not sufficient to tackle whether coccolithophore calcite isotopically
23 derives from a CO_2 or a HCO_3^- source, as it would have required measurement of coeval
24 $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{org}}$ values. Current literature points towards a mixture of these two DIC species for
25 calcification (e.g. Kottmeier et al., 2014). In the following account, we develop an empirical
26 approach on stable isotopes in coccoliths. Our primary aim here is to better interpret fossil
27 coccolith isotopic signals in the context of DIC availability in the past, without making a
28 hypothesis on which DIC species is used.

30 **4.2 From carbon availability for the cell to the expression of vital effect**

31 **4.2.1 Carbon isotope system**

32 In photosynthetic, or photosynthetic-associated biomineralisers such as the foraminifera,
33 corals and coccolithophores, a ^{12}C -DIC depletion of the internal carbon pool due to
34 photosynthetic fractionation by the enzyme Ribulose-1,5-bisphosphate

1 carboxylase/oxygenase (RuBisCO) may imprint the whole *Ci* leading to substantial isotopic
2 consequences on the stable isotope composition of biominerals (McConnaughey, 1989; Spero
3 et al., 1997; Hermoso et al., 2014).

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5 The species *E. huxleyi* and *P. placolithoides* show particularly high calcite $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values,
6 isotopically higher than both the possible HCO_3^- and CO_2_{aq} sources (for reference: $\epsilon^{13}\text{CO}_2_{\text{aq}} -$
7 $\text{HCO}_3^- \sim 10 \text{‰}$ and $\epsilon^{13}_{\text{calcite-HCO}_3^-} \sim 1 \text{‰}$ at 15 °C; Zeebe and Wolf-Gladrow, 2001). By contrast,
8 *C. pelagicus* and *C. leptoporus* have lighter carbon isotopic composition at ambient (2 mmol)
9 DIC levels, falling between $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ of CO_2_{aq} and $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ of HCO_3^- , hence are lighter in carbon
10 isotope composition than inorganic calcite (Fig. 2a).

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12 In species characterised by low PIC/POC, typically *E. huxleyi*, the internal DIC pool is
13 isotopically offset towards high $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values due to intense preferential ^{12}C fixation by
14 photosynthesis (Laws et al., 2002; Benthien et al., 2007; Hermoso et al., 2014; Tchernov et
15 al., 2014). In the culture experiments on *E. huxleyi* by Bach et al. (2013), PIC/POC ratios
16 increased in response to increasing [DIC], which was explained by a decrease in the
17 production of POC. Thus, the lowered *E. huxleyi* $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ measured at high DIC concentrations in
18 the present study are the likely consequence of the internal carbon pool becoming less
19 imprinted by ^{12}C photosynthetic-driven Rayleigh fractionation because the latter process is
20 “diluted” in a larger internal carbon pool. As aqueous CO_2 is isotopically lighter than HCO_3^-
21 ions, an alternative mechanism relying on a shift from HCO_3^- to CO_2 cellular acquisition
22 under elevated DIC concentrations can be hypothesised, as it would match the biological data
23 for *E. huxleyi* reported by Kottmeier et al. (2014).

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25 Species originally with very light $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values at 2 mmol of DIC show a clear increase in their
26 coccolith carbon isotopic ratios with increasing DIC. The increase in *C. leptoporus* and *C.*
27 *pelagicus* $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ with increased DIC is well-correlated with DIC concentrations (Fig. 2a). It is
28 surprising to observe a clear decrease of specific growth rates of *C. leptoporus* and *C.*
29 *pelagicus* with more carbon resource in the medium. It has been suggested that intense
30 calcification in *C. pelagicus* may impair growth under high DIC levels due to the challenge to
31 translocate protons outside the cells (Rickaby et al., 2010; Hermoso, 2015). The explanation
32 for higher $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values of *C. leptoporus* and *C. pelagicus* is likely to be common, as with more
33 DIC, a decrease of the PIC/POC ratio is observed in both species (Rickaby et al., 2010;
34 Langer and Bode, 2011; Bach et al., 2013; Diner et al., 2015). With enhanced organic carbon

1 fixation over calcification (*i.e.*, decreased PIC/POC), the whole cell carbon isotopic inventory
2 may become more imprinted by photosynthetic ^{12}C depletion, and as a result, both species
3 produce coccoliths exhibiting isotopically heavier carbon isotope signatures, an opposite trend
4 to that observed for *E. huxleyi*.

6 **4.2.2 Oxygen isotope system**

7 It has been hypothesised that the isotopic heavy group is an isotopic relic of a partial CO_2
8 assimilation by coccolithophore cells (Hermoso et al., 2014). Indeed, CO_2 bears excess ^{18}O
9 atoms compared to DIC and HCO_3^- ; the isotopic composition used to compute that of
10 equilibrium calcite (Kim and O'Neil, 1997; Bemis et al. 1998; Zeebe and Wolf-Gladrow,
11 2001). The fraction of the DIC influx to the cell entering in the form of HCO_3^- does not
12 induce any ^{18}O -enrichment of the *Ci* ($\epsilon^{18}_{\text{CO}_2 \text{ aq-HCO}_3^-} = 23.6 \text{ ‰}$; Zeebe and Wolf-Gladrow,
13 2001). As the oxygen isotopic composition of inorganic calcite is primarily computed from
14 $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of HCO_3^- (Kim and O'Neil, 1997; Zeebe and Wolf-Gladrow, 2001). Without other
15 thermodynamic effects, a mere acquisition of HCO_3^- by the cell would correspond to
16 equilibrium values. We must add that due to the complexity of the kinetics of the oxygen
17 isotope system, it is, however, impossible to use coccolith $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ to quantify the relative supply
18 of DIC by aqueous CO_2 and bicarbonate ions.

19
20 Under low ambient DIC level and consecutive carbon limited conditions there may be a fast
21 turnover of the internal carbon pool (Nimer et al., 1992), which allows less time between CO_2
22 assimilation and calcification in the coccolith vesicle. The residence time of the fraction of the
23 *Ci* built from assimilation of aqueous CO_2 to calcification is fundamental for the extent to
24 which this ^{18}O -rich carbon influx is registered by the coccolith calcite, as it tends to be erased
25 due to isotopic exchange between DIC and H_2O molecules. In a fast growing (calcifying)
26 species, the ^{18}O excess borne by the *Ci* is less isotopically re-equilibrated, and leads to
27 relatively high $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values in coccoliths compared to inorganic calcite or slow growers such
28 as *C. pelagicus*.

29
30 In the present study, in all species except *C. pelagicus* that always displays near-inorganic
31 $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values, a link between [DIC] and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values confirms that the ^{18}O vital effect may be
32 related to the overturning rate (or the “demand-to-supply” ratio, see Bolton and Stoll, 2013).
33 The corresponding isotopic relevant process for the oxygen isotope system is the residence
34 time of the internal carbon pool from cell assimilation of carbon resource to calcification. In

1 *E. huxleyi* with increasing DIC, the record of this ^{18}O excess vanishes, implying that the
2 intracellular residence time of the DIC species in the carbon pool must increase with DIC
3 availability, therefore diminishing the isotopic offset. Comparing our isotopic data for *E.*
4 *huxleyi* and those for *G. oceanica* by Rickaby et al. (2010), we observe that there seems to be
5 an isotopic continuum between the two species based on their isotopic composition / [DIC]
6 relationship (Fig. 3).

7
8 For *C. pelagicus*, possible changes of the residence time of the carbon pool prior to its partial
9 mineralisation does not induce expression of an ^{18}O vital effect (Fig. 2b). Near-equilibrium
10 composition of *C. pelagicus* calcite was consistently found under changing temperature and
11 pH conditions (Stevenson et al., 2014; Hermoso, 2015). The expression of very limited ^{18}O
12 vital effect, likely due to the completeness of the oxygen isotope DIC - H_2O exchange at time
13 of calcification in this relatively slow growing species (Hermoso et al., 2014), is a
14 fundamentally important observation with respect to palaeoclimate studies in deep time, due
15 to the geological importance of this near “vital effect-free” species that can be used as a
16 reference.

17
18 With this biogeochemical control of oxygen isotope fractionation in coccolith calcite in mind,
19 it remains difficult to explain the lower magnitude of the ^{18}O vital effect for the isotopic light
20 group (*C. leptoporus* and *P. placolithoides*). That higher coccolith $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values are recorded
21 with higher ^{18}O -rich CO_2 influx may represent an intuitive reasoning, and reconcile the data.
22 However, their $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values are “capped” by equilibrium values and do not go towards the
23 heavy group end-member as observed in *E. huxleyi* or *G. oceanica* (Fig. 2b), challenging this
24 hypothesis.

25 26 **4.3 Outlook for coccolith-based palaeoceanographic reconstructions**

27 Using geological evidence in the Neogene, it was reported that large coccoliths exhibit $\delta^{13}\text{C}$
28 values similar to that of planktonic foraminifera whose composition was regarded close to the
29 DIC composition (Bolton et al., 2012). In contrast, small coccoliths were reported to have
30 relatively high $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values in the same study. Our culture data at relatively low DIC
31 concentrations are compatible with these natural environment observations. Furthermore, the
32 present culture-based study confirms the limited expression of ^{13}C vital effect at highest DIC
33 level (Fig. 2a). For coccolith $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, the same authors found the opposite: the smallest
34 coccoliths are closest to the foraminifera, and the bigger coccoliths show lighter values. This

1 is also in agreement with the isotopic typology of coccolith calcite, with the notable
2 difference that in culture, larger cells such as *C. pelagicus* exhibit near equilibrium
3 composition. One possible explanation for this discrepancy between culture and sediment data
4 may be the exacerbation of the vital effect in culture due to highly fertilising growth
5 conditions of coccolithophores exposed to high light and nutrient levels (Hermoso et al.,
6 2015). Although the present culture data can be regarded as robust, based on reproducibility
7 of growth and isotope composition in replicated bioassays and thanks to the very dilute
8 cultures undertaken, we should stress the importance to consider the whole set of environment
9 parameters, as in our study case, light, nutrient and DIC conditions were likely replete with
10 respect to the natural environment. Under the assumption that in culture, growth rate reached
11 their maxima, it would appear that in the natural environment growth rates were lower, and as
12 a consequence the vital effect, especially for the oxygen isotopes, were also lower.

13

14 Using our empirical calibration between the magnitude of the vital effect with DIC
15 concentration or with equivalent pCO₂ (Fig 2a; Fig. 2b; Fig. 3), we validate and encourage the
16 use of coccolith monotaxic to infer SST estimates. The present study indicates that
17 reconstructing meaningful SST estimates from coccolith calcite (and hence, bulk carbonate)
18 δ¹⁸O values requires the a priori knowledge of the range of pCO₂ concentrations for the
19 considered time interval. Further, the data indicate that a constant coefficient of the vital
20 effect cannot homogeneously be applied on a coccolith species over its entire geological
21 existence with the notable exception of *Coccolithus pelagicus*. For this species, a unique
22 correction of the ¹⁸O vital effect of 0.5 ‰ can be applied on δ¹⁸O_c values to reconstruct SSTs
23 under relatively elevated pCO₂ levels, typically over 600 ppm. Furthermore, it is worth noting
24 that the magnitude of this biological fractionation does not change with pH in this species
25 (Hermoso, 2015). In the dataset of Rickaby et al. (2010), the reported coefficient of the vital
26 effect is the same for *C. pelagicus* at high DIC than in the present study, and for *G. oceanica*,
27 it is of 0.7 ‰ above a 600 ppm threshold.

28

29 Exploiting interspecies signals, as the large-small coccolith isotopic offset proposed by
30 Bolton et al. (2012) has the notable advantage to circumvent uncertainties that complicate
31 palaeoceanographic reconstructions (salinity, temperature, seawater δ¹⁸O), as they are
32 cancelled out, as they have, at least to first order, a similar effect on coccolith calcite
33 composition. Indeed, considering the arguments presented in this study showing a control by
34 ambient carbon availability and growth dynamics, it appears that the magnitude of the vital

1 effect contains an important environmental parameter sought in palaeoceanography, namely
2 DIC concentrations. Interspecies $\Delta\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\Delta\delta^{13}\text{C}$ offsets with [DIC] can be calculated in the
3 context of the investigated geological period using the data from the present work or those in
4 Rickaby et al. (2010).

5
6 The hypothesis by Bolton and Stoll (2013) about a possible “Late Miocene threshold” at
7 about 375 – 575 ppm of atmospheric of CO_2 is expressed in our dataset by a big “jump” in
8 $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ value for *Coccolithus pelagicus* (not seen in $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values). In high DIC (elevated
9 atmospheric CO_2) regimes of ocean history with vanished vital effects, departures from the
10 unified +1 ‰ in $\delta^{13}\text{C}_c - \delta^{13}\text{C}$ values that can be reconstruct with paired coccolith /
11 foraminifera measurements can be used as a proxy for photosynthetic activity in
12 coccolithophores. This approach could complement alkenone-derived palaeo- CO_2 estimates
13 by significantly contribute constraining seawater $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{CO}_2}$ composition and the so-called “*b*”
14 coefficient (Pagani, 2002; Pagani et al., 2005). This novel approach (recently outlined in
15 Hermoso, 2015; Hermoso et al., 2015) will require coupled foraminiferal data that may serve
16 as inorganic reference (Spero et al., 2003). In addition, it appears possible to reconstruct cell
17 geometry via morphometric measurements made on fossil coccoliths (Henderiks and Rickaby,
18 2007; Henderiks, 2008; Henderiks and Pagani, 2008), as this parameter is of paramount
19 importance for inferring algal growth dynamics and cell size in the absence of preserved
20 coccospheres in the sedimentary register, except in some peculiar settings (Gibbs et al., 2013).

21

22 **5 Conclusions**

23 This work provides new constraints on the “*mobilis in mobili*” nature of the vital effect in
24 coccolith calcite (Hermoso, 2014). We show that the turnover of carbon and differences in
25 growth rates and potentially relative allocation of the internal pool to photosynthesis and
26 calcification (PIC/POC) concurrently set the magnitude of the vital effect in both carbon and
27 oxygen isotope systems. In coccolithophores, the expression of the vital effect is stronger with
28 a small internal carbon reservoir induced by relatively low ambient carbon concentrations
29 typical of the modern oceans compared to the pCO_2 Neogene history. Several lines of
30 evidence now point towards reduced, if not absent, vital effect under high CO_2 levels, as
31 prevailed during the most of the Meso-Cenozoic. Therefore, the assumption that downcore
32 coccolith $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ can be transferred into SST estimates using the equations outlined in Kim and
33 O’Neil (1997) or more recently in Watkins et al. (2013) becomes practical when studying
34 deep time intervals. Due to the complex physiological and environmental control on isotopes

1 in coccolithophores, a fully quantitative modelling approach is now essential, in particular to
2 trace which DIC species are used from the external environment to the coccolith vesicle, and
3 thus refine our understanding of the precise mechanisms behind the vital effect.

4
5 Since the pioneering studies on coccolith geochemistry in the 1980s (Anderson and
6 Steinmetz, 1981; Steinmetz and Anderson, 1984; Dudley et al., 1986), a growing body of
7 literature highlights the potential for application to palaeoceanography. Recent work shows
8 major steps towards a complete understanding of the vital effect imprinting isotopes of
9 coccolith calcite based on biogeochemistry and physiology, which may “rival” our
10 quantitative understanding of foraminiferal proxies. These studies and the present work point
11 towards the possibility to generate coccolith-derived long term SST reconstruction and/or
12 pCO₂ levels during periods of abrupt climate change, such as the PETM, Cenozoic climate
13 optima or Mesozoic OAEs.

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1 **Figure captions**

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3 **Figure 1.** Changes in algae specific growth rates (panel a) and coccosphere diameter (panel b)
4 on a range of 2 to 12 mmol of DIC per kg of seawater in the culture medium. Key for species
5 is inset at the top of the figure.

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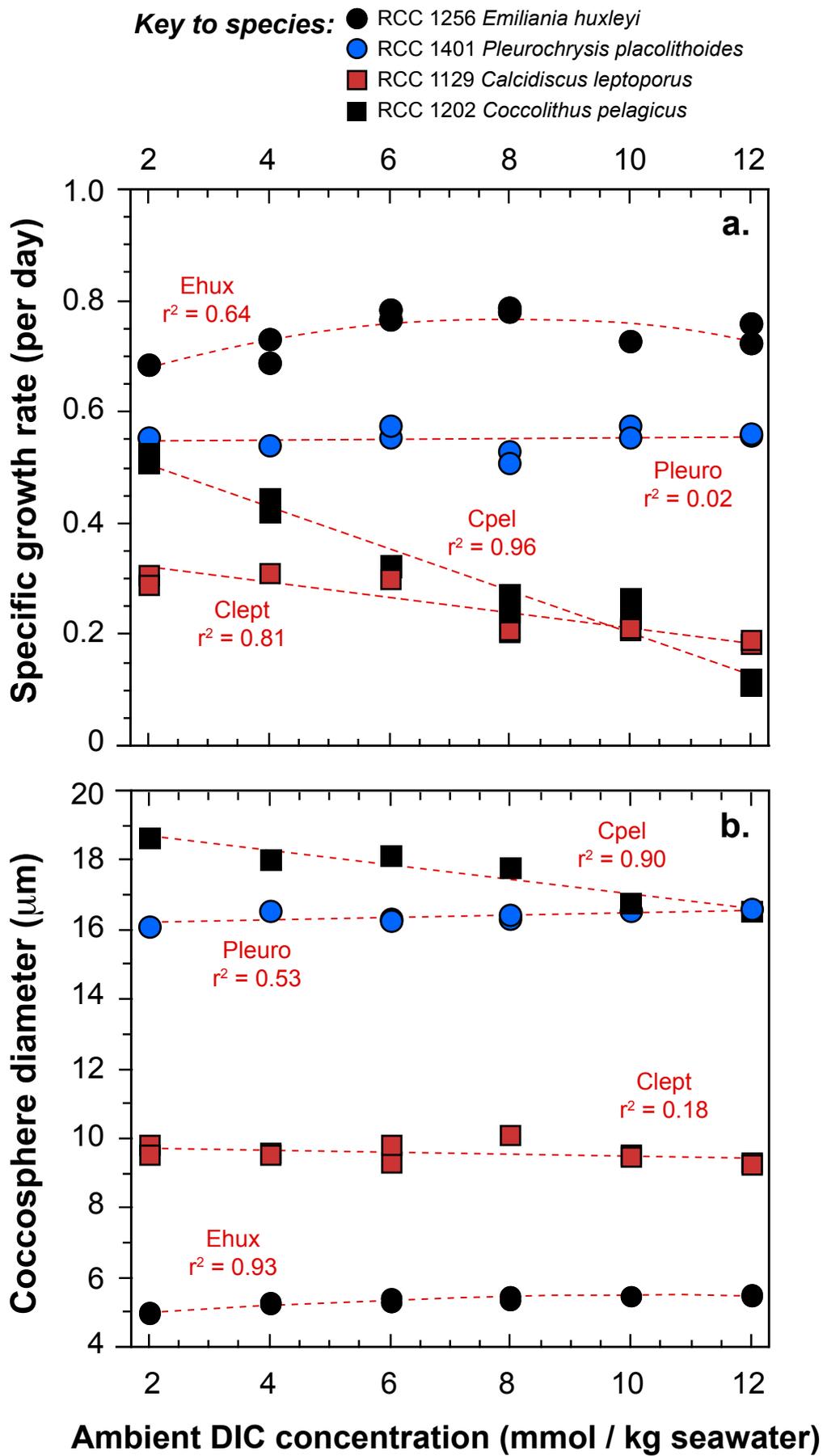
7 **Figure 2.** Changes in coccolith (a) carbon and (b) oxygen isotopes with DIC addition in the
8 culture medium. The results are expressed by isotopic offset of coccolith composition from
9 $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{DIC}}$ for carbon (panel a) and from medium $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{sw}}$ for oxygen (panel b). Inorganic calcite
10 references as materialised by the grey horizontal bars on the graphs are calculated according
11 to the equation given by Romanek et al. (1992) and Kim and O'Neil et al. (1997) for carbon
12 and oxygen isotopes, respectively. Correspondence between DIC concentrations and pCO_2
13 levels were obtained via the CO2Calc software (Table 1).

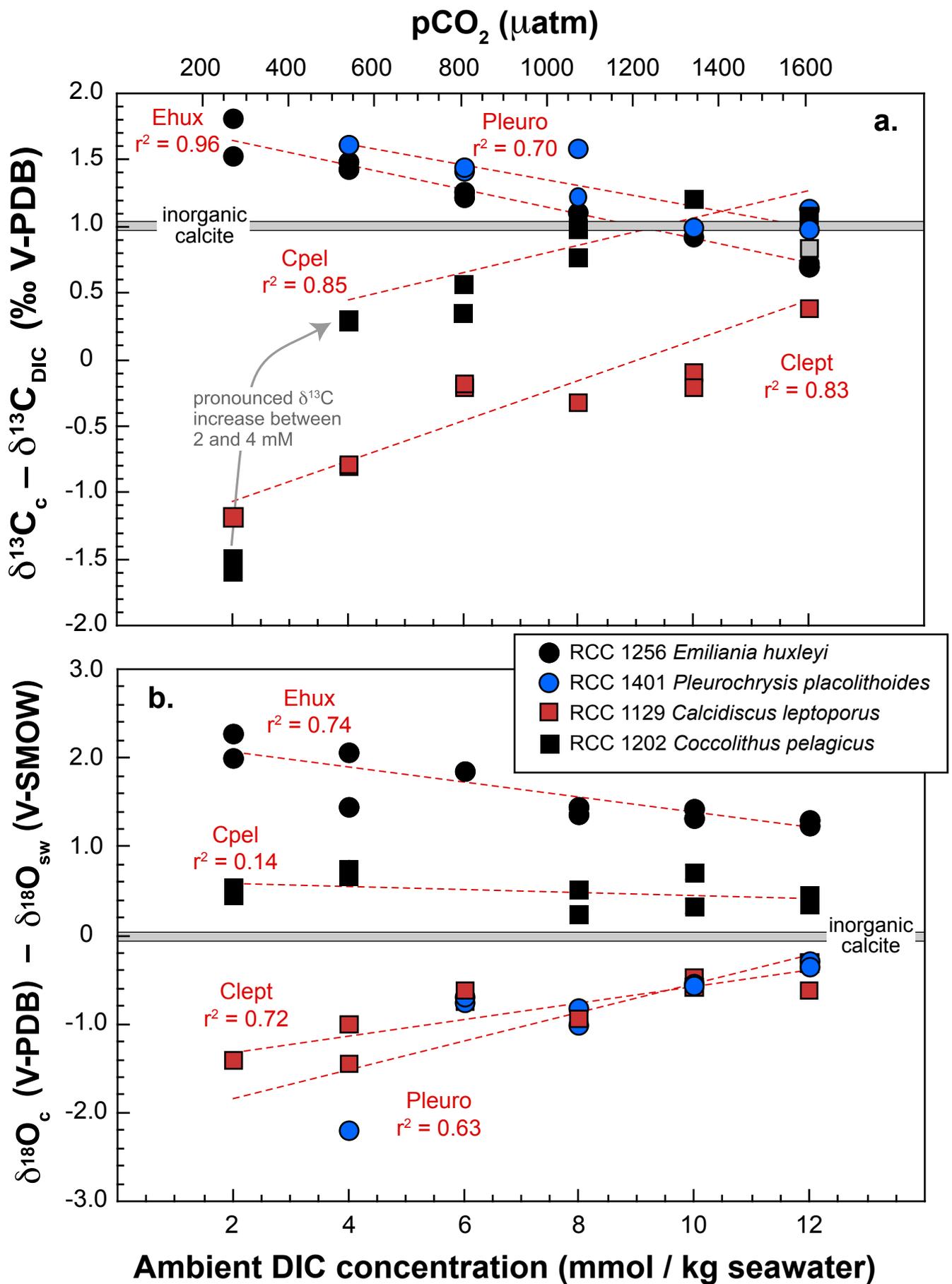
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15 **Figure 3.** Scatter plot of carbon and oxygen isotopic offsets with increased DIC
16 concentration. Superimposed on the linear regression lines, the wider side of the red triangles
17 denotes higher DIC level. With increased DIC and aqueous CO_2 concentration in the medium,
18 we observe a clear decrease in the magnitude of isotopic disequilibria in both carbon and
19 oxygen systems, with coccolith isotope compositions converging towards inorganic
20 composition. Note that a correction of +0.64 ‰ was applied to the $\delta^{18}\text{O}_c$ values of Rickaby et
21 al. (2010) to account for a temperature offset of +3 °C with the culture data of the present
22 study.

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24 **Table 1.** Numerical dataset.





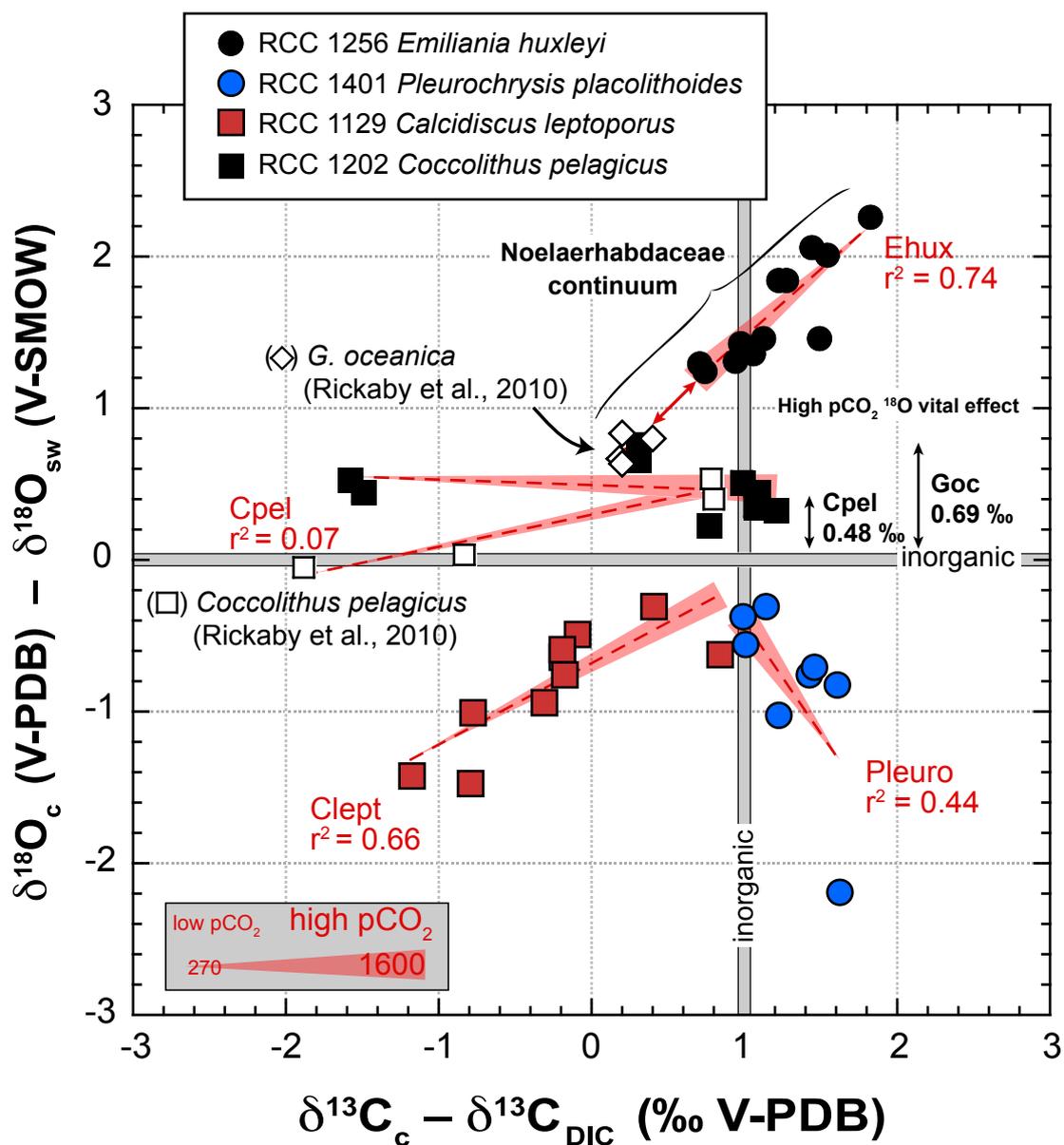


Table 1: Numerical dataset.

	DIC	Temperature	Salinity	pH	TA	CO _{2,aq}	HCO ₃ ⁻	CO ₃ ²⁻	pCO ₂	δ ¹⁸ O _{sw}	δ ¹³ C _{DIC}	δ ¹³ C _{inorg}	δ ¹⁸ O _{inorg}	δ ¹³ C _c	δ ¹⁸ O _c	δ-δ ¹⁸ O _{c-sw}	δ-δ ¹³ C _{c-DIC}	ε ¹⁸ _{c-sw}	ε ¹³ _{c-DIC}	μ	Coccosphere diameter
	mM	°C	psu	total scale	μM kg ⁻¹	μM kg ⁻¹	μM kg ⁻¹	μM kg ⁻¹	μatm	‰ V-SMOW	‰ V-PDB	‰ V-PDB	‰ V-PDB	‰ V-PDB	‰ V-PDB	‰ V-PDB - V-SMOW	‰ V-PDB	no unit	no unit	day ⁻¹	μm
<i>Emiliania huxleyi</i>	2	15	33	8.2	2370	10.1	1780.8	209.1	267	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-0.73	2.77	2.27	1.81	29.66	0.81	0.69	4.94
	2	15	33	8.2	2370	10.1	1780.8	209.1	267	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-1.00	2.51	2.01	1.54	29.38	0.54	0.68	5.01
	4	15	33	8.2	4406	20.2	3561.6	418.2	535	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-1.05	1.96	1.46	1.49	29.33	0.49	0.73	5.27
	4	15	33	8.2	4406	19.9	3561.6	418.2	535	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-1.10	2.56	2.06	1.44	29.28	0.44	0.69	5.30
	6	15	33	8.2	6590	30.3	5342.4	627.4	802	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-1.31	2.36	1.86	1.23	29.05	0.23	0.77	5.41
	6	15	33	8.2	6590	29.8	5342.4	627.4	802	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-1.28	2.35	1.85	1.26	29.09	0.26	0.78	5.33
	8	15	33	8.2	8535	40.4	7123.2	836.5	1070	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-1.49	1.87	1.37	1.05	28.87	0.05	0.78	5.37
	8	15	33	8.2	8535	40.4	7123.2	836.5	1070	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-1.43	1.96	1.46	1.11	28.93	0.11	0.79	5.47
	10	15	33	8.2	10853	50.5	8903.9	1045.6	1337	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-1.56	1.94	1.44	0.98	28.80	-0.02	0.73	5.50
	10	15	33	8.2	10853	50.5	8903.9	1045.6	1337	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-1.61	1.82	1.32	0.93	28.75	-0.07	0.73	5.49
	12	15	33	8.2	12963	60.6	10684.7	1254.7	1604	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-1.85	1.81	1.31	0.69	28.51	-0.31	0.76	5.53
	12	15	33	8.2	12963	59.6	10684.7	1254.7	1604	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-1.81	1.75	1.25	0.73	28.55	-0.27	0.72	5.48
<i>Pleurochrysis placolithoides</i>	2	15	33	8.2	2370	10.1	1780.8	209.1	267	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	NA	NA					0.56	16.12
	2	15	33	8.2	2370	10.1	1780.8	209.1	267	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	NA	NA					NA	NA
	4	15	33	8.2	4406	20.2	3561.6	418.2	535	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	NA	NA					NA	NA
	4	15	33	8.2	4406	19.9	3561.6	418.2	535	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-0.92	-1.68	-2.18	1.62	29.47	0.62	0.54	16.55
	6	15	33	8.2	6590	30.3	5342.4	627.4	802	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-1.11	-0.26	-0.76	1.43	29.26	0.43	0.55	16.31
	6	15	33	8.2	6590	29.8	5342.4	627.4	802	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-1.09	-0.19	-0.69	1.45	29.28	0.45	0.58	16.26
	8	15	33	8.2	8535	40.4	7123.2	836.5	1070	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-0.94	-0.32	-0.82	1.60	29.44	0.60	0.53	16.33
	8	15	33	8.2	8535	40.4	7123.2	836.5	1070	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-1.32	-0.51	-1.01	1.22	29.05	0.22	0.51	16.43
	10	15	33	8.2	10853	50.5	8903.9	1045.6	1337	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-1.54	-0.05	-0.55	1.00	28.82	0.00	0.58	16.56
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	12	15	33	8.2	12963	60.6	10684.7	1254.7	1604	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-1.40	0.21	-0.29	1.14	28.96	0.14	0.56	16.53
	12	15	33	8.2	12963	59.6	10684.7	1254.7	1604	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-1.55	0.14	-0.36	0.99	28.81	-0.01	0.56	16.59
<i>Calcidiscus leptoporus</i>	2	15	33	8.2	2370	10.1	1780.8	209.1	267	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	NA	NA					0.31	9.83
	2	15	33	8.2	2370	10.1	1780.8	209.1	267	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-3.72	-0.91	-1.41	-1.18	26.57	-2.18	0.29	9.53
	4	15	33	8.2	4406	20.2	3561.6	418.2	535	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-3.34	-0.96	-1.46	-0.80	26.97	-1.80	0.31	9.61
	4	15	33	8.2	4406	19.9	3561.6	418.2	535	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-3.32	-0.51	-1.01	-0.78	26.99	-1.78	0.31	9.54
	6	15	33	8.2	6590	30.3	5342.4	627.4	802	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-2.74	-0.13	-0.63	-0.20	27.58	-1.20	0.30	9.34
	6	15	33	8.2	6590	29.8	5342.4	627.4	802	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-2.72	-0.24	-0.74	-0.18	27.61	-1.18	0.30	9.80
	8	15	33	8.2	8535	40.4	7123.2	836.5	1070	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	NA	NA					0.20	10.10
	8	15	33	8.2	8535	40.4	7123.2	836.5	1070	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-2.86	-0.44	-0.94	-0.32	27.46	-1.32	0.21	
	10	15	33	8.2	10853	50.5	8903.9	1045.6	1337	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-2.64	0.02	-0.48	-0.10	27.69	-1.10	0.21	9.53
	10	15	33	8.2	10853	50.5	8903.9	1045.6	1337	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-2.75	-0.09	-0.59	-0.21	27.58	-1.21	0.21	9.48
	12	15	33	8.2	12963	60.6	10684.7	1254.7	1604	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-1.70	-0.11	-0.61	0.84	28.66	-0.16	0.18	9.30
	12	15	33	8.2	12963	59.6	10684.7	1254.7	1604	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-2.15	0.20	-0.30	0.39	28.20	-0.61	0.19	9.24
<i>Coccolithus pelagicus</i>	2	15	33	8.2	2370	10.1	1780.8	209.1	267	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-4.13	1.04	0.54	-1.59	26.15	-2.59	0.53	18.65
	2	15	33	8.2	2370	10.1	1780.8	209.1	267	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-4.04	0.95	0.45	-1.50	26.25	-2.50	0.51	18.65
	4	15	33	8.2	4406	20.2	3561.6	418.2	535	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-2.24	1.26	0.76	0.30	28.10	-0.70	0.45	18.03
	4	15	33	8.2	4406	19.9	3561.6	418.2	535	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-2.25	1.17	0.67	0.29	28.09	-0.71	0.42	18.03
	6	15	33	8.2	6590	30.3	5342.4	627.4	802	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	NA	NA					0.33	18.14
	6	15	33	8.2	6590	29.8	5342.4	627.4	802	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	NA	NA					0.32	18.14
	8	15	33	8.2	8535	40.4	7123.2	836.5	1070	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-1.55	1.02	0.52	0.99	28.81	-0.01	0.27	17.80
	8	15	33	8.2	8535	40.4	7123.2	836.5	1070	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-1.77	0.74	0.24	0.77	28.59	-0.23	0.24	17.80
	10	15	33	8.2	10853	50.5	8903.9	1045.6	1337	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-1.33	0.84	0.34	1.21	29.03	0.21	0.27	16.76
	10	15	33	8.2	10853	50.5	8903.9	1045.6	1337	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	NA	NA	0.70				0.23	16.76
	12	15	33	8.2	12963	60.6	10684.7	1254.7	1604	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-1.45	0.96	0.46	1.09	28.91	0.09	0.11	16.58
	12	15	33	8.2	12963	59.6	10684.7	1254.7	1604	0.50	-2.54	-1.54	-0.04	-1.48	0.86	0.36	1.06	28.88	0.06	0.12	16.58