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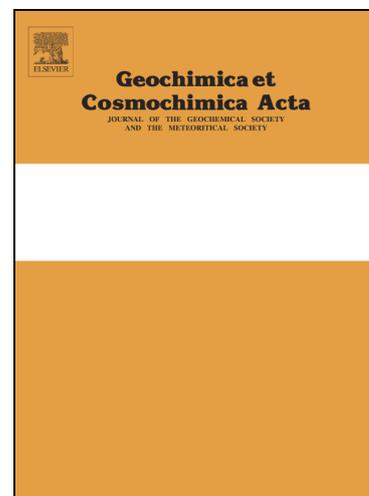
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Abstract

The process by which foraminifera precipitate calcite from seawater has received much attention, in part because a mechanistic basis for empirical calibrations between shell chemistry and environmental parameters is desirable given their widespread application in palaeoceanography. The incorporation of fluorescent membrane-impermeable molecules into the shell demonstrates that seawater, transported by vacuolisation, is present at the site of calcification. However, recent discussion has focused on whether the calcium required for chamber formation is sourced predominantly by transmembrane Ca transport (TMT), with seawater vacuolisation playing a passive role, or vice versa. This debate has arisen in part because of the need to explain the low Mg/Ca ratio of most foraminifera compared to inorganic calcite. Here, we present trace element data of *Operculina ammonoides* and *Globigerinoides ruber*, a high-Mg shallow benthic, and low-Mg planktonic species respectively, cultured under variable seawater carbonate and elemental chemistries. We find that Mg incorporation in high and low-Mg species is characterised by an opposite response to the carbonate system, demonstrating

that the negative relationship between Mg/Ca and pH or $[\text{CO}_3^{2-}]$ in several low-Mg foraminifera is not an intrinsic feature of foraminiferal (or inorganic) calcite precipitation. Therefore, any biomineralisation model must be able to explain why the mechanism by which seawater Mg/Ca is reduced is impacted by the carbonate system. Moreover, we show that trace element incorporation in *G. ruber* is consistent with Rayleigh fractionation from unmodified seawater except for Mg-removal, but in very poor agreement with a biomineralisation site [Ca] substantially elevated above that of seawater as required by the TMT hypothesis. In addition, any biomineralisation model must explain the nonlinear relationship between seawater and shell Mg/Ca, and the large number of seawater vacuoles observed in some species. Although there are important inter-species differences in biomineralisation, evident from the observed range of shell Mg/Ca ratios, we argue that these differences are mechanistically related to the degree of Mg exclusion prior to chamber formation. Indeed, whilst our data for both low-Mg and high-Mg species are consistent with biomineralisation via ions sourced through seawater vacuolisation, it is difficult to reconcile many of these observations with a model based on significant transmembrane Ca transport.

Keywords: foraminifera, biomineralisation, vacuolisation, culturing, Mg/Ca

1. Introduction

Geochemical proxy data from foraminifera forms the basis of much of our knowledge of palaeoceanography and past changes in Earth's climate (e.g. Lear et al., 2000; Elderfield et al., 2012; Rosenthal et al., 2013). Furthermore, this group of unicellular organisms is responsible for a large proportion of oceanic CaCO_3 production (Schiebel, 2002), and thus has resulted in a virtually contin-

7 uous archive of planktonic and benthic species throughout the Cenozoic and be-
8 yond. As such, a considerable amount of research has focused on understanding
9 the biomineralisation process in foraminifera (e.g. Erez, 2003; Bentov and Erez,
10 2006; de Nooijer et al., 2014; Toyofuku et al., 2017; Fehrenbacher et al., 2017).
11 One principal goal of this work is to underpin empirical proxy calibrations be-
12 tween environmental conditions and shell geochemistry with a theoretical basis.
13 Understanding how and why foraminifera modify the chemistry of seawater prior
14 to calcification may improve the accuracy of foraminifera-derived palaeoclimate
15 reconstructions and enable the identification of environmental conditions under
16 which empirical calibrations may require adjustment. For example, the incorpo-
17 ration of Mg in planktonic foraminifera is sensitive to both temperature and the
18 carbonate system (Russell et al., 2004; Evans et al., 2016b; Gray et al., 2018), yet
19 correcting fossil Mg/Ca measurements for secular shifts in ocean carbonate chem-
20 istry remains challenging because it is unclear which carbonate system parame-
21 ter(s) modulate calcification rate and shell Mg uptake (Bach, 2015; Allen et al.,
22 2016; Henehan et al., 2017). Constraining how different foraminifera source and
23 concentrate the inorganic carbon necessary for calcification may address this prob-
24 lem, whilst also providing invaluable information regarding the likely response of
25 this important group of marine calcifiers to ocean acidification.

26 There is currently no consensus within the community on the fundamental
27 mechanism by which foraminifera source the calcium and carbon necessary for
28 mineralisation, highlighting the challenge of observing and analysing organisms
29 typically less than a millimetre in diameter. Moreover, it indicates that different
30 foraminifera may have evolved different biomineralisation strategies (ter Kuile
31 et al., 1989; de Nooijer et al., 2014), especially between the very diverse benthic

32 species which produce CaCO_3 with a wide range of Mg/Ca ratios and chamber
33 wall structures (e.g. Reiss, 1958; Bentov and Erez, 2006; Evans et al., 2015b; van
34 Dijk et al., 2017). This contribution focuses on the rotaliid (hyaline or perforate)
35 foraminifera, on which most palaeoceanic reconstructions are based.

36 Direct observation of intracellular processes poses obvious challenges, and as
37 such much recent work has focused on inferences from the isotopic and elemental
38 composition of foraminifera shells (e.g. Segev and Erez, 2006; Zeebe et al., 2008;
39 Raitzsch et al., 2010; Vigier et al., 2015; Evans et al., 2016b). The justification for
40 such studies is a relatively large body of literature on trace element and isotope in-
41 corporation into inorganic calcite, which forms the basis of inverse modelling the
42 conditions at the site of calcification. A simple illustration of this is the observa-
43 tion that the Mg/Ca ratio of planktonic foraminifera is approximately twenty times
44 lower than inorganic calcite precipitated from seawater (Mucci and Morse, 1983),
45 providing strong evidence that some species possess a mechanism of excluding
46 Mg before final precipitation of the shell. Based on both direct observation of
47 cellular processes, and inferences such as this, two principal biomineralisation
48 mechanisms have been proposed, briefly summarised here.

49 (1) The seawater vacuolisation model (SWV), in which ions are predominantly
50 sourced from seawater vacuoles. This model is based on the observation that hya-
51 line foraminifera, in particular *Amphistegina lobifera*, endocytose large quantities
52 of seawater that are transported to the site of chamber formation in vacuoles (e.g.
53 Bentov et al., 2009). Numerous experiments culturing foraminifera in seawater
54 containing membrane-impermeable fluorescent markers such as calcein (623 Da)
55 and FITC-dextran (10 kDa) demonstrates that seawater is present at the site of cal-
56 cification (e.g. Erez, 2003; Dissard et al., 2009; Evans et al., 2015b). Furthermore,

57 ‘pulse-chase’ experiments have been conducted by placing foraminifera into sea-
58 water containing FITC-dextran or calcein for a period of time, followed by a chase
59 period in normal seawater (Bentov et al., 2009). Material precipitated during the
60 chase period was strongly labelled, demonstrating that the seawater present at the
61 site of biomineralisation must be derived (in part or entirely) from internal sea-
62 water vacuoles. Research utilising fluorescent pH indicators has shown that the
63 pH of these vacuoles is increased to ~1 unit above seawater (Bentov et al., 2009;
64 de Nooijer et al., 2009), suggesting that they play an important role in concen-
65 trating carbon. Providing support for this is earlier experimental work, using ^{14}C
66 tracer uptake to demonstrate that the hyaline species *A. lobifera* does indeed have
67 a large inorganic carbon pool (ter Kuile and Erez, 1987, 1988). The mechanism of
68 the foraminifera carbon concentrating mechanism was later revealed through con-
69 focal microscope observations. Specifically, raising the pH of the vacuole would
70 increase the DIC and $[\text{CO}_3^{2-}]$ by promoting CO_2 diffusion directly from acidic
71 vesicles in the cytosol, or possibly from the surrounding seawater (Bentov et al.,
72 2009). Variations of this model invoke vacuole pH elevation through $\text{Na}^+\text{-H}^+$ ac-
73 tive transport (pumps), which would also modify the vacuole $[\text{Li}]$ and $\delta^7\text{Li}$ given
74 that Na pumps are unlikely to be completely selective for Na^+ over Li^+ (Erez,
75 2003; Vigier et al., 2015). Therefore, this process may be associated with a mi-
76 nor modification in seawater elemental chemistry. A long-standing challenge of
77 the model is that seawater vacuolisation alone does not explain how many species
78 of foraminifera are able to form calcite shells with a Mg/Ca ratio 1-2 order of
79 magnitude lower than inorganic calcite (e.g. Lea et al., 1999; Erez, 2003; Rosen-
80 thal et al., 2011). Therefore, an additional mechanism is required to remove Mg
81 in the seawater vacuolisation model before final precipitation of the shell. This

82 process has been variously suggested to relate to (i) active Mg removal through
83 channelling and pumping (Erez, 2003; Bentov and Erez, 2006), (ii) uptake by
84 mitochondria (Bentov and Erez, 2006; Spero et al., 2015), (iii) precipitation and
85 removal of Mg-rich phases (Bentov and Erez, 2005; Khalifa et al., 2016), (iv)
86 precipitation through an amorphous or metastable precursor phase (Jacob et al.,
87 2017). Of course, two or several of these processes may act together.

88 (2) The Ca trans-membrane transport (TMT) model posits that the majority
89 of the calcium required for calcification is channelled and pumped to the site of
90 biomineralisation. The model is based on the example of coccolithophore calci-
91 fication, in which Ca is indeed channelled and pumped to the calcifying vesicle.
92 In order to explain the higher Mg/Ca ratio of foraminifera compared to coccol-
93 ithophore calcite and the incorporation of membrane impermeable markers, the
94 model requires a degree of passive seawater transport (Nehrke et al., 2013). It
95 has been argued that this model avoids the requirement for foraminifera to cy-
96 cle several times their own volume in seawater in order to source calcium exclu-
97 sively through vacuolisation. For example, an approximately spherical foraminif-
98 era 150 μm in diameter has an internal volume of 0.014 ml. In order to precipitate
99 a chamber with a mass of 100 ng it must cycle ~ 1 ml of seawater in order to source
100 enough calcium. This is ~ 70 times the volume of the foraminifer, which means
101 that each individual must vacuolise it's own volume of seawater every few hours,
102 assuming chamber formation takes place a few times per week. Proponents of the
103 TMT model argue that this is infeasible, and therefore that some proportion of the
104 calcium must be pumped directly to the calcification site.

105 Both models require the concentration and conversion of carbon into a form
106 useful for CaCO_3 precipitation, given that calcification from seawater is ostensibly

107 carbon limited ($[Ca_{sw}] = 10.3 \text{ mM}$, $DIC = \sim 2 \text{ mM}$). This may be achieved through
108 a carbon concentrating mechanism which creates an internal DIC pool (ter Kuile
109 and Erez, 1987; Erez, 2003; de Nooijer et al., 2009), and diffusion of CO_2 from
110 the cytosol into vacuoles as described above. Recently, in the case of *Ammonia*,
111 it has been suggested that acidification of the foraminifer microenvironment via
112 proton pumping shifts seawater DIC from HCO_3^- to CO_2 (aq), a form that is readily
113 diffused over cell membranes (Toyofuku et al., 2017).

114 We present new laser-ablation trace element data of two rotaliid foraminifera
115 with contrasting Mg/Ca ratios, the low-Mg planktonic species *Globigerinoides*
116 *ruber* (white) and the high-Mg benthic *Operculina ammonoides*, grown in modi-
117 fied seawater with variable Mg/Ca ratios and carbonate chemistries. We explore
118 the contrasting control of the carbonate system and temperature on Mg incorpora-
119 tion between these species, and assess a variety of other trace elements (Li, Na,
120 Mn, Sr, Ba) within the context of existing biomineralisation models. Along with
121 a synthesis of data from key experiments conducted over the last few decades, we
122 outline a set of observations that any such model must be able to explain.

123 2. Methods

124 2.1. Foraminifera culturing

125 2.1.1. *Operculina ammonoides*

126 Benthic foraminifera were collected from the North Beach, Eilat, Israel at a
127 water depth of 20 m by scuba diving and transported to The Hebrew University
128 of Jerusalem. Live foraminifera were identified as being those that climbed the
129 sides of the container into which they were placed. The culturing procedure for
130 *Operculina ammonoides* is described in detail in Evans et al. (2015b). Briefly, for-

131 aminifera were cultured in batches of 50 individuals in 150 ml flasks, sealed with
132 a glass stopper and parafilm. Net calcification rates were monitored by twice-
133 weekly measurement of the alkalinity depletion in each culture flask, at which
134 point the seawater was replaced in order to minimise carbonate chemistry change
135 over the course of the experiment. These experiments (denoted DE5) were de-
136 signed to test the impact of seawater pH and DIC on trace element incorporation.
137 Full details of the carbonate system and trace element chemistry of the experi-
138 mental seawater are given below and in Tabs. 1 and 2.

139 The *O. ammonoides* carbonate chemistry experiment consisted of eight cul-
140 tures, four at (nearly) constant pH (~ 8.00 ; DE5-1 – DE5-4) and variable DIC
141 ($1525\text{--}2357\ \mu\text{M}$), and four at nearly invariant DIC ($\sim 1960\ \mu\text{M}$; DE5-5 – DE5-8)
142 and variable pH (7.46–8.23 total scale). In order to vary pH and DIC independently
143 of each other, 10 litre batches of natural Gulf of Eilat seawater were diluted from a
144 salinity of 40.65 to 37 psu, acidified to pH ~ 4 , and bubbled with air overnight. The
145 carbonate system of the resulting low-DIC seawater was characterised through al-
146 kalinity and pH measurements and then modified to the desired values by titra-
147 tion of Na_2CO_3 , HCl and NaOH. The carbonate chemistry of these seawaters was
148 measured again, after which they were immediately syphoned into collapsible,
149 CO_2 impermeable 5 litre bags. The carbonate chemistry of these reservoirs was
150 monitored throughout the experimental period, it is these replicates that the 2SD
151 variability given in Tab. 1 are based. All seawater was labelled with $74\ \text{nM}\ ^{135}\text{Ba}$
152 to enable the unambiguous identification of material precipitated in culture (Evans
153 et al., 2015b).

154 All *O. ammonoides* cultures took place in temperature-controlled circulating
155 water baths maintained at $25.0\pm 0.3^\circ\text{C}$. The day/night cycle was approximately

156 13/11 hours, with a photon flux of $\sim 10 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ provided by a mixture of
157 natural and artificial light. Previous work has shown that growth rates are reduced
158 when this species is maintained at higher photon fluxes (Evans et al., 2015b). Prior
159 to the initiation of all experiments, foraminifera were placed into natural seawater
160 spiked with $40 \mu\text{M}$ calcein for 48 hours.

161 2.1.2. *Globigerinoides ruber*

162 Planktonic foraminifera culturing took place at the Interuniversity Institute for
163 Marine Sciences, Eilat, Israel. The procedure for culturing these foraminifera is
164 described in detail in Kisakürek et al. (2008) and Evans et al. (2016a). Briefly,
165 plankton drift tows (without engine power) were conducted at 20 m water depth
166 in the northernmost Gulf of Eilat/Aqaba at a location with a bathymetry of at
167 least 300 m. Foraminifera were immediately picked and separated into individual
168 120 ml glass culture vessels, placed in temperature-controlled water baths. Cultur-
169 ing took place under a 12 hour light/dark cycle with an irradiance approximately
170 equivalent to that at 20 m open ocean water depth ($\sim 400 \mu\text{mol photons m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$).
171 Foraminifera were fed a juvenile *Artemia* daily until gametogenesis took place,
172 typically less than one week. All vials were sealed with parafilm and a plastic lid
173 to eliminate evaporation and minimise CO_2 exchange with the atmosphere.

174 These experiments were designed to investigate the effect of the major element
175 composition of seawater on shell Mg/Ca (see Evans et al., 2016a, for a discussion
176 of those data). In the first set of experiments, the seawater Mg/Ca ratio ($\text{Mg}/\text{Ca}_{\text{sw}}$)
177 was modified between 2.2-6.3 mol mol^{-1} by varying [Mg] (modern open ocean
178 seawater $\text{Mg}/\text{Ca} = 5.2 \text{ mol mol}^{-1}$). An additional set of experiments investigated
179 the effect of temperature at $\text{Mg}/\text{Ca}_{\text{sw}} = 3.4 \text{ mol mol}^{-1}$, around 40% lower than
180 natural. Experimental seawater was prepared in large (~ 10 l) batches in order to

181 maintain consistency between replicate cultures. Seawater with variable Mg/Ca
182 ratios was prepared by mixing natural seawater with Mg-free artificial seawater
183 made using the recipe of Millero (2013), except for an experiment with Mg/Ca_{sw}
184 higher than modern which was made by spiking natural seawater with MgCl₂. As
185 in the *O. ammonoides* cultures, all seawater was labelled with 74 nM ¹³⁵Ba (5-
186 20× natural) in order to unambiguously identify chambers precipitated in culture.
187 Aside from the Mg/Ca ratio, the elemental chemistry of these artificial/natural
188 seawater mixtures was varied as little as possible. However, as Li was not added
189 to the artificial seawater, the Li/Ca_{sw} ratio varies linearly with the proportion of
190 artificial seawater (Tab. 2). Similarly, Ba/Ca was four times higher in the artificial
191 seawater, presumably as a result of minor impurities in the salts. As far as possible,
192 the carbonate chemistry of these seawaters were invariant (pH 8.0, DIC = ~2100
193 μM), see Evans et al. (2016b) for details.

194 2.2. Analytical geochemistry

195 Upon termination of the experiments, foraminifera were thoroughly washed
196 with distilled water, ultrasonicated, and left in ~3% NaOCl until all organic mate-
197 rial had been removed (typically overnight for the larger benthic *O. ammonoides*,
198 1-2 hours for the planktonic *G. ruber*). Specimens were then ultrasonictaed in
199 18.2 MΩ deionised water, and rinsed three times. This method is demonstrably
200 effective at removing all NaOCl (see the supplement of Evans et al., 2015b), this
201 cleaning procedure exerts no resolvable impact on measured Na/Ca ratios. Ben-
202 thic foraminifera were mounted vertically in a pressure sensitive adhesive so that
203 the final chambers precipitated in culture were within 50 μm of the focal plane
204 of the laser. Planktonic specimens were mounted umbilical side-up onto double-
205 sided carbon tape.

206 All foraminifera were analysed for trace element/Ca ratios using the RESOLu-
207 tion M-50 prototype laser-ablation ICPMS system at Royal Holloway University
208 of London (Müller et al., 2009). Foraminifera analytical details and data quality
209 are described in detail in (Evans et al., 2015a,b) and differed here only in that the
210 Agilent 7500ce ICPMS used in those studies was replaced mid-way through the
211 analytical period with an Agilent 8800 triple-quadrupole ICPMS. All *G. ruber*
212 were analysed using the Agilent 7500ce, whereas *O. ammonoides* from experi-
213 ments labelled DE5 were analysed using both mass spectrometers. In all cases
214 ablation took place in a He atmosphere (850 ml min^{-1}) with H_2 (8.5 ml min^{-1})
215 and Ar ($\sim 630 \text{ ml min}^{-1}$, optimised daily) added downstream of the ablation cell.
216 H_2 rather than N_2 was used as a diatomic gas in order to reduce the background
217 counts on $m/z = 55$ by an order of magnitude (Evans et al., 2015b), given that Mn
218 is an element of interest. Fluence was $\sim 3.5 \text{ J cm}^{-1}$, and in all cases a low repe-
219 tition rate of 2 Hz and short ICPMS sweep time ($\sim 0.3 \text{ s}$), along with the ‘squid’
220 in-line gas smoothing device, were used in order to maximise vertical spatial res-
221 olution through the shell walls. Monitored masses (mass/charge ratios) included
222 ^7Li , ^{23}Na , ^{24}Mg , ^{25}Mg , ^{27}Al , ^{43}Ca , ^{55}Mn , ^{88}Sr , ^{135}Ba and ^{138}Ba .

223 Standardisation was performed by bracketing analyses of NIST SRM612 based
224 on the reported values of Jochum et al. (2011). The only exception to this was
225 Mg/Ca, for which NIST SRM610 was used in the case of *G. ruber* based on the
226 [Mg] of (Pearce et al., 1997), and the MPI-DING komatiite glass GOR132-G
227 (Jochum et al., 2006) in the case of *O. ammonoides*, as this glass is more ho-
228 mogeneous for Mg (Evans et al., 2015b), and has [Mg] far closer to high-Mg
229 benthic foraminifera (NIST612 = 0.0068% Mg, NIST610 = 0.0432%, GOR132-
230 G = 13.5%, *O. ammonoides* = $\sim 3.4\%$). Data reduction was performed using an

231 in-house Matlab script. This program subtracts the bracketing gas blank from all
232 analyses, ratios all data to ^{43}Ca , calculates element/Ca fractionation with depth
233 on the glass used for standardisation, and then converts raw ratios into molar ra-
234 tios based on these (see Longerich et al., 1996). Using this procedure, there is
235 little difference in trace element data quality between the two mass spectrometers,
236 despite a $\sim 4\times$ improvement in sensitivity, as most of the m/z reported here are
237 substantially above the limit of detection. Accuracy and precision are comparable
238 to that previously reported for carbonate analysis at Royal Holloway University of
239 London (see Evans and Müller, 2018). Briefly, based on 27 replicate analyses of
240 the MPI-DING glass GOR128-G analysed over the same analytical period and un-
241 der identical conditions to the samples: Precision (2SD of all analyses) was $<5\%$
242 for all analytes except B, Zn and Ba ($<10\%$), and accuracy (measured/reported)
243 was $<5\%$ except for Zn and Ba ($<10\%$), and Li and Na (11%). Long-term stan-
244 dard analyses indicate that the relatively worse Li and Na accuracy is a result of
245 differential fractionation factors between the MPI-DING and NIST glasses (Evans
246 and Müller, 2018), and is likely an overestimate for carbonate analysis. We do not
247 apply an accuracy correction for this reason.

248 Seawater samples were analysed for major and trace elements at the NERC
249 Isotope Geosciences Laboratory. Samples were acidified to 1% HNO_3 and 0.5%
250 HCl , and analysed at $30\times$ dilution. Standardisation was performed using three
251 trace element and three major element solutions. Precision (2SD) of element/ ^{42}Ca
252 ratios based on seven analyses of the certified reference material NASS-4 (sea-
253 water) and an in-house seawater standard standard were: ^7Li 4%, ^{23}Na 7%, ^{55}Mn
254 180%, ^{88}Sr 4% and ^{138}Ba 7%. $^{24}\text{Mg}/^{42}\text{Ca}$ was an exception to this, instead data
255 quality was assessed using the 20 seawater samples from culturing experiments

256 in which [Mg] was not modified, as both Mg and Ca behave conservatively in
257 the ocean and this ratio can therefore be assumed to be invariant at 5.2 mol mol^{-1}
258 within analytical precision. Based on these data, Mg/Ca precision was 1%. Ac-
259 curacy is challenging to assess in seawater elemental data because few reference
260 materials exist with certified trace element values. Na, Mg and Sr/Ca ratios may
261 be compared to open ocean seawater as all of these elements behave conserva-
262 tively. NASS-4 accuracy assessed in this way is equal to or better than 1% over
263 this analytical session. Li and Mn accuracy cannot be assessed. Measured Ba/Ca
264 of NASS-4 in this study ($4.9 \mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$) is comparable to open ocean values
265 (e.g. Lea and Spero, 1994) although this ratio varies considerably, especially as a
266 consequence of freshwater flux and upwelling (e.g. Evans et al., 2015a). Finally,
267 whilst foraminifera Mn/Ca data are discussed below it should be considered that
268 the seawater [Mn] of these samples was close to or below the limit of detection
269 (0.7 ppb). The mean measured Mn/Ca ratio of all seawater analyses ($n = 29$) is
270 $0.4 \pm 0.2 \mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$ (2SE), and we use this value for the calculation of distribution
271 coefficients. However, because this value is below the LOD, we stress that the un-
272 certainty in the foraminifera Mn distribution coefficients is much larger than for all
273 other elements and represents a minimum value. Specifically, if $[\text{Mn}_{\text{sw}}]$ is lower
274 than our measured value, then our *G. ruber* Mn distribution coefficients (Sec. 3.2)
275 would be higher.

276 2.3. Carbonate chemistry

277 Alkalinity measurements were performed by Gran titration using a Metrohm
278 716 DMS Titrino at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The titrator was cali-
279 brated against NBS pH buffers daily, and long-term total alkalinity measurements
280 were characterised by a reproducibility of $\pm 11 \mu\text{Eq. l}^{-1}$ based on regular analyses

281 of a certified seawater reference material (Dickson Batch 123, Scripps Institute
282 of Oceanography). The pH of all seawater reservoirs was monitored using an
283 electrode calibrated using NBS buffers. Carbonate system parameters that were
284 not directly measured were determined using co2sys (Lewis and Wallace, 1998),
285 using the same set of constants as (Raitzsch et al., 2010).

286 3. Results

287 3.1. *Operculina ammonoides* Mg/Ca and the carbonate system

288 Growth rate curves for the different carbonate chemistry experiments, and
289 mean calcite deposited per individual are shown in the supporting material and
290 Tab. 3 respectively. Growth rate, as monitored by alkalinity depletion (i.e. moles
291 $\text{CaCO}_3 = (\Delta\mu\text{Eq. l}^{-1} \times V_{\text{culture}})/2$), was widely divergent between cultures, as previ-
292 ously observed for *O. ammonoides* (Evans et al., 2015b). Foraminifera in the low-
293 est pH experiment (Tab. 1) were unsurprisingly characterised by the lowest growth
294 rate, however there was otherwise no clear relationship between seawater carbon-
295 ate chemistry and mean CaCO_3 mass added in culture. In part, this likely stems
296 from the limitation of culturing 50 specimens in the same flask, which is neces-
297 sary in order that the calcification-induced alkalinity depletion is large enough to
298 measure ($\Delta\text{alkalinity}$ over three days was typically 50-100 $\mu\text{Eq. l}^{-1}$). Specifically,
299 it is likely that some specimens did not calcify at all, therefore biasing the mean
300 growth rate per individual for the culture. A possible method of accounting for
301 this is to use the calcein label and ^{135}Ba spike in order to identify the proportion
302 of specimens that precipitated at least one chamber in culture (see the support-
303 ing material and below). Normalising the growth data in this way demonstrates a
304 negative impact of pH on calcification (Fig. S2; $(\Delta\mu\text{g ind}^{-1} \text{ day}^{-1})/(\Delta\text{pH}) = 334$,

305 $p = 0.07$), but no resolvable effect of seawater DIC.

306 In total, 516 laser-ablation analyses of *O. ammonoides* from the carbonate
307 system experiments were made (DE5, see Tab. 1). Of these, approximately half
308 (229) were characterized by $^{135}\text{Ba}/^{138}\text{Ba}$ ratios within error of natural (0.0919) and
309 therefore represent chambers precipitated before the experiments began. Whilst
310 the remainder must have been precipitated in culture, only chambers with mean
311 $^{135}\text{Ba}/^{138}\text{Ba}$ within error of the ^{135}Ba -spiked culture seawater were used to assess
312 the response of *O. ammonoides* shell chemistry to the carbonate system. This
313 dataset consists of 114 analyses, with an average of 14 and a minimum of 5 from
314 each set of conditions. Based on these data, the response of shell Mg/Ca in *O. am-*
315 *monoides* to the carbonate system is shown in Fig. 1.

316 Mg/Ca is weakly positively correlated with pH ($R^2 = 0.43$, $p = 0.08$) over the
317 range 7.46–8.23 (total ion scale). Furthermore, there is no relationship between
318 shell Mg/Ca and DIC; Mg/Ca varies between 144–146 mmol mol⁻¹ over the range
319 ~1480–2330 μM (Fig. 1). If DIC exerts any control on Mg/Ca, it is not resolv-
320 able in our experiments given that a variation of 2 mmol mol⁻¹ is less than the
321 magnitude of the 2SE uncertainty on any measurement.

322 In contrast, Mg/Ca is significantly positively correlated with $[\text{CO}_3^{2-}]$ ($R^2 =$
323 0.63 , $p = 0.02$). Following Bach (2015), the possible control of the culture DIC/H⁺
324 ratio was also investigated (Fig. 1D), with which Mg/Ca is approximately equally
325 correlated. Similarly, although not shown in Fig.1, Mg/Ca is also equally well
326 correlated with Ω_{calcite} , as $[\text{Ca}_{\text{sw}}]$ was invariant so that this was not decoupled
327 from pH in our experiments. We find no significant relationship between Mg/Ca
328 and alkalinity. Based on these experiments, it is not possible to establish which
329 carbonate system parameter affects Mg incorporation, although DIC and alkalinity

330 can be ruled out.

331 There are two significant differences between the response of Mg/Ca to the
332 carbonate system in *O. ammonoides* and low-Mg planktonic species. Firstly, al-
333 though multiple studies have demonstrated that planktonic shell Mg/Ca is strongly
334 influenced by the carbonate system (Lea et al., 1999; Russell et al., 2004; Kisakürek
335 et al., 2008; Evans et al., 2016b), the relationship is opposite to that which we ob-
336 serve in the high-Mg benthic *O. ammonoides* (Fig. 1). Secondly, in relative terms
337 the control that the carbonate system exerts on Mg/Ca is far greater in planktonic
338 species than in *O. ammonoides*. For example, a combined sensitivity analysis de-
339 rived from *Globigerinoides ruber*, *Globigerina bulloides* and *Orbulina universa*
340 (Evans et al., 2016b) defines a negative relationship between Mg/Ca and pH with
341 a slope of 7% per 0.1 pH units (or ~3% per 10 μM $[\text{CO}_3^{2-}]$ increase). In the high-
342 Mg *O. ammonoides* we observe a ~10% change over the entire studied range of
343 the carbonate system (~0.8 pH units, ~300 μM $[\text{CO}_3^{2-}]$).

344 3.2. *Globigerinoides ruber* trace element response to seawater Mg/Ca and tem- 345 perature

346 The controls on Mg incorporation into *G. ruber* have been discussed in detail
347 elsewhere (e.g. Nürnberg et al., 1996; Kisakürek et al., 2008; Evans et al., 2016a).
348 Here, we focus on a suite of trace elements (Li, Na, Mg, Mn, Sr and Ba) in cul-
349 tured *G. ruber* under a variety of seawater Mg/Ca ratios and temperatures (Tab. 4).
350 In particular, we aim to assess whether such data are consistent with calcification
351 from an enclosed reservoir (i.e. Rayleigh fractionation (Elderfield et al., 1996)),
352 and if so, the extent to which this reservoir differs from seawater in composition.
353 The discussion of trace element ratios in these samples must consider the vari-
354 able trace element composition of the culture seawaters, unavoidable given that

355 these were composed of mixtures of natural and artificial seawater, as described
356 above. As a result, $\text{Li}/\text{Ca}_{\text{sw}}$ and $\text{Ba}/\text{Ca}_{\text{sw}}$ varied as a function of the proportion
357 of artificial seawater (Tab. 2), which contained no added Li or Ba. Conversely,
358 $[\text{Na}]$ and $[\text{Sr}]$ were broadly invariant, and $[\text{Mn}]$ was at least $5\times$ higher in the ar-
359 tificial seawater (~ 10 nM) than the Gulf of Eilat, although well within the range
360 of open ocean values (Chester and Stoner, 1974). Therefore, to account for dif-
361 ferential trace element concentrations between seawater reservoirs, all trace el-
362 ement data are discussed in terms of their apparent distribution coefficients (D_x
363 = $[\text{X}/\text{Ca}_{\text{shell}}]/[\text{X}/\text{Ca}_{\text{sw}}]$) in the seawater chemistry experiment (i.e. those prefixed
364 ‘DE3’; Tab. 2), although the results are also presented here as element/Ca ratios
365 to aid direct comparability.

366 We observe no relationship between Li/Ca and temperature (Fig. 2A), in line
367 with data from the other symbiont bearing planktonic species *Trilobatus sacculifer*
368 and *Orbulina universa* (Delaney et al., 1985; Hall and Chan, 2004; Allen et al.,
369 2016). Seawater-shell Li/Ca are linearly related under variable $[\text{Li}_{\text{sw}}]$, and the rela-
370 tionship passes through the origin (Fig. 2F). This implies no relationship between
371 D_{Li} and $\text{Li}/\text{Ca}_{\text{sw}}$, and therefore that there is a single lithium distribution coefficient
372 under variable $[\text{Li}_{\text{sw}}]$. This is in partial agreement with the *T. sacculifer* data of
373 Delaney et al. (1985), who observed a linear relationship between seawater-shell
374 Li/Ca , albeit with a positive intercept.

375 Na/Ca in *G. ruber* is not impacted by temperature or $\text{Na}/\text{Ca}_{\text{sw}}$ over the studied
376 range (Fig. 2B), in agreement with the results of Delaney et al. (1985). However,
377 we note that $\text{Na}/\text{Ca}_{\text{sw}}$ was not varied by experimental design in our cultures. The
378 $\pm 2\%$ range is smaller than analytical uncertainty, likely representing no difference
379 between experiments, and therefore we cannot constrain the impact of $\text{Na}/\text{Ca}_{\text{sw}}$

380 on Na incorporation.

381 It was not possible to assess the relationship between Mn/Ca and temperature,
382 as Mn/Ca was below the LOD by LA-ICPMS in one sample, leaving three sam-
383 ples covering a narrow range (22.5-27.5°C). Similarly, because of the difficulty in
384 measuring $[Mn_{sw}]$ (see Methods) we cannot assess whether seawater-shell Mn/Ca
385 are related in *G. ruber*. However, shell Mn/Ca ratios range between 0.2-2.9 μmol
386 mol^{-1} , and therefore we can confirm that D_{Mn} is >1 in our samples (Tab. 4), as is
387 the case for inorganic calcite (Lorens, 1981; Mucci, 1988).

388 Sr/Ca is not related to temperature in our cultures, in contrast to the findings
389 of Kisakürek et al. (2008) but in agreement with Allen et al. (2016). The narrow
390 range in Sr/Ca_{sw} , which like Na/Ca, was not varied by design, precludes us from
391 investigating the relationship between seawater-shell Sr/Ca.

392 Ba/Ca is elevated in the lowest temperature culture, but a possible relation-
393 ship between Ba/Ca and temperature cannot be determined given (1) this is driven
394 by one data point, and (2) Ba/Ca variability within the temperature experiment
395 is within the range previously reported (Hönisch et al., 2011). We do observe a
396 tightly correlated, positive linear relationship between seawater-shell Ba/Ca (Fig.
397 2J), characterised by a slope of 0.173 ± 0.027 . This is within error of the slope of
398 Hönisch et al. (2011), who found $D_{Ba} = 0.15 \pm 0.05$ by combining data for *G. bul-*
399 *loides*, *G. sacculifer* and *O. universa*. Our data confirm that this relationship is
400 also applicable to *G. ruber*.

401 **4. Discussion: Implications for biomineralisation**

402 *4.1. Contrasting Mg incorporation in high and low-Mg foraminifera*

403 Much of the geochemical literature on foraminifera in relation to biomineral-
404 isation models focuses on Mg incorporation because of the importance of formu-
405 lating a mechanistic understanding of the Mg/Ca palaeothermometer, and because
406 many species are able to regulate the Mg/Ca ratio of their shell. Of particular con-
407 cern is the mechanism by which some foraminifera are able to reduce the Mg
408 content of calcite by more than an order of magnitude compared to inorganic cal-
409 cite precipitated from seawater (Mucci and Morse, 1983). Hypotheses for how
410 this may be achieved include (1) Mg removal from seawater vacuoles by channels
411 and pumps (Erez, 2003; Bentov and Erez, 2006) and/or uptake by mitochondria
412 (Spero et al., 2015), (2) Ca²⁺ transport to the site of biomineralisation (Nehrke
413 et al., 2013; Toyofuku et al., 2017), and (3) precipitation through an amorphous or
414 metastable precursor phase (Bentov and Erez, 2006; Jacob et al., 2017), although
415 we note that there is no *a priori* reason to suspect that these mechanisms are mu-
416 tually exclusive. Here, we examine these models in the context of the response of
417 Mg incorporation to both temperature and the carbonate system, contrasting low-
418 Mg planktonic foraminifera with *O. ammonoides*, a high-Mg large benthic species
419 that lacks a mechanism with which to exclude Mg from the site of calcification
420 (Evans et al., 2015b). In fact *O. ammonoides* is characterised by higher Mg/Ca
421 ratios than inorganic calcite, discussed below.

422 We find that Mg incorporation in low-Mg planktonic species differs from
423 *O. ammonoides* in two fundamental ways. Firstly, as previously described, the
424 slope of the relationship between Mg/Ca and temperature is approximately three
425 to four times lower in *O. ammonoides*, which is characterised by a Mg/Ca in-

crease of $1.8\%^{\circ}\text{C}^{-1}$ (Evans et al., 2013). This is in agreement with studies of other high-Mg benthic species (Toyofuku et al., 2000; Raja et al., 2005; Titelboim et al., 2017), all of which are characterised by a similar slope to inorganic calcite (Oomori et al., 1987). Secondly, Mg uptake in several species of planktonic foraminifera, including *G. ruber*, has been shown to be sensitive to seawater carbonate chemistry (e.g. Lea et al., 1999; Russell et al., 2004; Kisakürek et al., 2008; Evans et al., 2016b). Whether this effect is most appropriately ascribed to $[\text{CO}_3^{2-}]$ or pH remains to be determined, but what is clear is that the Mg removal process is substantially less efficient under lower seawater pH and/or $[\text{CO}_3^{2-}]$, resulting in higher shell Mg/Ca ratios at lower pH. In contrast, *O. ammonoides* Mg/Ca is relatively insensitive to the carbonate system compared to at least some low-Mg planktonics (Fig. 1), and characterised by a positive relationship between Mg/Ca and pH and/or $[\text{CO}_3^{2-}]$.

This comparison is summarised in Fig. 3, alongside relevant inorganic calcite data. The Mg/Ca response to the carbonate system in *O. ammonoides* is in good agreement with the inorganic data of Burton and Walter (1991) if it is considered that the pH at the site of biomineralisation is around one unit higher than the surrounding ambient seawater (Bentov et al., 2009; Toyofuku et al., 2017). The increase in inorganic calcite Mg/Ca with solution pH therefore explains why *O. ammonoides* has a higher shell Mg/Ca ratio compared to calcite precipitated at ambient seawater pH (see also Evans et al., 2015b). Together, these data imply that, in the absence of a mechanism to reduce the calcification site [Mg], as in *O. ammonoides*, the dependency of foraminifera Mg/Ca on the carbonate system conforms to what is known about inorganic calcite (Fig. 3A). Similarly, the relationship between Mg/Ca and temperature in high-Mg benthic foraminifera is

451 within error of that for inorganic calcite. Overall, this means that biominerali-
452 sation models for low-Mg species must be able to explain both the high Mg/Ca-
453 temperature sensitivity, and the Mg/Ca elevation at low pH and/or $[\text{CO}_3^{2-}]$, given
454 that this latter feature is demonstrably not an intrinsic feature of calcite precipita-
455 tion either inorganically or in high-Mg foraminifera.

456 The mechanism behind the high Mg/Ca-temperature sensitivity in low-Mg
457 foraminifera is unresolved in any biomineralisation model. Hypotheses include:
458 (i) the presence of both very low-Mg and high-Mg secondary/primary phases in
459 foraminiferal calcite, with an increasing proportion of the latter at higher tem-
460 peratures, proposed by Bentov and Erez (2006) and adopted by (Rosenthal et al.,
461 2011) (which could apply to either the SWV or TMT model), (ii) a decrease in
462 the efficiency of Mg removal at higher temperature, for example if the ability of
463 foraminifera to concentrate carbon increases proportionally faster with increas-
464 ing metabolic rate (temperature) than their ability to exclude Mg (vacuolisation
465 model), or (iii) an increase in the proportion of seawater leakage to the site of
466 biomineralisation with increasing metabolic rate/temperature (Nehrke et al., 2013)
467 (TMT model). Given that our data do not constrain the mechanism of the sensitiv-
468 ity of Mg/Ca to temperature, we focus on examining whether these explanations
469 can be reconciled with our observations of the response of shell Mg/Ca to the
470 carbonate system (Fig. 3).

471 In the vacuolisation model, the efficiency or degree of Mg exclusion increases
472 with increasing pH and/or $[\text{CO}_3^{2-}]$, see Fig. 3B. Evans et al. (2016b) hypothesised
473 that this process may become less efficient under conditions unfavourable for cal-
474 cification, as increased energy expenditure on modifying the carbonate chemistry
475 of the vacuole is necessary to source the carbon required for calcification. Conse-

476 quently, the foraminifer has fewer resources with which to channel or complex Mg
477 away from the site of calcification. Indeed, Zeebe and Sanyal (2002) show that H⁺
478 removal is a more effective strategy than Mg²⁺ removal when precipitating calcite
479 from seawater. It follows that under conditions less favourable for calcification
480 (i.e. low pH or low [CO₃²⁻]), foraminifera may prioritise H⁺ removal. Alterna-
481 tively, whilst Mg may be channelled down the concentration gradient between a
482 seawater vacuole and the cytosol ([Mg] = 1-2 mM), excess Mg may eventually
483 need to be removed from the cell. If the efficiency of this depends on the ambient
484 seawater-cytosol pH gradient, then the rate at which Mg can be removed may be
485 sensitive to seawater carbonate chemistry. Irrespective of the mechanism, we can
486 exclude inorganic processes as the cause given that we find no such relationship
487 between Mg/Ca and the carbonate system for high-Mg foraminifera (Fig. 3A).

488 Conversely, if the primary purpose of vacuolisation is to feed on microorgan-
489 isms (Nehrke et al., 2013), then the TMT model must also be able to explain why
490 it is beneficial (or unavoidable) for foraminifera to increase their metabolic rate at
491 lower pH or [CO₃²⁻]. Unlike temperature, there is not a clear reason for doing so
492 in response to the carbonate system, particularly given that Toyofuku et al. (2017)
493 argue that the proton flux associated with calcification is independent of seawater
494 carbonate chemistry (i.e. the low-Mg *Ammonia* is characterised by equivalent pro-
495 ton fluxes at low and ambient pH). We argue that taken together, this observation,
496 and the data summarised in Fig. 3, demonstrate that variation in shell Mg/Ca in re-
497 sponse to temperature and the carbonate system is not a passive process driven by
498 metabolic rate. Rather, Mg removal is an active process, the efficiency of which is
499 impacted by a number of factors including temperature and the carbonate system.
500 We do not mean to imply that there are no inter-species differences in biomineral-

501 isation. Indeed it is evident both from our data, and many previous observations
502 (e.g. Bentov and Erez, 2006), that the widely varying shell Mg/Ca ratios of dif-
503 ferent foraminifera call for widely varying degrees to which the seawater Mg/Ca
504 ratio at the site of biomineralisation is reduced. Nonetheless, we find that the re-
505 sponse of shell Mg/Ca to the carbonate system and Mg/Ca_{sw} in several species
506 of low-Mg planktonic foraminifera is difficult to reconcile with the TMT model,
507 because it is not clear why more seawater would be vacuolised when the ambient
508 pH is lower if this is a passive process. By implication, we argue that the inter-
509 species differences in biomineralisation mechanism are principally related to the
510 degree to which Mg is removed from the calcifying space, with no need to invoke
511 TMT in any hyaline foraminifer.

512 We note that the low-Mg benthic foraminifera are apparently an exception to
513 the above discussion, in that some species are characterised by a positive relation-
514 ship between shell Mg/Ca and $\Delta[CO_3^{2-}]$, i.e. opposite to the low-Mg planktonics
515 (e.g. Elderfield et al., 2006; Rosenthal et al., 2006; Yu and Elderfield, 2008; Bryan
516 and Marchitto, 2008). Whilst we lack the data to demonstrate unambiguously why
517 this is the case, it may be that this discrepancy results from early diagenetic pref-
518 erential loss of higher-Mg components of the shell in bottom waters with low or
519 negative $\Delta[CO_3^{2-}]$, although an alternative mechanism related to the calcification
520 process of these foraminifera has been proposed (see Bryan and Marchitto, 2008).
521 Nonetheless, preferential dissolution of higher-Mg components has been shown
522 to be the process by which the Mg/Ca ratio of planktonic foraminiferal calcite
523 may be biased (Fehrenbacher and Martin, 2014; Johnstone et al., 2016). Indeed,
524 no significant relationship between $[CO_3^{2-}]$ and Mg/Ca was found in cultured *Am-*
525 *monia tepida* (Dissard et al., 2010). However, whilst the positive Mg/Ca- $\Delta[CO_3^{2-}]$

526 relationship observed in core-top samples of some low-Mg benthic species may be
527 a secondary feature, the absence of a relationship between Mg/Ca and $[\text{CO}_3^{2-}]$ in
528 cultured specimens is different to both most planktonics and the high-Mg benthic
529 *O. ammonoides* (Fig. 3). It could be that the low-Mg benthics, which inhabit en-
530 vironments that are broadly less saturated than the surface ocean (the deep ocean)
531 and/or less stable (e.g. tidal or estuarine settings), are better adapted to calcifi-
532 cation from seawater with a lower $[\text{CO}_3^{2-}]$. In addition, a relatively less efficient
533 mechanism for Mg removal in low-Mg benthics from less saturated seawater could
534 be balanced by an overall lower rate of chamber addition, whereas planktonic for-
535 aminifera may prioritise chamber formation rate over the reduction of the shell
536 Mg/Ca ratio.

537 4.2. Trace element incorporation into *G. ruber*

538 Consensus exists on the presence of seawater at the site of biomineralisation
539 in foraminifera, based on the observation that membrane-impermeable dyes are
540 incorporated into the shell (e.g. Erez, 2003; Bernhard et al., 2004; Bentov et al.,
541 2009; Evans et al., 2015b; Nehrke et al., 2013). Furthermore, the trace element
542 composition of foraminiferal calcite differs greatly from that of coccolithophores
543 (Müller et al., 2011), which source Ca through TMT (e.g. Sviben et al., 2016).
544 Given these robust observations, it is a common feature of both the SWV and TMT
545 models that precipitation takes place from compositionally modified seawater.

546 Following this logic, we ascertain the degree to which the Mg/Ca ratio of the
547 calcifying fluid must be modified relative to seawater by utilising data from inor-
548 ganic calcite precipitation experiments. Calcite precipitated at a pH similar to that
549 of the calcification site (i.e. ~ 9 ; Bentov et al. (2009)) has a Mg/Ca ratio of ~ 140
550 mmol mol^{-1} (Burton and Walter, 1991), see Fig. 3A, which is around 35 times

551 higher than low-Mg foraminifera such as *G. ruber*. de Choudens-Sánchez and
 552 González (2009) compiled Mg/Ca data from inorganic precipitation experiments
 553 under variable solution Mg/Ca ratios. Based on these data, the best fit power rela-
 554 tionship between the Mg distribution coefficient and seawater Mg/Ca in inorganic
 555 precipitation experiments is:

$$D_{\text{Mg}} = 0.0425 \times \text{Mg}/\text{Ca}_{\text{sw}}^{-0.4808} \quad (1)$$

556 Using a calcite Mg/Ca ratio of 4 mmol mol⁻¹ in low-Mg foraminifera, this im-
 557 plies that the Mg/Ca ratio of the modified seawater at the site of biomineralisa-
 558 tion is <0.1 mol mol⁻¹, or >50 times lower than seawater. Specifically, a mea-
 559 sured Mg/Ca_{shell} of 4 mmol mol⁻¹ requires Mg/Ca_{sw} to be 0.0105 mol mol⁻¹,
 560 i.e. from equation 1, $D_{\text{Mg}} = 0.0425 \times 0.0105^{-0.4808} = 0.38$, so that Mg/Ca_{shell} =
 561 $0.38 \times 0.0105 \times 1000 = 4$. To achieve this, foraminifera would need to increase
 562 the biomineralisation site [Ca] by a factor of 500, to ~5 M. However, we note that
 563 the application of these inorganic data to foraminifera with relatively very low
 564 Mg/Ca_{calcite} ratios is uncertain and therefore this may represent a worst-case end-
 565 member. Nonetheless, even if we take the inorganic calcite D_{Mg} of 0.02 in normal
 566 seawater (Mg/Ca = 5.2 mol mol⁻¹) and assume that it does not vary as a function
 567 of Mg/Ca_{sw}, a best case scenario given that there is abundant evidence that this is
 568 not the case (de Choudens-Sánchez and González, 2009), this would still imply a
 569 [Ca] in the calcifying space 25× higher than seawater.

570 The disagreement between these calculations and those presented in the origi-
 571 nal description of the TMT model arise because Nehrke et al. (2013) did not con-
 572 sider that Mg is highly incompatible ($D_{\text{Mg}} = \sim 0.02$, see Eq. 1 and compare with
 573 Eq. A3-5 of Nehrke et al. (2013)). As a result, the percentage of ions arriving by
 574 passive transport is incorrect by a factor of 50 even within the constraints of the

575 TMT model. Irrespective, we consider a Ca concentration factor of 25-500 rela-
576 tive to seawater (see above) to be unrealistic for two reasons. Firstly, the extreme
577 saturation state implied by a [Ca] far in excess of seawater means that foraminif-
578 era would be unable to concentrate DIC into the calcifying space, and spontaneous
579 precipitation may occur long before that [Ca] could be achieved (note that coccol-
580 ithphores, which do transport Ca, achieve this by storing Ca as a disordered Ca-P
581 precursor phase (Sviben et al., 2016)). Second, a greatly increased [Ca] is incon-
582 sistent with observations of the apparent distribution coefficients for most other
583 trace elements in the shells of foraminifera. Specifically, if such Ca enrichment
584 were possible at the calcification site, then the concentration of trace elements in
585 the foraminifera shell would be orders of magnitude lower than inorganic calcite
586 because of the greatly reduced solution trace element/Ca ratios as a result of Ca
587 concentration.

588 In order to illustrate this second argument, the *G. ruber* trace element data
589 (Fig. 2, Tab. 4) is interpreted in terms of a simple Rayleigh fractionation model
590 in Fig. 4, following Elderfield et al. (1996) and Dawber and Tripathi (2012). The
591 purpose of this exercise is to assess the first-order effect exerted on apparent trace
592 element distribution coefficients by possible Ca transport to the site of biomineral-
593 isation. We stress that these simple models do not capture or explain the complex-
594 ities of trace element incorporation (see e.g. Erez, 2003; Eggins et al., 2003; Spero
595 et al., 2015). Whilst they are useful as tools to assess the role of Ca transport and
596 approximate degree of Ca utilisation, our intention is not to explain the detail of
597 any trace element system through Rayleigh fractionation alone.

598 To assess the *G. ruber* trace element data in this context, knowledge of in-
599 organic calcite partition coefficients is required. We use distribution coefficients

600 from Mg-free inorganic precipitation studies, in order to mirror the assumption
601 that $Mg/Ca_{sol.}$ is lowered before calcite precipitation in foraminifera takes place,
602 consistent with both biomineralisation models. Specifically: $D_{Li} = 1.05 \times 10^{-4}$
603 from experiment 'Li-1' of Okumura and Kitano (1986) based on the initial [Ca]
604 of that experiment ([Ca] decreased as precipitation progressed). Although we also
605 consider that given by Marriott et al. (2004) ($D_{Li} = 0.00382$), we do not use this
606 value in our calculations as the method used to precipitate calcite in that study
607 resulted in highly saturated conditions ($[Ca_{sol.}] = 240$ mM), with a likely strong
608 influence on growth rate. $D_{Na} = 1.0 \times 10^{-4}$ (interpolated from the two experiments
609 of Ishikawa and Ichikuni (1984) with solution Na/Ca ratios closest to seawater).
610 $D_{Mn} = 30$ (Lorens, 1981). $D_{Sr} = 0.13$, from the intercept of the D_{Sr} -Mg/ $Ca_{calcite}$
611 relationship given by Mucci and Morse (1983), which has been shown to be ap-
612 plicable to foraminiferal calcite (Evans et al., 2015b). $D_{Ba} = 0.08$ (Kitano et al.,
613 1971). An additional source of uncertainty in this exercise is that trace element in-
614 corporation is dependent on other factors, particularly growth rate (e.g. Mucci and
615 Morse, 1983). We add an arbitrary $\pm 10\%$ uncertainty to the inorganic distribution
616 coefficients in order to examine how an uncertainty of this magnitude would af-
617 fect our interpretation of the *G. ruber* data (Fig. 4). In some cases this is likely
618 to be an underestimate, but we again stress that this exercise is designed only to
619 assess whether the data are broadly compatible with Rayleigh fractionation in the
620 context of different biomineralisation models.

621 Rayleigh fractionation modelling of trace element incorporation into *G. ruber*
622 assuming no Ca transport to the site of biomineralisation (the first column of pan-
623 els in Fig. 4) demonstrates that all of the investigated trace elements are broadly
624 explicable by the seawater vacuolisation model, with the possible exception of

625 Li. Elements with widely different distribution coefficients in inorganic calcite
626 are consistent with *G. ruber* calcite precipitation from a closed pool similar to
627 seawater, and Ca utilisation fractions of ~20-90%. This finding is also consonant
628 with previous estimates based on benthic foraminifera (Elderfield et al., 1996;
629 Dawber and Tripathi, 2012). Notably, the results of the first study to use this ap-
630 proach show that Rayleigh fractionation can also explain the incorporation of Cd
631 into foraminifera (Elderfield et al., 1996). Together with our Mn and Na data, this
632 demonstrates that the predictions of these simple models are consistent with trace
633 elements that have distribution coefficients both greater and less than unity.

634 The minor disagreement between different trace elements in terms of the im-
635 plied degree of calcium utilisation (Fig. 4) likely stems from at least three com-
636 plications. As highlighted above, trace element incorporation depends on growth
637 rate, but also solution carbonate chemistry in both inorganic and foraminiferal
638 calcite (e.g. Burton and Walter, 1991; van Dijk et al., 2017). The major ion chem-
639 istry of the solution is an additional factor that must be considered, for example,
640 the covariance of Mg and Sr (Mucci and Morse, 1983), or the competition be-
641 tween alkali elements (Okumura and Kitano, 1986). Given that most inorganic
642 calcite studies are not performed in seawater, the inorganic calcite distribution co-
643 efficients that we use may differ from those at the site of biomineralisation in
644 foraminifera. Interestingly, it is difficult to reconcile Li/Ca ratios in foraminifera
645 with what is known about inorganic calcite D_{Li} , unless the presumably rapidly
646 precipitated inorganic experiments of Marriott et al. (2004) are applicable to these
647 organisms (Fig. 4). Foraminiferal [Li] is about an order of magnitude higher than
648 in the precipitation experiments of Okumura and Kitano (1986), which were con-
649 ducted with a $[Ca_{sol.}]$ similar to seawater. It is beyond the scope of this study to

650 address this issue in detail, except to note that Li has been implicated in the mecha-
651 nism by which foraminifera modify the carbonate chemistry of seawater vacuoles
652 (Vigier et al., 2015). The high concentration of Li is consistent with the use of a
653 Li-proton pump to modify the pH of vacuolised seawater in order to promote DIC
654 accumulation through CO₂ diffusion into the alkaline vacuoles. If this hypothesis
655 is correct, it may not be surprising that Li, like Mg, cannot be interpreted solely
656 in terms of Rayleigh fractionation even to a first-order approximation.

657 Despite these complications, we demonstrate that the majority of commonly
658 measured trace elements are consistent with closed-system precipitation from sea-
659 water with an unmodified calcium concentration, and therefore with the vacuoli-
660 sation model of foraminifera biomineralisation (Fig. 4). In addition, despite some
661 offsets between the calculated fraction Ca utilised between trace element systems,
662 likely derived from the reasons described above, comparing the degree of Ca util-
663 isation between systems (Fig. S3) demonstrates that several are correlated, most
664 notably Na-Sr-Ba. This strongly argues for Rayleigh fractionation as one of the
665 primary controls on trace element incorporation into *G. ruber*. Given these ob-
666 servations, the question is then whether these data can also be reconciled with the
667 TMT model.

668 The TMT model demands a significant degree of cellular Ca transport into
669 the calcifying space, which is presumably composed of a very small proportion
670 of 'leaked' seawater (~1%), possibly with a major cytosol component (Nehrke
671 et al., 2013); cytosol differs from seawater in that the concentration of Na, Mg,
672 and especially Ca, are far lower. Typical intracellular ionic Ca, Mg and Na con-
673 centrations are <1 μ M, ~1 mM and ~0.1 M respectively (Romani and Maguire,
674 2002). Therefore, it follows that the concentration of these elements may also be

675 lower at the site of biomineralisation compared to seawater in this model. How-
676 ever, in the absence of any measurements of the composition of the fluid at the site
677 of biomineralisation, we assume that this transport occurs into a space filled with a
678 fluid equivalent to seawater. Although this may not necessarily be the case in the
679 context of TMT model, our calculations represent a best-case scenario in terms
680 of reconciling observed foraminifera trace element distribution coefficients with
681 TMT, given that lower concentrations of these elements in the cytosol would push
682 apparent shell distribution coefficients even further from inorganic calcite precip-
683 itated from seawater. Rayleigh fractionation models with differing components of
684 Ca transport are shown in the second two columns in Fig. 4.

685 An additional consideration is that Ca channels may be poorly or non-selective
686 for Sr^{2+} and Ba^{2+} (Allen and Sanders, 1994), unlike Mg^{2+} . It has been shown
687 that coccolithophore Sr/Ca and Ba/Ca ratios are consistent with a poorly-selective
688 Ca channel and inorganic calcite distribution coefficients (Langer et al., 2009),
689 which also provides an explanation for the broadly comparable Sr/Ca and Ba/Ca
690 ratios between foraminifera and coccolithophores. For this reason the D_{Sr} and
691 D_{Ba} panels in Fig. 4 display model endmember scenarios assuming both non-
692 selectivity and complete selectivity. If Ca channels are poorly selective, these
693 trace elements cannot provide a good test of the TMT model.

694 In contrast, Ca channels are known to be highly discriminative against Na^+
695 and Mg^{2+} (McCleskey and Almers, 1985; Sather, 2005), whereas Mn^{2+} , which
696 has a similar radius/charge ratio as Ca^{2+} in solution, may be variably transported
697 depending on the type of calcium channel (Aoki et al., 2002; Felder et al., 1994).
698 In the absence of any data regarding the selectivity of Ca channels in foraminifer,
699 the Rayleigh fractionation models for Li, Na, and Mn at $2 \times [\text{Ca}_{\text{sw}}]$ and $10 \times [\text{Ca}_{\text{sw}}]$

700 (Fig. 4) assume negligible transport of these elements.

701 Overall, this exercise demonstrates that significant Ca transport to the site of
702 biomineralisation would mean that it is not possible to reconcile the observed Mn
703 and Na distribution coefficients of *G. ruber* with each other, or with the alkali
704 earth elements. Specifically, $D_{Mn} > 1$ requires very low degrees of Ca utilisation
705 (<10%) if the biomineralisation site [Ca] is 10 times higher than seawater. In
706 contrast, the observed D_{Na} would require the opposite, namely extremely high or
707 impossible degrees of utilisation even at [Ca] double that of seawater. Although
708 we illustrate $2\times$ and $10\times$ $[Ca_{sw}]$ in Fig. 4, we note that if the low Mg/Ca ratio
709 of foraminifera is explained entirely through Ca transport, far higher degrees of
710 Ca concentration than the range explored with these models would be required
711 (see above), which would result in an even less favourable comparison between
712 trace elements. The TMT models shown in Fig. 4 could also be considered a best-
713 case scenario, accounting for the possibility that the biomineralisation site may
714 not be a completely closed system, and if a cytosol component is present at the
715 biomineralisation site.

716 Whilst it may be the case that foraminifer Ca channels are poorly selective for
717 elements other than Sr and Ba, this cannot be so for Na, given that there would be
718 little benefit of such a channel operating in seawater. Similarly, even if these chan-
719 nels were poorly selective for Mn, it would be difficult to reconcile the very low
720 degrees of Ca utilisation implied by our observed D_{Mn} compared to those based on
721 Sr and Ba. Based on these data we argue that the TMT model cannot explain why
722 the Na/Ca, Mn/Ca and Cd/Ca ratios at the site of biomineralisation are similar to
723 seawater. Unless foraminifera Ca channels are shown to be nonselective for all of
724 these elements then the trace element content of low-Mg foraminifera means that

725 significant Ca transport is unlikely. Finally, although our models are based solely
726 on *G. ruber*, we note that many other low-Mg species have broadly comparable
727 trace element/Ca ratios (e.g. Delaney et al., 1985; Allen et al., 2016), demonstrat-
728 ing that the implications of this exercise hold true for many other foraminifera.

729 4.3. Seawater vacuolisation

730 Although several studies have demonstrated the presence of internal Ca and
731 carbon pools in at least some benthic foraminifera (ter Kuile and Erez, 1987, 1988;
732 Erez, 2003), it has been suggested that seawater vacuolisation cannot source the
733 ions necessary for calcification even if this process is taken into account, espe-
734 cially in species with no resolvable internal pool (Nehrke et al., 2013). Specifi-
735 cally, it has been argued that the vacuoles observed in foraminifera are not suffi-
736 ciently large or numerous to source the required Ca^{2+} , and therefore that a signif-
737 icant proportion must be transported, providing evidence for the TMT model.

738 We offer two lines of evidence demonstrating that seawater vacuoles can source
739 Ca quickly enough for calcification without the need for additional transport.
740 Firstly, we provide new images of seawater vacuolisation in the intermediate-Mg
741 benthic foraminifera *Amphistegina lessonii* (Fig. 5), chosen to illustrate that sea-
742 water vacuoles in foraminifera are both large and numerous. Fluorescent confocal
743 microscopy images of live specimens in a pulse-chase experiment are shown in
744 Fig. 5A-B. Here, several specimens were placed into calcein-labelled seawater
745 for several hours, then washed with unlabelled seawater and transferred into a
746 petri dish. The shell is not fluorescent because no precipitation took place in this
747 short interval, but fluorescence is visible in many of the chambers, and individ-
748 ual vacuoles can clearly be seen even through the chamber wall. In the specimen
749 shown in Fig. 5A, approximately half of the volume of the foraminifera consists

750 of seawater vacuoles, a common feature of our observations of both *A. lessonii*
751 and *O. ammonoides*.

752 Seawater vacuoles are shown under greater magnification in Fig. 5C-D. These
753 images are clearer because this is a partially dissolved specimen (see Bentov and
754 Erez, 2005, for methodology). Briefly, a decalcified foraminifera (using EDTA)
755 is transferred to seawater where it forms a ‘recovering individual’ that may attach
756 to the glass as it begins to re-calcify. As in the whole specimens described above,
757 the cytoplasm is largely composed of a large quantity of rapidly moving seawater
758 vacuoles, visible both with and without calcein labelling. A similar proportion of
759 vacuoles are observed in both intact specimens (Fig. 5A) and recovering individ-
760 uals (Fig. 5C), demonstrating that the vacuoles observed in recovering individuals
761 is not an unrepresentative response to shell dissolution. Whether or not planktonic
762 foraminifera are also characterised by an abundance of internal vacuoles remains
763 to be demonstrated, but we show that seawater is also present at the calcification
764 site (Fig. 5E), and at least some foraminifera have sufficient vacuoles to source
765 the ions required for calcification through this mechanism.

766 A further compelling argument that foraminifera are capable of calcification
767 without significant Ca transport is that there are many hyaline foraminifera with a
768 Mg/Ca ratio equivalent to or greater than inorganic calcite (we do not consider the
769 miliolid foraminifera here, which likely calcify by a different mechanism (e.g. ter
770 Kuile et al., 1989)). These include the genera *Planoglabretella* (Toyofuku et al.,
771 2000), *Heterostegina* (Raitzsch et al., 2010) and *Operculina* (Evans et al., 2013),
772 see Fig. 3. Proponents of the TMT model argue that Ca-transport explains the
773 low Mg/Ca ratio of many foraminifera compared to inorganic calcite. Therefore,
774 it follows that there cannot be significant Ca transport in species which have a

775 Mg/Ca ratio similar to, or higher than, inorganic precipitates. The possibility
776 that calcification occurs through an amorphous precursor phase does not bear on
777 this observation, given that experimental evidence shows that ACC transformation
778 to calcite does not change the Mg/Ca ratio (Blue et al., 2017). We argue that
779 these high-Mg foraminifera provide robust evidence that large chambers can be
780 precipitated without the need for significant Ca transport. Therefore, it must be
781 possible for vacuoles to be cycled at a high enough rate in order to source sufficient
782 Ca for calcification, and there is no evidence to suggest that planktonic or deep-
783 benthic species are different in this respect.

784 The seawater vacuolisation model demands that foraminifera are able to cycle
785 several times their own volume in seawater every day. For example, a large plank-
786 tonic foraminifera 350 μm in diameter that precipitates a chamber with a mass
787 of 2 μg twice per week (see the size-mass relationship of Henehan et al. (2017))
788 would need to cycle ~ 15 times its volume per day. The larger benthic foramin-
789 ifera *O. ammonoides* (0.5 mm diameter, precipitating at an average rate of $\sim 4 \mu\text{g}$
790 $\text{CaCO}_3 \text{ day}^{-1}$, Tab. 3) would need to cycle seven times its volume. Our observa-
791 tions of vacuolisation in foraminifera are consistent with this, namely a significant
792 proportion of the shell volume is indeed composed of seawater vacuoles (Fig. 5),
793 with a residence time in the order of an hour (see Bentov et al., 2009).

794 Lastly, it has been argued that if seawater vacuoles play a passive role in
795 biomineralisation, then seawater and shell Mg/Ca should be linearly related (Nehrke
796 et al., 2013). Whilst it is the case that the data of Segev and Erez (2006), based on
797 EPMA measurements of *Amphistegina*, are within error of a linear relationship, a
798 power curve through these data provides a slightly better fit. More recently, care-
799 ful culturing work has utilised labels incorporated into the shell (such as calcein

800 or a ^{135}Ba isotope spike), so that new growth can be unambiguously identified by
801 spatially resolved analysis. Seawater-shell Mg/Ca measurements based on these
802 techniques demonstrates that this relationship is nonlinear for both high-Mg and
803 low-Mg foraminifera (Raitzsch et al., 2010; Evans et al., 2015b, 2016a), and it
804 has been argued that this is a general feature of marine calcifiers (Hasiuk and
805 Lohmann, 2010). Given that several of these experiments were conducted in sea-
806 water with variable [Mg] but constant [Ca], it is difficult to see why a greater
807 proportion of vacuoles would be transported at lower than present-day seawater
808 Mg/Ca. The clear prediction of the TMT model, namely that shell and seawater
809 Mg/Ca should be linearly related therefore requires further scrutiny. We note that
810 there is growing indirect evidence that this is also the case for low-Mg deep ben-
811 thic foraminifera (Evans and Müller, 2012; Lear et al., 2015; Evans et al., 2016a).

812 **5. Conclusions**

813 Calibrating the relationship between foraminifera shell chemistry with all en-
814 vironmental factors that have undergone secular variation over geological time
815 may represent an insurmountable challenge for the palaeoceanographic commu-
816 nity. Given the biological and geochemical overprint that these processes exert
817 on trace element and isotope systems in these tightly biologically-mediated cal-
818 cites, developing a mechanistic understanding of the biomineralisation process is
819 of fundamental importance.

820 At present, there is no consensus of whether foraminifera dominantly source
821 the Ca required for chamber formation through seawater vacuolisation or trans-
822 membrane transport, or indeed if all hyaline foraminifera utilise the same mech-
823 anism (de Nooijer et al., 2014). Here, we present laboratory culture data of both

824 *Operculina ammonoides* and *Globigerinoides ruber* and highlight several obser-
825 vations and features of trace element incorporation that any biomineralisation
826 model must be able to accommodate. Specifically:

- 827 1. Mg incorporation in many low-Mg foraminifera is highly sensitive to the
828 carbonate system, which is not the case for high-Mg foraminifera (Fig. 3).
- 829 2. Low-Mg foraminifera have Na, Mn, Sr, Cd and Ba/Ca ratios consistent with
830 inorganic calcite precipitation from slightly modified seawater (high pH and
831 DIC, but ~ 10 mM [Ca]) in a (semi) enclosed pool (Fig. 4).
- 832 3. Some species, such as *A. lobifera* possess large internal Ca pools (Erez,
833 2003).
- 834 4. At least some foraminifera vacuolise large quantities of seawater (Fig. 5A-
835 D), and all species that have been tested are labelled with membrane-imper-
836 meable fluorescent dyes. This includes planktonic foraminifera (Fig. 5E),
837 and provides direct evidence for seawater at the site of calcification.
- 838 5. Foraminifera tightly control the carbonate chemistry of vacuolised seawater.
- 839 6. The balance of evidence is that the relationship between shell and seawater
840 Mg/Ca is nonlinear in all species studied so far.

841 Whilst we stress that there may be important inter-species differences in biomin-
842 eralisation mechanisms, most clearly evident in the range of observed shell Mg/Ca
843 ratios, we argue that all of these observations are consistent with a biominerali-
844 sation model centred on seawater vacuolisation. Specifically, precipitation takes
845 place from seawater, with the large inter-species range of shell Mg/Ca entirely ex-
846 plicable through differences in the degree to which the [Mg] of the calcifying fluid
847 is mediated. This may occur through Mg channels, complexation, a metastable
848 precursor phase (Jacob et al., 2017), and/or uptake into mitochondria (Bentov and

849 Erez, 2006; Spero et al., 2015). Moreover, Rayleigh fractionation modelling in-
850 dicates that the concentration of [Ca] (and all other ions except for Li and Mg) at
851 the biomineralisation site cannot be significantly different from seawater, unless
852 foraminifera Ca channels are non-selective for all of the trace elements investi-
853 gated here. We consider this to be highly improbable. Furthermore, the seawater
854 vacuolisation model can explain the divergent response of Mg to the carbonate
855 system in low and high-Mg species, if the mechanism by which Mg is removed
856 competes energetically with the need to modify the carbonate chemistry of seawa-
857 ter vacuoles. Finally, it explains the large amount of seawater vacuoles observed
858 in at least some species (e.g. Fig. 5; Bentov et al. (2009)).

859 In contrast, it is difficult to see how all of these observations can be accom-
860 modated into the TMT model. For example, whilst Ca channels may be poorly
861 selective for Sr, the observed Na/Ca ratios of low-Mg foraminifera would require
862 that Ca channels transport $\sim 45\times$ more Na than Ca in order to maintain a biomin-
863 eralisation site Na/Ca ratio similar to seawater. Shell Mg/Ca is nonlinearly related
864 to seawater Mg/Ca in all high and low-Mg species investigated so far, which is
865 challenging to explain through seawater transport. Moreover, it is not clear why
866 foraminifera would expend energy on modifying vacuole carbonate chemistry if
867 they play a passive role in biomineralisation (compare Bentov et al. (2009) and
868 Toyofuku et al. (2017)). Finally, we argue that the existence of hyaline species
869 with a Mg/Ca ratio not resolvably distinct from inorganic calcite (e.g. *O. am-*
870 *monoides* and *H. depressa*) demonstrates that foraminifera must be able to source
871 the Ca required for chamber formation without transport, as to do so would lower
872 the shell Mg/Ca ratio.

873 The foraminifera are a hugely diverse and ancient group of organisms, raising

874 the likelihood that there is no universal method by which all species calcify. The
875 diversity of shell chemistry (e.g. Bentov and Erez, 2006), divergent responses
876 to laboratory acidification (Fujita et al., 2011; Henehan et al., 2017), and large
877 variation in the relative size of internal Ca pools (Erez, 2003; Nehrke et al., 2013)
878 indicate that this is indeed the case. Nonetheless, the features that we highlight
879 above are common to many low and high-Mg species, and any biomineralisation
880 model must be able to accommodate them.

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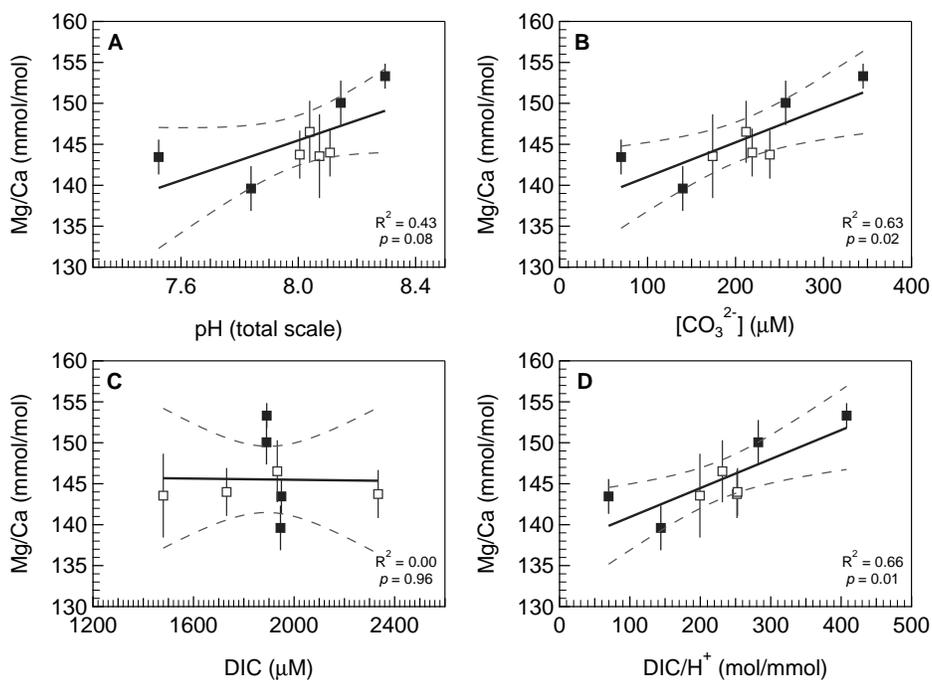


Figure 1: The relationship between Mg/Ca and the carbonate system in laboratory cultured *Op-erculina ammonoides*. Black squares represent experiments with approximately invariant DIC but different pH, white squares are experiments at approximately the same pH but variable DIC. Mg/Ca error bars are 2SE. In all cases the regressions are based on data from all experiments.

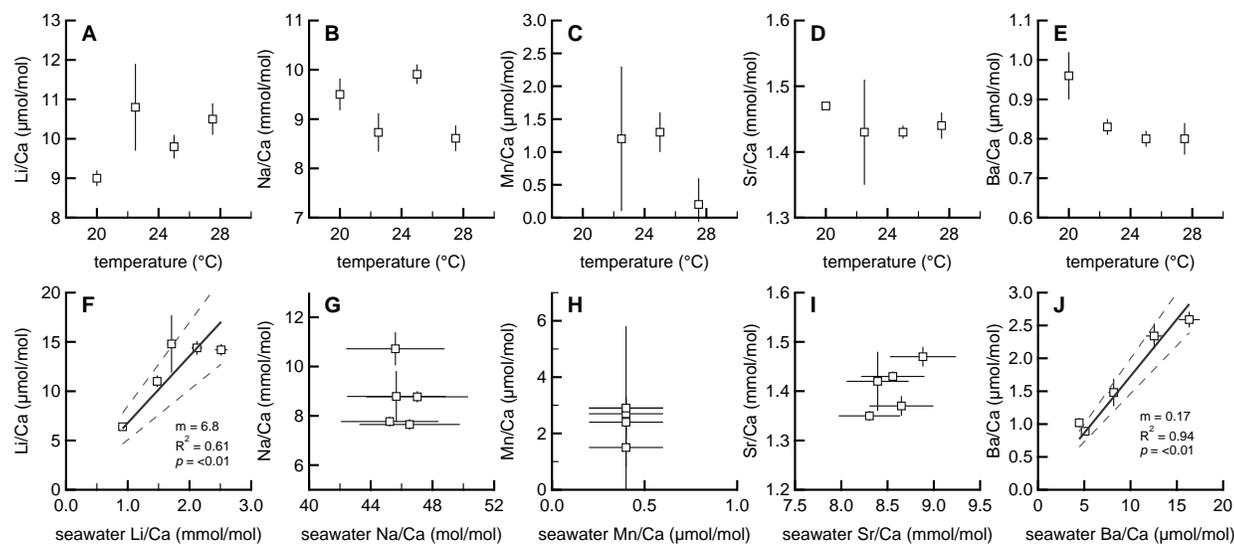


Figure 2: The control of temperature and seawater chemistry on trace element incorporation in cultured *Globigerinoides ruber*. All cultures were performed in mixtures of artificial and natural seawater, with the primary aim of varying the seawater Mg/Ca ratio (see Tab. 2). Because some trace elements were not added to the artificial seawater (e.g. Li, Ba), this resulted in variability in the concentration of these as a function of the proportion of artificial seawater. All temperature experiments were carried out at a Mg/Ca_{sw} ratio ~60% of modern. See Evans et al. (2016a) for a detailed analysis of the Mg/Ca data, which is not repeated here.

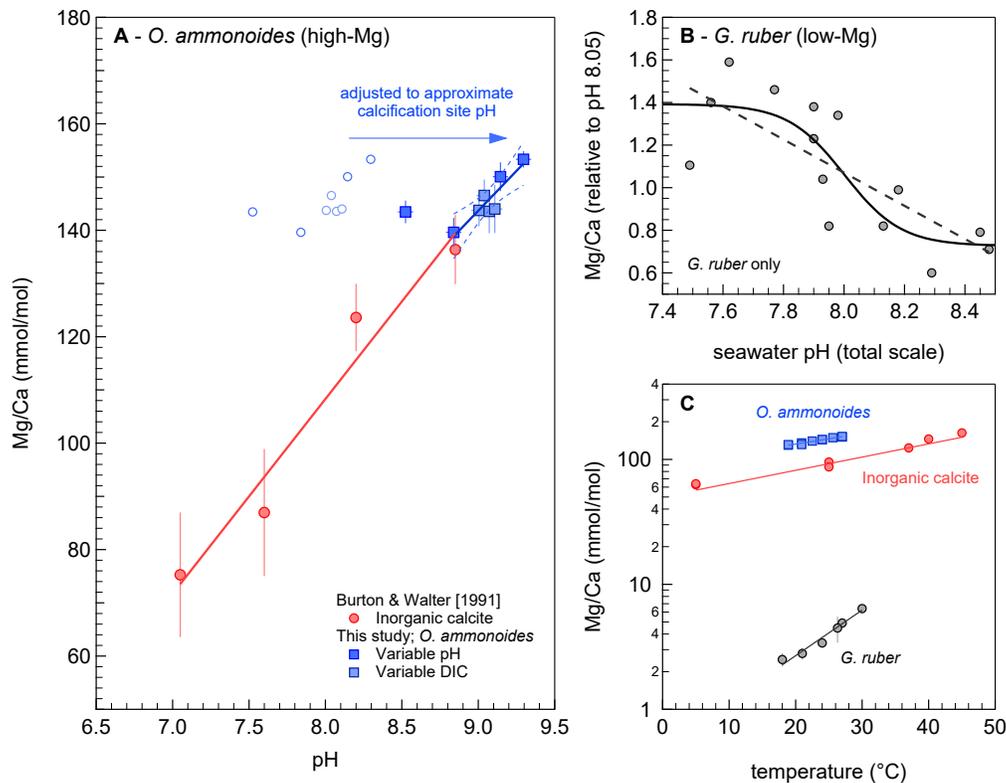


Figure 3: The contrasting dependency of Mg incorporation on the carbonate system and temperature in low and high-Mg foraminifera. (A) *Operculina ammonoides* Mg/Ca response to seawater pH, compared to inorganic calcite precipitated from seawater (Burton and Walter, 1991). The foraminifera data are shown as in Fig. 1 (open blue circles), as well as adjusted to the calcification site pH (closed blue squares), assuming this is 1 unit above ambient seawater (see text). The regression through the foraminifera data excludes one data point, see Fig. 1 for the equivalent regression including all data. (B) *Globigerinoides ruber* Mg/Ca response to pH, modified from Evans et al. (2016b) to include the data given in Allen et al. (2016). Both a linear and logistic function are fitted through all the data, the latter of which captures the lower sensitivity of planktonic Mg/Ca to the carbonate system at pH and/or $[\text{CO}_3^{2-}]$ extremes (see Russell et al., 2004; Evans et al., 2016b). The response of Mg incorporation to pH in planktonic species over the range ~ 7.7 to 8.2 is in the opposite direction and of a much larger relative magnitude compared to high-Mg benthics. (C) Comparative Mg/Ca-temperature relationships in both high/low-Mg species (Evans et al., 2015b; Kisakürek et al., 2008), compared to inorganic calcite (Oomori et al., 1987). Note the logarithmic scale to facilitate comparison of slopes.

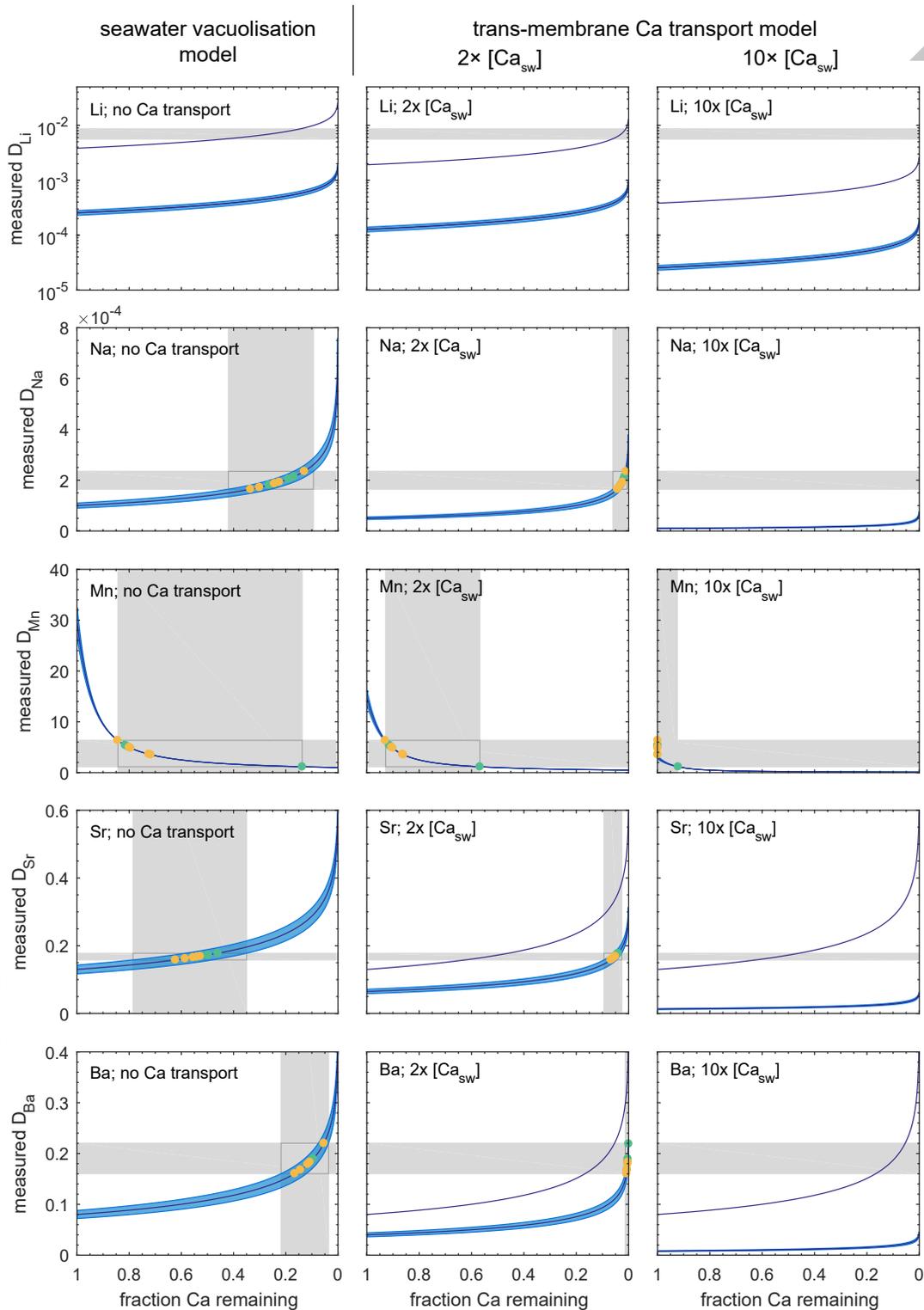


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Figure 4: Rayleigh fractionation modelling of *G. ruber* apparent trace element distribution coefficients ($D_X = [X/Ca_{shell}]/[X/Ca_{sw}]$), assuming that calcification takes place in a closed space. Blue lines with uncertainty intervals show the predicted evolution of trace element distribution coefficients with the fraction calcium utilised, based on inorganic calcite data (see text for details), including 10% uncertainty envelopes. *G. ruber* measurements (Tab. 4) are overlain in yellow (variable seawater chemistry, constant temperature) and green (variable temperature, constant seawater chemistry). Horizontal grey bars show the range of measured apparent distribution coefficients, vertical grey bars show the predicted calcium utilisation based on these. The left column displays this exercise assuming no modification of the seawater from which calcification takes place (the seawater vacuolisation model). The central and right columns show the impact of Ca transport on these results, if the Ca concentration is doubled (centre) and increased by a factor of 10 (right). All calculations assume that the trace element concentration of the calcifying fluid is equivalent to seawater. In the case of Li two curves are shown because there is uncertainty over which inorganic calcite distribution coefficient is applicable to foraminifera, see text for details. In the case of Sr/Ca and Ba/Ca endmember curves are shown depicting both complete selectivity of Ca channels over Sr and Ba (model with 10% uncertainty envelopes), and complete non-selectivity, i.e. no preferential transport of Ca over Sr or Ba (thin purple line). Note the logarithmic D_{Li} scale, necessary in order to highlight that *G. ruber* Li concentrations are several orders of magnitude higher than expected in all models.

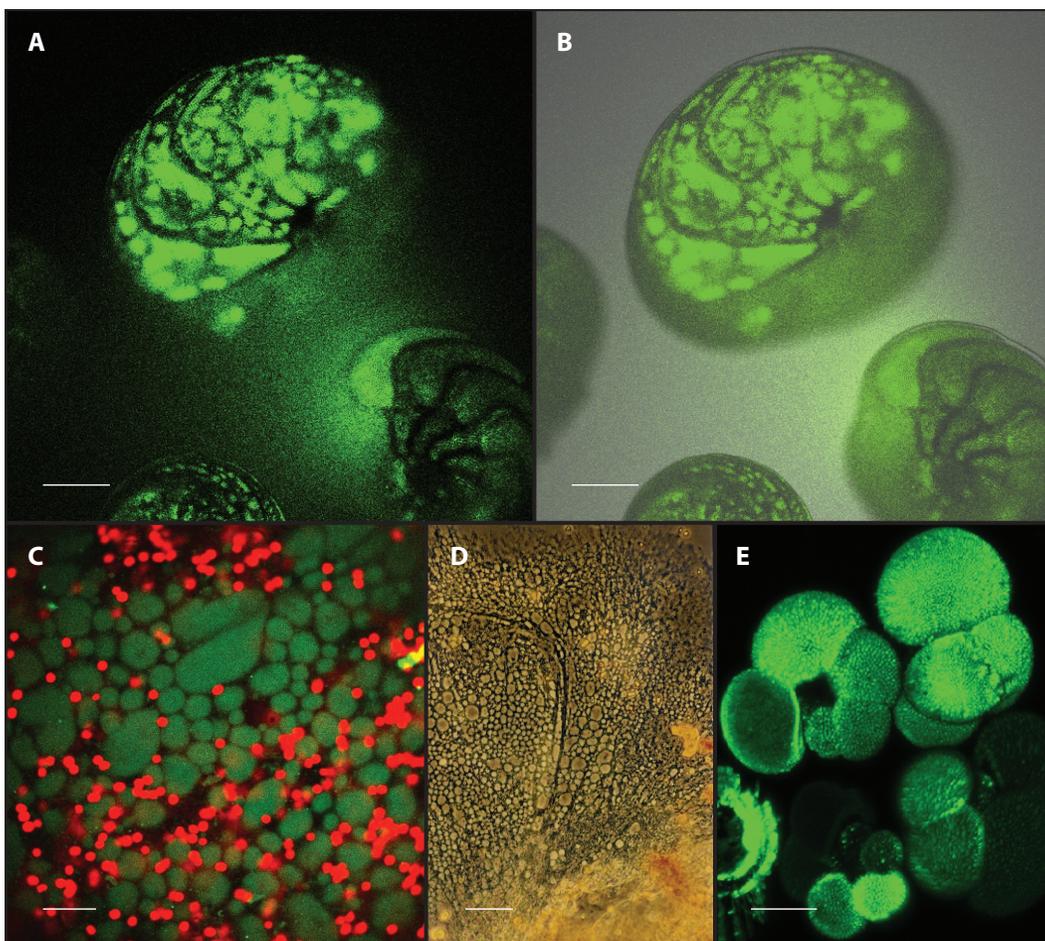


Figure 5: Seawater vacuolisation images in cultured *Amphistegina lessonii*. (A) Fluorescent image of foraminifera placed into seawater with 40 μM calcein for several hours, and then immediately transferred into calcein-free seawater. Individual large seawater vacuoles can be seen through the thin chamber walls, which take up most of the space in the last six chambers of the top individual. Note that the specimen on the right was not active during this experiment. Scale bar 100 μm . (B) As panel A, with the transparent (non fluorescent) channel overlain. (C) Close-up view of calcein-containing seawater vacuoles in a recovering individual (see Bentov and Erez, 2005). Scale bar 20 μm . The red fluorescent spots are diatom symbionts. (D) Transmitted light image of the site of chamber formation in a recovering individual showing the abundance of vacuoles. Scale bar 50 μm . (E) Calcein-labelled planktonic foraminifera, demonstrating that seawater is present at the calcification site in planktonic as well as benthic species. Scale bar 50 μm .

Table 1: Carbonate chemistry details of seawater reservoirs used in the *O. ammonoides* culture experiments. All experiments were conducted at 25°C and 37 psu. DIC and Ω_{calcite} were calculated using co2sys (Lewis and Wallace, 1998), using the same parameters as Raitzsch et al. (2010). Errors represent 1SD variation based on replicate measurements over the course of the experimental period.

Exp.	Alkalinity (mEq l ⁻¹)	pH (total scale)	DIC (μM)	Ω_{calcite}
DE5: Variable DIC, constant pH				
DE5-1	2654±11	7.97±0.04	2357	5.27
DE5-2	2241±10	8.00±0.06	1961	4.65
DE5-3	1764±7	8.00±0.11	1525	3.61
DE5-4	2063±11	8.03±0.08	1779	4.55
DE5: Variable pH, constant DIC				
DE5-5	2403±10	8.23±0.06	1955	7.37
DE5-6	2270±11	8.10±0.04	1927	5.61
DE5-7	2142±10	7.78±0.05	1975	2.97
DE5-8	2020±7	7.46±0.06	1970	1.45

Table 2: Seawater elemental chemistry of all culture experiments. F_{ASW} denotes the proportion of the seawater reservoir that was derived from Mg-free artificial seawater. See text for notes on Mn data.

Exp.	F_{ASW}	$[Ca_{sw}]$ (mM)	Li/Ca (mmol/mol)	Na/Ca (mol/mol)	Mg/Ca (mol/mol)	Mn/Ca (μ mol/mol)	Sr/Ca (mmol/mol)	Ba/Ca (μ mol/mol)
DE5 (<i>O. ammonoides</i>): Variable DIC, constant pH								
DE5	0	10.9	2.03	45.7	5.16	0.4	8.62	4.7
DE3 (<i>G. ruber</i>): Variable Mg/ Ca_{sw}								
DE3-2	0.6	12.1	0.84	46.5	2.14	0.4	8.30	16.3
DE3-3	0.4	11.8	1.36	47.0	3.21	0.4	8.65	12.5
DE3-4	0.2	11.4	1.57	45.7	4.10	0.4	8.39	8.2
DE3-5	0	11.4	2.31	45.6	5.13	0.4	8.88	4.5
DE3-6	0	10.7	1.95	45.2	6.17	0.4	8.56	5.1
DE5 (<i>G. ruber</i>): Variable temperature at low Mg/ Ca_{sw}								
DE4	0.4	11.3	1.34	46.9	3.36	0.4	8.38	4.6

Table 3: Results of the *O. ammonoides* carbonate chemistry experiment. Mean growth rate is determined from alkalinity depletion of the culture seawater, measured and replaced every three to four days. The fraction of specimens that calcified is based on the proportion of foraminifera with at least one chamber with $^{135}\text{Ba}/^{138}\text{Ba}$ within error of the spiked culture seawater (see text for details), and represents a worst case end-member in terms of the number of calcifying specimens. Normalised growth rate = mean growth rate/fraction of specimens that calcified.

Exp.	pH (total)	DIC (μM)	Mean growth rate ($\mu\text{g ind.}^{-1} \text{ day}^{-1}$)	Fraction calcifying	n	Normalised growth rate	Mg/Ca (mmol/mol)
DE5-1	8.00	2357	59.8	0.11	19	478.1	143.7 \pm 3.0
DE5-2	8.04	1961	85.6	0.40	5	195.6	146.5 \pm 3.0
DE5-3	8.07	1525	85.2	0.38	8	189.4	143.5 \pm 4.1
DE5-4	8.11	1779	11.9	0.09	16	118.5	144.0 \pm 4.5
DE5-5	8.30	1955	63.8	0.39	7	212.8	153.3 \pm 1.5
DE5-6	8.15	1927	61.8	0.09	23	329.5	150.1 \pm 2.7
DE5-7	7.84	1975	57.5	0.16	29	306.7	139.6 \pm 2.7
DE5-8	7.53	1970	38.3	0.20	7	153.3	143.4 \pm 2.1

Table 4: Laser-ablation ICPMS trace element data of *G. ruber* cultured under variable seawater Mg/Ca and temperature. See Tab. 2 for seawater Mg/Ca ratios, culture temperatures are given in brackets after the experiment names. Na/Ca, Mg/Ca and Sr/Ca ratios are given in mmol mol⁻¹. Li/Ca, Mn/Ca and Ba/Ca are given in $\mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$. All errors are 2SE. Note that the stated D_{Mn} represent minimum values, see text for details.

Exp.	Li/Ca	D_{Li}	Na/Ca	D_{Na}	Mg/Ca	D_{Mg}	Mn/Ca	D_{Mn}	Sr/Ca	D_{Sr}	Ba/Ca	D_{Ba}
DE3-6 (26)	14.4±0.7	0.0068	7.77±0.20	0.17	6.80±0.21	0.0011	1.5±0.7	3.9	1.43±0.01	0.17	0.89±0.02	0.17
DE3-5 (26)	14.2±0.6	0.0056	10.72±0.67	0.24	6.37±1.19	0.0012	2.4±0.6	6.0	1.47±0.02	0.17	1.02±0.07	0.23
DE3-4 (26)	14.8±2.9	0.0086	8.79±1.03	0.19	5.38±1.48	0.0013	2.9±2.9	7.3	1.42±0.06	0.17	1.48±0.21	0.18
DE3-3 (26)	11.0±0.6	0.0075	8.77±0.23	0.19	4.38±0.25	0.0014	2.7±0.6	6.6	1.37±0.02	0.16	2.34±0.19	0.19
DE3-2 (26)	6.4 ±0.3	0.0070	7.65±0.22	0.16	3.03±0.14	0.0014	2.9±0.3	7.2	1.35±0.01	0.16	2.59±0.12	0.16
DE4-3 (27.5)	10.5±0.4	0.0070	8.61±0.26	0.18	3.84±0.39	0.0011	0.2±0.4	0.5	1.44±0.02	0.17	0.80±0.04	0.17
DE4-3 (25)	9.8±0.3	0.0070	9.91±0.20	0.21	3.12±0.19	0.0009	1.3±0.3	3.1	1.43±0.01	0.17	0.80±0.02	0.18
DE4-3 (22.5)	10.8±1.1	0.0077	8.73±0.39	0.19	2.53±0.08	0.0008	1.2±1.1	3.0	1.43±0.08	0.17	0.83±0.02	0.19
DE4-3 (20)	9.0±0.2	0.0064	9.50±0.32	0.21	2.23±0.15	0.0007	n.d.	n.d.	1.47±0.00	0.18	0.96±0.06	0.22

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