

Biogenic production of DMSP and its degradation to DMS – their roles in the global sulfur cycle

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ABSTRACT

Dimethyl sulfide (DMS) is the most abundant form of volatile sulfur in Earth's oceans, and is mainly produced by the enzymatic cleavage of dimethylsulfoniopropionate (DMSP). DMS and DMSP play important roles in driving the global sulfur cycle and may affect climate. DMSP is proposed to serve as an osmolyte, a grazing deterrent, a signaling molecule, an antioxidant, a cryoprotectant and/or as a sink for excess sulfur. It was long believed that only marine eukaryotes such as phytoplankton produce DMSP. However, we recently discovered that marine heterotrophic bacteria can also produce DMSP, making them a potentially important source of DMSP. At present, one prokaryotic and two eukaryotic DMSP synthesis enzymes have been identified. Marine heterotrophic bacteria are likely the major degraders of DMSP, using two known pathways: demethylation and cleavage. Many phytoplankton and some fungi can also cleave DMSP. So far seven different prokaryotic and one eukaryotic DMSP lyases have been identified. This review describes the global distribution pattern of DMSP and DMS, the known genes for biosynthesis and cleavage of DMSP, and the physiological and ecological functions of these important organosulfur molecules, which will improve understanding of the mechanisms of DMSP and DMS production and their roles in the environment.

Key words: marine microorganism; dimethylsulfoniopropionate (DMSP); dimethyl sulfide (DMS); DMSP biosynthesis; DMSP cleavage

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39 INTRODUCTION

40 The biogenic trace gas dimethyl sulfide (DMS) is the dominant natural source of
41 volatile organic sulfur compounds emitted into the atmosphere from the marine
42 environment (Charlson et al., 1987; Andreae, 1990; Simó, 2001; Stefels et al., 2007).
43 The amount of sulfur (in the form of DMS) transferred from ocean to atmosphere is
44 approximately 13–37 Tg annually (Ksionzek et al., 2016).

45 DMS emissions not only balance the global sulfur budget, but may also impact
46 Earth's climate through its oxidation products in the atmosphere (Figure 1). When DMS
47 diffuses into the atmosphere, it can be rapidly oxidised by OH (during the day) and NO₃
48 (at night) radicals to form various sulfur-containing products, such as sulfur dioxide
49 (SO₂), methanesulfonic acid (MSA) and non-sea-salt sulfate (nss-SO₄²⁻) (Andreae et
50 al., 1985; Boucher and Pham, 2002). Sulfate produced by this process not only increases
51 the natural acidity of atmospheric deposition, but also contributes to cloud condensation
52 nuclei (CCN) in remote marine environments (Quinn and Bates 2011; Charlson et al.
53 1987). Changes in CCN concentration affect the cloud droplet number and
54 concentration, which influences cloud albedo and potentially affects global temperature
55 (Charlson et al., 1987). However, the contradictory view has also been proposed that a
56 DMS biological control over CCN probably does not exist and the bioregulation of
57 DMS on climate has been exaggerated (Quinn and Bates, 2011).

58 The main precursor of DMS is dimethylsulfoniopropionate (DMSP), an organic
59 sulfur compound that is produced in prodigious amounts (2.0 petagrams sulfur annually,
60 worldwide) by many marine organisms, thought mainly to be including marine
61 phytoplankton (Figure 1; Keller et al., 1989; Stefels et al., 2007; Ksionzek et al. 2016).
62 Upon the release of intracellular DMSP into the environment, it can be taken up by a
63 wide range of microorganisms (Malmstrom et al., 2004; Vila et al., 2004; Raina et al.,
64 2017) and catabolised as a source of carbon, reduced sulfur and/or energy (Reisch et
65 al., 2013; Raina et al., 2009; Tripp et al., 2008). DMSP is cleaved to produce DMS and
66 the co-products acrylate or 3-hydroxypropionate (3-HP) by intracellular algal or
67 bacterial DMSP-lyase enzymes (Figure 1; Curson et al., 2011; Johnston et al., 2016). It
68 is thought that only a minor fraction of dissolved DMSP, varying between 2% and 21%,
69 is enzymatically cleaved to liberate DMS (Kiene and Linn, 2000). The majority of
70 DMSP is likely demethylated by bacterial activity, and does not lead to the formation
71 of DMS, but instead can lead to the generation of the trace gas methanethiol (MeSH;
72 Kiene and Linn, 2000; Yoch, 2002; Howard et al., 2006).

73 In all known DMSP synthesis pathways, DMSP is synthesised from the amino acid
74 L-methionine (Met), and is likely more abundant in marine than terrestrial
75 environments because of the high concentration of sulfate in seawater (Stefels, 2000).

The marine organisms that make DMSP include single-celled phytoplankton (such as dinoflagellates, diatoms and coccolithophores) (Keller et al., 1989; Curson et al., 2018; Kageyama et al., 2018), some red and green algae (Challenger and Simpson, 1948; Greene, 1962), a few angiosperms (Otte et al., 2004), as well as some corals (Raina et al., 2013). More recently, it has been found that marine heterotrophic bacteria can also make DMSP, making them a potentially important source of marine DMSP (Curson et al., 2017).

DMSP is proposed to serve numerous physiological functions in organisms that accumulate it under different environmental conditions (Otte et al., 2004). Its specific function may vary in different organisms, perhaps based on where DMSP is localised in the cell (Trossat et al., 1996, 1998). For example, DMSP detected in the chloroplasts of the angiosperm *Wollastonia* was considered to contribute significantly to chloroplast osmoregulation and may protect photosynthetic processes from stress (Trossat et al., 1998). Furthermore, DMSP also acts as a carbon, sulfur and/or energy store and its synthesis may prevent the depletion of important nitrogen precursors during periods of nitrogen limitation (Stefels et al., 2000).

In this Review, we focus on the distribution pattern of DMSP and DMS in the marine environment, the relative contributions of marine phytoplankton and bacteria to the production of DMSP and its degradation to DMS, the physiological function of DMSP and DMS and their roles in the global sulfur cycle.

DISTRIBUTION OF DMSP AND DMS IN THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT

DMSP is ubiquitous in the euphotic layers of the marine system, with a wide variation in concentrations ranging from low nanomolar to several micromolar concentrations (Table 1). DMS is produced mainly from the cleavage of DMSP, but can also be produced from DMSP-independent sources (Carrión et al., 2015, 2017). To a certain extent, the distributions of DMSP and DMS show similar variation patterns in the surface ocean. Here we summarise many of the surveys of global DMSP and DMS distribution in last 30 years from 1988 to 2018 (Table 1). The concentration of total DMSP (DMSP_t) was always less than 1.78 μM in seawater. The majority of DMSP is found within microorganisms, termed ‘particulate DMSP’ (DMSP_p; $\leq 1.74 \mu\text{M}$), whilst the available DMSP, ‘dissolved DMSP’ (DMSP_d), concentrations are lower at $\leq 275 \text{ nM}$.

Spatial characteristics

On a global scale, in polar and subpolar regions, higher DMS and DMSP concentrations are always observed (Table 1). In Arctic Ocean (e.g., Northeast Atlantic and Norwegian and Greenland Seas) surface seawater, DMS concentrations were observed up to 93.8 nM, while DMSP_p and DMSP_d were up to 282.4 nM and 199 nM,

respectively, likely due to the phytoplankton blooms arising during seasonal sea ice melting (Malin et al., 1993; Li et al., 2015). Relatively high DMS and DMSP concentrations also occurred in the Ross Sea (Rellinger et al., 2009), the West Antarctic Peninsula (Stefels et al., 2018) and Canadian subarctic and arctic marine water (Jarníková et al., 2018) as shown in Table 1.

In high-latitude and temperate regions, high DMS and DMSP concentrations, so-called “hotspots”, coincide with the high primary productivity ocean areas. In the East China continental sea, the average DMS, DMSPd and DMSPp concentrations in summer are observed at 5.3 nM, 5.2 nM and 27.1 nM, respectively (Zhang et al., 2014). High concentrations of DMSP are also reported in the Gulf of Maine (Matrai et al., 1993) and Gulf of Saint Lawrence (Cantin et al., 1996). In addition, a study of the Belgian coastal zone showed relatively high phytoplankton biomass levels occurred in the coastal upwelling areas because of the vertical supply of nutrients, and this was accompanied by high DMS and DMSP concentrations, with concentrations of DMSPt up to 1.78 μ M and DMS up to 270 nM (Speeckaert et al., 2018). High concentrations of DMS and DMSPp are also reported in waters off the western coast of Ireland, up to 42 nM and 50 - 635 nM respectively (Locarnini et al., 1998). The tropical oceans show moderate and relatively constant DMS concentrations throughout the year (Bates and Quinn, 1997).

The vertical distribution of DMS and DMSP in seawater generally exhibit decreasing trends from the surface waters to the deeper waters (Table 1). Maximum DMS and DMSP concentrations are usually found in surface seawater or in seawater < 100 m below the surface, but are reduced in the marine euphotic zone. Since phytoplankton are widely recognised as the major producers of DMSP in the marine environment, it is not surprising that vertical distribution patterns of DMSP and DMS resemble those of phytoplankton.

Seasonal cycle pattern

In both hemispheres, DMSP and DMS concentrations exhibit similar seasonal cycle patterns in relation to changes in temperature and light. That is, the DMS and DMSP concentrations rise in spring and usually peak in late summer, and then decrease through autumn and winter. These temporal distribution variations are particularly apparent in middle-high latitude ocean regions, such as the North Pacific Ocean where the average DMS concentration reaches the maximum (> 5 nM) in the summer and drops to the minimum (< 1 nM) in the winter (Aranami and Tsunogai, 2004). In the Yellow-East China Sea, the concentration of DMSP was lowest (6.5-18.0 nM) during winter, and highest in summer (7.6-234.9 nM), and slightly higher in autumn (7.4-91.0 nM) than in spring (5.5-73.7 nM) (Yang et al., 2006, 2011, 2012; Zhang et al., 2014, 2017). Moving towards the equator, this seasonal cycle pattern gets less pronounced

and even disappears, consistent with the associated reduction in seasonality meaning decreasing variation in temperature or day length. In the tropical oceans around the equator, the average concentrations of DMS and DMSP are reasonably constant throughout the year.

Diurnal cycles of DMS and DMSP concentrations are also present. Song et al. (2014) reported DMSP concentrations in off-shore areas were higher in the daytime than at night, and the DMS concentration peaked in the afternoon and reached the minimum in the early morning.

Effect of environmental factors on DMSP and DMS distribution

The distribution of DMSP and DMS in seawater is affected by various physical, chemical and biological factors. In the Norwegian Sea and the Greenland Sea, chlorophyll *a* concentration (indicator of phytoplankton biomass) was shown to be the most significant impact factor in DMSP production, followed by seawater temperature and salinity (Li et al., 2015). In marginal seas, anthropogenic factors, such as atmospheric pollution, may play important roles in the production of DMSP and DMS (Yang et al., 2015). In addition, nitrogen availability is well known as a major influencing factor in increasing intracellular levels of DMSP in marine phytoplankton (Keller et al., 1996; Sunda et al., 2007; Curson et al 2018). Nutrients like silicate could indirectly affect DMSP production through a significant effect on the growth of larger nanoplankton (Zhai et al., 2018). Solar radiation is also well known as an important driver of DMS dynamics in the ocean (Vallina and Simó, 2007). Biologically, as the driving force on DMSP degradation, the biomass and composition of bacteria in the marine environment have vital influence on DMS production. It is possible that all these factors, such as nutrient levels and solar radiation, may affect phytoplankton biomass, which are the direct factors affecting DMSP and DMS concentrations.

The DMS and DMSP temporal cycle pattern is usually associated with the biomass of phytoplankton, particularly the high DMSP-producing taxa, e.g., dinoflagellates and prymnesiophytes (Keller, 1989). Higher phytoplankton biomass and biological activities are found during the warmer and more illuminated seasons, which leads to more DMSP and more of its bio-degradation product, DMS. Townsend and Keller (1996) found that concentrations of DMSPp were related more to the presence of specific phytoplankton species rather than to overall phytoplankton biomass. The study of Scarratt et al (2002) in the northwest Atlantic also showed statistically significant correlations between the abundance of dinoflagellates and prymnesiophytes and the concentrations of DMS(P). In the region with the highest DMS(P) concentrations, the phytoplankton assemblage was dominated by *Chrysochromulina* spp. (prymnesiophyte) and *Gyrodinium flagellare* (dinoflagellate) whose abundance showed a marked correlation with total DMSPp as well as the 2 to 11 μm size fraction of DMSP. In

addition, Archer et al. (2009) discovered a taxonomic succession of high DMSP-producing phytoplankton is apparent in the seasonal pattern of DMSPt concentrations. Peridinin and DMSPt concentrations showed similar seasonal trends, which illustrates the substantial contribution by the dinoflagellate taxa to DMSP production. However, in low-latitude temperate and northern subtropical areas, DMS exhibits high levels in the summer, when phytoplankton biomass is low, and this has been coined the “DMS summer paradox” (Simó and Pedrós-Alió, 1999). The possible reason(s) might be both or either: 1) taxonomic succession from minor to major DMSP-producing phytoplankton as previously proposed (Simó and Pedrós-Alió, 1999); 2) blooming of DMSP-producing bacterial taxa which were found in our recently discovery (Curson et al., 2017).

BIOSYNTHESIS OF DMSP

Biosynthesis of DMSP has been identified in some plants, macroalgae, phytoplankton, corals (Reed, 1983; Keller et al., 1989; Paquet et al., 1994; Hanson et al., 1994; Kocsis et al., 1998; Otte et al., 2004; Raina et al., 2013; Ausma et al., 2017), and most recently also discovered in many marine bacteria (Table 2; Curson et al., 2017). Thus, DMSP is present in all marine ecosystems and can be utilised not only by the producing organisms, but also by other species that live in the same habitats with the producers.

Biosynthesis of DMSP by marine eukaryotes

DMSP was first identified in 1948 in the red alga *Polysiphonia* (Challenger & Simpson, 1948). The main DMSP producers are widely recognised to be marine phytoplankton, and strains in the classes of Dinophyceae (dinoflagellates) and Prymnesiophyceae (haptophytes) were recorded with high intracellular DMSP concentrations of up to 10^2 - 10^3 mM (Keller, 1989; Stefels, 2000). As well as these very high producers, DMSP biosynthesis has also been documented in other marine algae, e.g. diatoms (Lyon et al., 2011; Kettles et al., 2014), the green alga *Ulva intestinalis* (Gage et al., 1997), and some higher plants like sugarcane (Paquet et al., 1994) and the coastal angiosperms *Spartina alterniflora* (Kocsis et al., 1998) and *Wollastonia biflora* (Hanson et al., 1994). The green tide (*Ulva* bloom), which occurs annually in the summer in the Yellow Sea and East China Sea (Figure 2), always brings with it a tangy odour (DMS is one of the compounds contributing to the complex smell) during the algal decay process. Recently, DMSP biosynthesis was also reported in the kingdom of animalia with two corals species *Acropora millepora* and *Acropora tenuis* shown to produce DMSP (Raina et al., 2013). The occurrence of DMSP in corals was previously attributed to the DMSP-producing coral symbiont *Symbiodinium*, but investigations of algal-free juvenile corals clearly demonstrated a heat stress-dependent DMSP production by the marine invertebrates themselves (Raina et al., 2013). Orthologues of

the eukaryotic *DSYB* DMSP biosynthesis gene present in the genome of the coral *Acropora cervicornis* were shown to encode a functional SAM-dependent methyltransferase, catalyzing the key enzymatic step in DMSP biosynthesis via the transamination pathway (Curson et al., 2018).

At present, it is known that DMSP synthesis in marine eukaryotes can occur through four different pathways, two methylation pathways in angiosperms (Hanson and Gage, 1996; Kocsis et al., 1998), a transamination pathway in diatoms, dinoflagellates, haptophytes, green algae and corals (Gage et al., 1997; Summers et al., 1998; Raina et al., 2013; Curson et al., 2018) and a decarboxylation pathway in one dinoflagellate (Uchida et al., 1996). Each of the proposed pathways for DMSP biosynthesis begins with methionine, although subsequent steps vary (Figure 3). Since the biosynthesis reactions and enzymes evolved are quite diverse, these different DMSP biosynthetic pathways must have evolved independently. However, it is unknown whether some taxonomically distinct organisms such as green algae, diatoms, dinoflagellates, haptophytes and corals use the same transamination pathway due to a horizontal gene transfer event or due to their evolving independently. DMSP production has been found to be species-specific, with some members of a genus producing it and others not, and can vary by three orders of magnitude within phytoplankton groups. The highest intracellular concentrations are typically reported in dinoflagellates and haptophytes and lower concentrations in diatoms (Table 2; Keller, 1989).

Although it has long been known that eukaryotic algae can produce DMSP, the lack of genomic sequences and molecular tools for studying marine eukaryotes meant that the functional genes have only recently been identified. Todd and colleagues, based on work in bacteria (see below), identified the *DSYB* gene, encoding a SAM-dependent methyltransferase, in many marine algae, including dinoflagellates, diatoms and coccolithophores, as well as in some corals. *DSYB* mediates the key step of the transamination pathway, transforming 4-methylthio-2-hydroxybutyrate (MTHB) to 4-dimethylsulfonio-2-hydroxybutyrate (DMSHB; Table 2; Curson 2018). Takabe and colleagues have recently found the isozyme of *DSYB* in the diatom *Thalassiosira pseudonana*, named TpMMT (Table 2), encoded by the *TpMT2* gene, which showed no significant homology with ratified *DSYBs* (Kageyama et al., 2018). DMSP synthesis genes involved in steps other than S-methylation have not been identified in any organisms so far.

Biosynthesis of DMSP by marine bacteria

Recently, DMSP biosynthesis was detected in *Labrenzia aggregata* LZB033 (Figure 4) and then also in several other marine *Alphaproteobacteria*, including *Oceanicola batsensis* HTCC2597, *Pelagibaca bermudensis* HTCC2601, *Sediminimonas qiaohouensis* DSM21189, *Amorphus coralli* DSM18348, *Sagittula*

stellata E-37, *L. aggregata* IAM12614, and *Thalassobaculum salexigens* DSM19539 (Table 2; Curson et al., 2017). These bacteria synthesise DMSP through the transamination pathway, the same pathway used by many marine algae and some corals. Through screening an *L. aggregata* LZB033 genomic library for candidate DMSP biosynthesis genes, one gene *dsyB*, encoding a functional MTHB methyltransferase, was identified as the key gene in bacterial DMSP biosynthesis. The transfer of the *dsyB* gene alone was sufficient to confer the ability to synthesise DMSP to the non-DMSP producing bacterium *Rhizobium leguminosarum*. This indicates that enzymes catalyzing the production of MTHB and the decarboxylation of DMSHB (see Fig 3) are not specific to DMSP production. The DsyB protein is a SAM-dependent methyltransferase and is encoded by the genomes of ~100 marine *Alphaproteobacteria* (E-value $\leq 5 \times 10^{-69}$). DsyB has relatively low similarity to the eukaryotic DSYB (E-values $\leq 1 \times 10^{-30}$), but this low level of similarity was still sufficient to allow the subsequent identification of the eukaryotic *DSYB* gene described above. Environmental conditions known to affect DMSP production in marine phytoplankton, like increased salinity, nitrogen availability, and low temperatures, were also shown to upregulate the expression of the bacterial *dsyB* gene, as well as the production of DMSP in *L. aggregata* LZB033 (Curson et al., 2017). The acquisition of *dsyB* by some bacteria, and consequently the ability to synthesise DMSP, may confer a competitive advantage in the marine environment, where bacteria must contend with, for example, salinity and low nitrogen availability.

Phylogenetic analysis of eukaryotic DSYBs and alphaproteobacterial DsyBs showed that DSYB and DsyB sequences formed two distinct sister branches, but not all major algal groups have *DSYB* in their genomes (Curson et al., 2018). According to these facts, the authors concluded that eukaryotic DSYBs originated from bacterial DsyBs early in their evolution and they were obtained either: 1) through endosymbiosis of the mitochondrial ancestor, which led to alphaproteobacterial genes making up a significant proportion in eukaryotic genomes (Ku et al., 2015), and then DSYB has been lost by some of the eukaryotes; or 2) more recently by multiple horizontal gene transfer (HGT) events (Curson et al., 2018).

DMSP CLEAVAGE AND DMS PRODUCTION

After biosynthesis, some of the produced DMSP can be cleaved to DMS and acrylate (or 3-HP) by the DMSP-producer themselves (Alcolombri et al., 2015; Curson et al., 2017). However, the vast majority of the DMSP is catabolised after it is released into the water column in the form of dissolved DMSP (DMSPd), and utilised by other heterotrophic microorganisms, predominantly bacteria (Zubkov et al., 2001). The corresponding enzymes that catalyse DMSP cleavage are called DMSP lyases. They exist in both eukaryotes and bacteria. There is high biodiversity in the bacterial DMSP lyases, which belong to three distinct protein superfamilies, while the only known

eukaryotic DMSP lyase Alma1 bears no resemblance to any of the bacterial ‘Ddd’ DMSP lyases (Table 3).

Cleavage of DMSP by heterotrophic bacteria

Although many marine phytoplankton degrade some of the DMSP that they produce (Stefels 2000), most of the microbial DMSP catabolism is thought to occur following its release into the dissolved organic matter pool caused by viral lysis, zooplankton grazing or senescence of the algal cells. Here, it is available for assimilation and degradation by free-living bacterioplankton or attached bacteria (Kiene et al., 2000).

Marine bacteria catabolise DMSP via two competing pathways, the demethylation pathway (accounting for the majority of DMSP degradation; Kiene et al 2000) and the cleavage pathway. The demethylation pathway can yield the reactive gas methanethiol (MeSH). The key enzyme DmdA, which belongs to the glycine cleavage T-protein (GcvT) superfamily, catalyses the first step in the DMSP demethylation pathway (Howard et al., 2006; Reisch et al., 2008), and genes for the subsequent steps of the DMSP demethylation pathway have also been fully elucidated by the Moran laboratory (Reisch et al., 2011a, 2011b, 2013; Moran et al., 2012). DMSP demethylation is a major biological control on DMS formation because it directly competes with the cleavage pathway. The cleavage pathway produces the climatically relevant volatile DMS via DMSP lysis or hydrolysis (González et al., 1999), which will be described in detail here.

Currently, seven bacterial DMSP cleavage genes *dddD*, *-L*, *-P*, *-Q*, *-W*, *-Y* and *-K* have been identified, and the enzymes they encode mediate the cleavage of DMSP to DMS (Curson et al., 2011a; Johnston et al., 2016; Sun et al., 2016). These genes are found in various bacterial taxa. *dddD* is present in some *Gammaproteobacteria*, especially in *Oceanospirillales* and *Pseudomonadales*, and also in some other *Proteobacteria*, like *Rhizobiales* and *Rhodobacterales* (both *Alphaproteobacteria*) and *Burkholderiales* (*Betaproteobacteria*). *dddL*, *-P*, *-Q*, and *-W* are mainly found in the *Rhodobacteraceae* family of *Alphaproteobacteria*, with *dddP* also present in some eukaryotic fungi (Todd et al., 2009; Kirkwood et al., 2010). *dddY* was identified in the betaproteobacterium *Alcaligenes faecalis* strain M3A and is found in other *Proteobacteria*, i.e. *Gammaproteobacteria*, *Deltaproteobacteria* and *Epsilonproteobacteria* (Curson et al., 2011b; Li et al., 2017). *dddK* was identified in *Pelagibacter ubique* HTCC1062, which belongs to the most abundant marine bacterial group — the SAR11 clade (Sun et al., 2016). Among these bacterial *ddd* genes, *dddP* and *dddQ* are the two most abundant ones in marine metagenomes (Curson et al., 2018).

Interestingly, the protein products of these *ddd* genes differ both in size and amino acid sequence and belong to distinct polypeptide families. DddL/Q/W/K/Y belong to the cupin superfamily (Table 3; Lei et al., 2018), and all catalyse DMSP lysis into DMS

and acrylate. Biochemical and crystal structural studies revealed that DddQ, DddW, DddK and DddY all need metal cofactors, but that there is variability between which metal works best for each enzyme. For example, based on its crystal structure, DddQ from *Ruegeria lacuscaerulensis* ITI_1157 is bound to Zn (II), whereas the addition of exogenous Co (II) and Mn (II) can effectively enhance its activity (Li et al., 2014), while Brummet et al. (2016) proposed that the addition of Zn (II) can inhibit its activity and that Fe (III) is the appropriate co-factor. DddQ is clearly promiscuous in which metal co-factor it requires for activity. Based on biochemical studies, DddW from *R. pomeroyi* DSS-3 showed the highest enzyme activities with Fe (II) or Mn (II) as cofactors (Brummet et al., 2015); DddK from *Pelagibacter* can be activated by the presence of Fe (II) and Ni (II) (Schnicker et al., 2017). DddY from the gammaproteobacterium *Acinetobacter bereziniae* contains a catalytic domain with Zn (II) as cofactor (Li et al., 2017). Protein sequences of DddL show conserved active site residues with the other cupin DMSP lyases for metal cofactor binding, but enzymatic or structural biological studies on DddL have not been reported. DddP belongs to the M24B metallopeptidase family (Todd et al., 2009), and, like the cupin lyases, catalyses the cleavage of DMSP to DMS and acrylate. A study on the catalytic mechanism of DddP from *R. lacuscaerulensis* ITI_1157 revealed that mature DddP protein is a stable dimer and undergoes an Fe ion shift during the process of DMSP cleavage (Wang et al., 2015). DddD belongs to the class III CoA-transferase family (Todd et al., 2007), and is the only characterised Ddd that cleaves DMSP by hydrolysis and produces DMS and 3-HP or 3-HP-CoA (Todd et al., 2007; Alcolombri et al., 2014). Although, all the above Ddd enzymes can act on DMSP, liberating DMS, only DddD, DddY and DddL have high specific DMSP lyase activities (K_{cat}/K_m ; 318 $M^{-1} s^{-1}$ for DddD; $10^{5-6} M^{-1} s^{-1}$ for DddY and $1.66 \times 10^6 M^{-1} s^{-1}$ for DddL), whilst the other Ddd lyases have much lower specific DMSP lyase activities (Alcolombri et al., 2014; Brummett et al., 2015; Lei et al., 2018). It should be noted though that much of the enzyme work is carried out with proteins overexpressed and purified from *Escherichia coli* and not from the natural host. What effects this has on the activity of the enzymes and their metal content is not always determined. The three-carbon moiety of DMSP, transformed to acrylate or 3-HP during the cleavage process, can then enter in central carbon catabolism (Todd et al., 2010, 2012b; Curson et al., 2011, 2014; Reisch et al., 2011b, 2013; Asao and Alber, 2013).

Within the *Tara* Oceans metatranscriptome data sets apportioned to marine bacteria, *dddP*, *dddK*, *dddQ*, *dddD* and *dddL* transcripts were always detected, and were far more abundant than *dddY* and *dddW*, which was not detected (Curson et al., 2018). These results indicate that most of these bacterial DMSP cleavage genes are expressed in nature.

Cleavage of DMSP by phytoplankton

It has been known for many years that marine phytoplankton can cleave DMSP

into DMS and acrylate (Table 3; Yoch, 2002), but a eukaryotic DMSP lyase gene, Alma1, was only identified recently by Alcolombri et al. (2015), in the haptophyte *Emiliania huxleyi*. Its product Alma1, which belongs to the aspartate racemase superfamily, generates DMS and acrylate from DMSP like the majority of the bacterial Ddd lyases (Table 3; Alcolombri et al., 2015). Based on protein sequence similarity, orthologues of Alma1 (and its paralogues) are present in a wide range of eukaryotes, including haptophytes, dinoflagellates and corals, highlighting a wide taxonomic distribution for this protein (Alcolombri et al., 2015). Alma1-like proteins of lesser sequence similarity are also present in some bacteria. Only Alma1 enzymes from *E. huxleyi* and *Symbiodinium* have been shown to have high DMSP lyase activity. Other homologues with lesser protein sequence similarity to the Alma1 from *E. huxleyi*, from the haptophyte *Phaeocystis antarctica* and the coral *A. millepora*, have extremely low DMSP lyase activities (<0.03 % of the activity of the *Symbiodinium* Alma1 homologue and not much above the negative control) (Alcolombri et al., 2015). Thus, functional predictions based solely on sequence similarity are still very difficult and this makes predictions of their environmental importance very difficult without more functional ratification. Many other eukaryotes, like species in Chlorophyta, Rhodophyta and Alveolata, are also known to cleave DMSP into DMS and acrylate (Cantoni and Anderson, 1956; Stefels et al. 1993, 1995; Nishiguchi and Goff, 1995; Steinke et al., 2002; Yoch, 2002; Yost and Mitchelmore, 2009; Franklin et al., 2010; Niki et al., 2000), but the genes involved have not yet been identified, and further effort will be needed to uncover these.

FUNCTIONS OF DMSP AND DMS

Ecological roles

Marine microorganisms encounter and import DMSP in their natural habitat. They incorporate its sulfur into amino acids and utilise its three-carbon moiety for energy, which underlines the role of DMSP as one of the most important sulfur and carbon sources for many marine bacteria. Some bacteria, like SAR11, seem to be adapted to the use of reduced sulfur compounds such as DMSP, which represents the main ecologically relevant sulfur source that these bacteria are able to utilise, and genes for prominent alternative pathways for sulfur metabolism, such as sulfate reduction, have been lost (Tripp et al., 2008).

The process in which DMSP is degraded to DMS is also of great global significance as mentioned above. DMS is volatile and has low solubility, and is thus emitted in large amounts ($\sim 3 \times 10^7$ tonnes per annum) from the oceans into the atmosphere. This represents the largest natural source of atmospheric sulfur and the major route for the transfer of sulfur from the oceans to the air, and contributes substantially to the global sulfur flux. DMS oxidation products, e.g., SO_4^{2-} , $\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}$,

S₄O₆²⁻ and DMSO, display longer residence time in the atmosphere than anthropogenically-derived SO₂, and thus their contribution to the global sulfur burden is also greater (Lovelock et al., 1972; Chin and Jacob, 1996).

In the air, these DMS oxidation products act as condensation nuclei, causing water molecules to coalesce and form clouds. When returned to land via precipitation, this helps to bring marine sulfur to the continents, completing the global sulfur cycle since SO₄²⁻ is transported from land via rivers to the oceans. The return of sulfur from the ocean to the land requires atmospheric sulfur volatiles, and DMS is the paramount compound among them. DMS-derived SO₄²⁻ in the atmosphere acts in CCN formation, as described above, and the resulting increased cloud cover may influence local and possibly even global albedo, with a cooling effect on the climate (Figure 1 and Table 4; Kettle and Andreae, 2000; Simó, 2001). A negative feedback model has been suggested, in which the cooling effect due to increased DMS emission leads to a slower biomass production and thus a decreased production of DMSP and then its catabolite, DMS. This would then cause a consequent decrease in the cooling effect and increase in biomass production to complete the feedback loop (Charlson et al., 1987). However, this model has been challenged recently (Quinn and Bates, 2011).

Physiological and biological functions

Besides the great importance of DMSP and DMS in biogeochemical cycles and their potential effects on climate, these organosulfur molecules also have miscellaneous suggested physiological and biological functions in various marine species (Table 4). However there is little evidence at a molecular genetic level to verify these putative functions in any organism despite many of the proposed roles for these compounds being strongly suggested to be beneficial to phytoplankton and bacteria for survival in the marine environment.

DMSP

In phytoplankton and green algae, DMSP is proposed to have roles as an osmoprotectant, a cryoprotectant, a grazing deterrent, an antioxidant, a sink for excess sulfur, as well as other biological functions (Table 4).

For the organisms with high intracellular DMSP concentrations, this metabolite is present at physiologically relevant levels sufficient to be considered a major osmolyte, helping cells to overcome the adverse environment of hyperosmosis. For example, when exposed in high salt conditions, the intracellular DMSP concentration in *Hymenomonas carterae* cells can be as high as 300 mM (Vairavamurthy et al., 1985; Kirst, 1990). In many DMSP-producers, DMSP is likely not the major osmolyte, with e.g. some nitrogen-containing osmolytes like glycine betaine, choline and carnitine adopting this function (Dickschat et al., 2015). DMSP was investigated for its

cryoprotective activity on the model enzymes lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) and malate dehydrogenase (MDH), which were extracted from the polar alga *Aerosiphonia arela* (Chlorophyta; Karsten et al., 1996). Both of the activities and stabilities of LDH and MDH under freezing conditions were risen with the addition of DMSP. DMSP produced by *E. huxleyi*, and its degradation products acrylate and acryloyl-CoA, have certain toxic effects on many organisms, and are thought to act as predator deterrents, thus increasing the chance of *E. huxleyi* survival (Wolfe and Steinke, 1996; Wolfe et al., 1997). DMSP and its breakdown products, e.g., DMS, acrylate, DMSO and acrylate can scavenge hydroxyl radicals and other reactive oxygen species, and thus they may serve as highly effective antioxidants (Sunda et al., 2002; Lesser 2006; Husband et al., 2012; Curson et al., 2018). DMSP biosynthesis is suggested to provide sinks for the excess energy, carbon and reducing equivalents derived from active photosynthesis, saving nitrogen for cell growth and accelerating sulfate uptake from the environment (Gage et al., 1997; Stefels, 2000; Bullock et al., 2017).

DMSP can also be a signal molecule, attracting specific groups of bacteria and structuring the microbial communities that are integrally associated with corals and other organisms, underpinning their health (Raina et al., 2013). Similarly, it can attract several phytoplankton and bacterivore and herbivore microzooplankton (Seymour et al., 2010). Apart from these microorganisms, DMSP can provide underwater foraging cues for some reef fish (DeBose et al., 2008). As a chemical signaling molecule, DMSP may induce bacterial quorum sensing, e.g., participating in the degradation of particulate organic matter (POC) (Seyedsayamdost et al., 2011; Johnson et al., 2016). As a mediator of bacterial virulence, DMSP may regulate the demise of *E. huxleyi* blooms (Barak-Gavish et al., 2018).

DMS

DMS is the cue for chemosensory attraction for marine invertebrates and bacteria that feed on DMSP-producing phytoplankton (Table 4; Zimmer-Faust et al., 1996; Steinke et al., 2006). In addition, as mentioned above, the grazing zooplankton cause the degradation of algal DMSP to DMS and acrylate, which act as feeding deterrents towards the protozoan herbivores, thus representing a chemical defense mechanism of the phytoplankton (Wolfe and Steinke, 1996; Wolfe et al., 1997). The resulting increased emission of DMS into the atmosphere upon grazing is in turn also recognised by seabirds that feed on the grazing zooplankton (Nevitt and Bonadonna, 2005).

CONCLUSION AND PROSPECT

In summary, DMS and DMSP play important roles in driving global sulfur cycling and may affect climate. It is now clear that both prokaryotes (e.g., bacteria) and eukaryotes (e.g., algae) can synthesise and degrade DMSP. However, their relative contributions to environmental DMSP production and cleavage have not been clearly

quantified, and the ways in which they are affected by and impinge on environmental parameters has not been elucidated either. Since it has long been thought that DMSP can only be produced by marine photosynthetic organisms, studies on the distribution and concentration of DMSP and DMS were mainly limited to the marine euphotic layers, while in the deeper ocean and sediments, they have been largely ignored. According to the limited data available (Curran et al., 1998; Li et al., 2015; Zhai et al., 2018), absolute concentrations of DMSP and DMS in the deeper ocean are relatively low, but on a global scale, DMSP and DMS in deep oceans should be investigated further due to the immense water volume and bacterial biomass in this biosphere.

Considering heterotrophic bacteria are chemoheterotrophic and that phytoplankton are photoautotrophic, we propose the hypothesis that phytoplankton are only the major contributor to DMSP production at euphotic depths, while in deeper oceans where limited or even no sunlight penetrate, the relative contribution of heterotrophic bacteria to DMSP production may become dominant.

Since the discovery of DMSP biosynthesis in marine heterotrophic bacteria and the identification of the key gene *dsyB* in this process, many other heterotrophic bacteria have also been found to produce DMSP. However, among some of the genomes of these newly discovered DMSP-producing bacteria and the transcriptomes of many eukaryotes, no homologue of *DsyB/DSYB/TpMMT* was detected. This indicates that different isozymes or even DMSP biosynthesis pathways exist in these strains to be further explored. As for DMSP degradation, no homologues of the known *Alma1* and *ddd* DMSP lyase genes were detected in the transcriptomes of the DMSP-cleaving eukaryote *Ulva* and the genomes of Ddd⁺ prokaryotic *Actinobacteria*, so novel DMSP cleavage gene(s) still exist to be discovered.

Many marine bacteria (e.g., *L. aggregata* and *Pseudooceanicola batsensis*) and algae (e.g., *E. huxleyi* and *Phaeocystis* sp.) not only make DMSP but also cleave this compound (Stefels and Dijkhuizen, 1996; Alcolombri et al., 2015; Curson et al., 2017). What are the endogenous and/or external incentives for this ability? What is its physiological relevance? How are these contradictory processes being precisely regulated in one organism? The functions of DMSP and DMS in marine organisms still need to be verified at a molecular genetic level. These unanswered questions could be the focus for our future in-depth studies on the molecular mechanisms of DMSP biosynthesis and degradation, and their relevant functions in driving the global sulfur cycle.

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Table 1 The distribution of DMS and DMSP in typical sea areas reported in the literature

Sea areas	Longitude	Latitude	Sampling time	Station numbers	T (°C)*	Sampling depth (m)	DMS (nM)	DMSPd (nM)	DMSPp (nM)	DMSPt (nM)	Reference
SAMPLING STATIONS WITH POINT RECORDS											
Western Mediterranean	0°00'E– 06°20'E	43°50'N– 38°00'N	1 Jun.–2 Aug., 1993 26–28 Apr. & 15– 21 Jul., 1994	54	N.D.	0–200	0–19.3	0.1–18.3	N.D.	N.D.	Simo et al., 1997
Belgian Coastal Zone	02°30'E– 03°10'E	51°48'N– 51°18'N	Jan.–Dec., 2016	9	6.9–19.8	3	0–269.7	N.D.–39.3	N.D.– 1740.0	N.D.– 1779.3§	Speeckaert et al., 2018
The northern North Sea	02°30'E– 03°33'E	58°52'N– 58°15'N	18–28 Jun., 1999	8	11.2–12.3	5–11	3.7–10.1	54.0– 121.0	4.4–16.4	58.4–137.4§	Archer et al., 2001
The Gulf of Lion (the Mediterranean Sea)	03°40'E	42°20'N	Apr., 1990	N.D.	N.D.	15	9.24–14.3 (DMS+DMSPd)		31.9–39.0	N.D.	Belviso et al., 1993
The Central Ligurian Sea (the Mediterranean Sea)	07°52'E	43°24'N	16–22 May, 1990	N.D.	N.D.	15	4.19–5.01	2.8–6.8	24.8–30.2	~32.3§	Belviso et al., 1993
North Aegean Sea (Greece)	24°51'E– 25°52'E	40°51'N– 39°41'N	Sep., 2003	11	15.8–25.2	0–20	N.D.	11.6–19.4	N.D.	16.4–30.0	Mara et al., 2015
	24°03'E– 25°52'E	40°51'N– 39°41'N	Jul., 2004	10	14.6–24.5	0–20	N.D.	8.4–20.2	N.D.	15.4–31.4	Mara et al., 2015
Barents Sea (Russia)	30°21'E– 32°56'E	76°32'N– 72°45'N	13–29 May, 1993	4	N.D.	20–200	2.8–25.3	4.0–36.0	6.0–27.0	10.0–63.0§	Matrai et al., 1997
Western Indian Ocean	50°00'E– 77°00'E	24°00'S– 49°00'S	3–20 Dec., 1997	N.D.	N.D.	8	0.9–35.8	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	Sciare et al., 1999
The Southern Ocean (Australasian sector)	60°00'E– 160°00'E	70°00'S– 40°00'S	25 Sep., 1991–8 Dec., 1995	N.D.	N.D.	0–4441	nd–22.0	nd–71.0	nd–102.0	nd–173.0§	Curran et al., 1998
The Southern Ocean (Indian sector)	71°00'E– 79°00'E	49°00'S– 53°50'S	19 Jan.–13 Feb., 2005	18	3	0–150	0.2–0.8	N.D.	5.0–20.0	N.D.	Belviso et al., 2008
Indian Estuaries (India)	72°00'E– 88°00'E	23°00'N– 09°00'N	28 Jul.–18 Aug., 2011 & 2–15 Jan., 2012	25	N.D.	0–5	0.1–38.3	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	Viswanadham et al., 2016

Coastal Bay of Bengal (Northeastern part of the Indian Ocean)	81°00'E– 87°40'E	20°20'N– 15°30'N	23 Jul.–10 Aug., 2010	71	26.8–29.9	N.D.	1.2–28.2	N.D.	N.D.	0.8–61.6	Rao et al., 2015
Bohai Sea and Northern Yellow Sea (China)	112°00'E– 124°06'E	39°29'N– 17°43'N	21 Nov.–1 Dec., 2011	40	10.49– 15.77	16–77	0.8–6.7	0.9–12.9	7.6–42.3	9.0–45.2§	Yang et al., 2015
South China Sea (China)	113°50'E– 119°08'E	17°00'N– 14°00'N	20 May–17 Jul., 2014	19	29.25– 30.66	1020–5112	0.2–4.3	0.1–3.3	0.1–6.9	1.0–7.9	Zhai et al., 2018
Antarctic Sea Ice	115°00'E– 125°00'E	64°00'S– 66°00'S	27 Sep.–31 Oct., 2012	18	-22– -3.6	0.14–1.5	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	0.5–750.0	Damm et al., 2016
Yellow Sea and East China Sea	119°50'E– 128°59'E	38°48'N– 25°41'N	26 Apr.–21 May, 2009	64	10–26	15–946	1.2–12.6	N.D.	N.D.	5.5–73.7	Yang et al., 2012
Yellow Sea and East China Sea	119°57.840'E– 127°16.291'E	34°59.924'N– 25°11.064'N	28 Jun.–15 Jul., 2006 22 Jan.–13 Feb., 2007	35 (summer), 53 (winter)	17.9–29.6 (summer) 6.3–24.0 (winter)	1.6–2.7 (summer) 15–1770 (winter)	1.8–12.2 (summer) 1.0–3.5 (winter)	N.D. (summer) N.D. (winter)	N.D. (summer) N.D. (winter)	14.0–45.0 (summer) 6.5–18.0 (winter)	Yang et al., 2011
Jiaozhou Bay (China)	120.18°E– 120.91°E	36.12°N– 35.80°N	19–21 May., 2006	14	N.D.	0.2	2.6–7.7	6.3–27.6	7.2–31.5	13.5–59.1§	Zhang et al. 2010
Yellow Sea (China)	121°00'E– 124°00'E	39°00'N– 33°00'N	Mar., 2005	21	2.81–9.50	19–75	0.99–5.10	2.13–13.3	4.89–40.1	N.D.	Yang et al., 2006
Yellow Sea (China)	121°14'E– 124°00'E	39°10'N– 32°30'N	Apr., 2006	43	4.5–13.74	20–88.5	1.7–12.8	2.9–38.8	4.3–36.1	7.2–74.9§	Zhang et al., 2008
East Yellow Sea and South China Sea (China)	121°22'E– 127°19'E	36°54'N– 27°30'N	5–26 Jul., 2011	60	17.85– 28.62	20.7–1377	0.6–41.2	1.4–27.2	6.2–207.7	7.6–234.9	Zhang et al., 2014
East China Sea (China)	121°40'E– 127°20'E	31°83'N– 26°20'N	19 Oct.–2 Nov., 2015	22	19.7–25.9	31–1014	1.0–9.6	1.7–7.2	5.6–83.8	7.4–91.0§	Zhang et al., 2017
Chang Jiang River Estuary (China)	122°00'E– 124°30'E	33°20'N– 27°50'N	7–14 Jun., 2014	32	19.67– 24.86	SW	2.2–27.5	N.D.	N.D.	5.9–195.0	Tan et al., 2017
Maizuru Bay (Japan)	135°20'E	35°27'N	May, 1986–Apr., 1987	5	N.D.	N.D.	0.64–289.7	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	Uchida et al., 1992
Funka Bay (Japan)	140°50'E– 141°00'E	42°60'N– 42°00'N	23 Oct., 2000–9 Mar., 2001	28	1.11–16.16	SM & SW	N.D.	2.1–48.6	3.8–202.6	19.7–300.7§	Yang et al., 2005

The Subarctic North Pacific	148°00'E–140°00'W	57°40'N–42°00'N	14 Jul.–5 Sep., 1997	21	N.D.	10–100	1.3–13.2	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	Aranami et al., 2001
Ross Sea (the bay of Southern Ocean in Antarctica)	167°00'E–179°10'W	74°50'S–78°00'S	31 Dec., 2004–21 Jan., 2005 & 10–30 Nov., 2005	8	-2.1–1.6	390–740	0.1–23.0	N.D.	N.D.	0.5–78.0	Rellinger et al., 2009
The Southern Ocean (Near south of New Zealand)	170°00'E–180°00'E	49°00'S–76°50'S	31 Oct.–16 Nov., 2003 & 20–28 Dec., 2004 & 28 Oct.–8 Nov., 2005	>55	0–7	4	0.6–30.0	N.D.	N.D.	1.0–118.0	Kiene et al., 2007
North Pacific Ocean	177°48'E–146°31'W	23°06'N–08°25'N	12–28 Dec., 2011 & 16–18 Feb., 2012	8	25.35–26.82	5	3.2–5.3	0.5–1.0	6.0–8.8	7.0–9.5	Cui et al., 2015
Northeast Pacific Ocean	126°10'W–124°10'W	48°40'N–44°50'N	14–18 May, 1985	N.D.	20	N.D.	0.6–2.8	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	Andreae et al., 1988
Equatorial Pacific Ocean	124°39'W–115°00'W	0°30'N–0°00'S	7–10 Feb., 2012	5	23.86–26.73	5	2.4–5.8	2.1–6.8	14.8–20.2	21.6–25.2	Cui et al., 2015
South Pacific Ocean	120°00'W–84°52'W	14°45'S–22°31'S	6–24 Jan., 2012	7	24.04–25.82	5	3.2–6.3	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	Cui et al., 2015
Amundsen Sea	118°00'W–101°40'W	70°20'S–74°57'S	11 Jan.–16 Feb., 2009	51	-1.8–1.9	9–160	<1–350	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	Tortell et al., 2012
Canadian Subarctic and Arctic Marine	100.69°W–53.37°W	74.75°N–56.12°N	10 Jul.–20 Aug., 2015.	9	-2–8	2.1–41.4	~1.0–18.0	N.D.	N.D.	10.6–38.2	Jarníková et al., 2018
Northern Gulf of Mexico (American)	92°00'W–89°00'W	30°00'N–26°00'N	12–21 Sep., 2011	12	27.3–29.2	1.4–30.6	0.8–4.7	0.8–2.9	5.9–27.3	8.6–29.0	Motard-Côté et al., 2016
Northern Baffin Bay (Lancaster Sound), Canadian	90°00'W–64°50'W	77°30'N–70°50'N	7–27 Sep., 2008	14	-1.3–3.8	2–4	0.5–4.8	0–2.1	5.0–70.0	5.5–71.7§	Motard-Côté et al., 2012
Ochlockonee Bay (America)	84°28'W–84°15'W	30°00'N–29°56'N	Sep., 1986	12	N.D.	3	1.8–14.0	2.0–22.5	4.0–42.0	6.0–57.0 §	Iverson et al., 1989
Chesapeake Bay (including the Potomac River) (USA)	77°20'W–75°00'W	39°00'N–33°00'N	Sep., 1986	>60	N.D.	3	1.0–18.0	0–18.0	1.0–64.0	1.0–68.0	Iverson et al., 1989
Long Island Sound estuary (America)	72°06'W–	41°20'N–	Dec., 1998–Jan., 2000	3	2–25	0	0–3.0	0–3.0	1.0–49.0	1.0–52.0	Tang et al., 2000

	72°04'W	41°18'N										
Marguerite Bay (West Antarctic Peninsula)	71°20'W–68°10'W	66°50'S–68°30'S	1–7 Jan., 2015	11	-1–0.5	5–129	N.D.	12.0–275.0§	82.0–368.0	94.0–643.0	Stefels et al., 2018	
Gulf of Maine (Canada)	69°30'W–68°20'W	43°10'N–41°00'N	Jul., 1990	7	N.D.	0–100	0.8–8.3	0–175.0	0–260.0	1.3–368.0	Matrai et al., 1993	
Sargasso Sea (North Atlantic Ocean)	64°30'W	32°10'N	Jan., 1992–Dec., 1993	1	N.D.	0–140	0–12.0	0–20.0	0–27.0	0–47.0§	Dacey et al., 1998	
Northwest Atlantic	62°17'W–41°00'W	61°22'N–38°00'N	10 Sep.–2Oct., 1999	8	2.8–27.4	6.3–7.4	0.2–7.7	1.9–54.3	7.3–119.8	10.1–203.0	Scarratt et al., 2007 & Yang et al., 2009	
Gulf of Saint Lawrence (Canada)	60°00'W–64°00'W	49°00'N–47°00'N	4–11 Aug., 1993	79	13–19	0–100	0–8.8	1.7–23.1	6.1–117.0	7.8–140.1§	Cantin et al., 1996	
Atlantic Ocean	60°00'W–00°00'W	40°00'S–50°00'N	Mar.–Apr., 1987	28	N.D.	10	0.1–10.0	N.D.	N.D.	0–23.0	Burgermeister et al., 1990	
Western North Atlantic	57°41.2'W–45°00'W	59°14.7'N–36°49.5'N	8–22 July, 2003	8	4.08–26.14	1	0.2–7.6	1.87–54.3	7.3–119.8	N.D.	Yang et al., 2009	
Antarctic Ocean	54°00'W–87°00'W	52°00'S–71°00'S	24 Oct.–29 Dec., 1992	>123	-1.4–0.9	3	0.2–27.0	1.0–28.0	2.0–69.0	N.D.	Turner et al., 1995	
The tropical Northeastern Atlantic Ocean	31°00'W	21°00'N	21–22 Sep., 1991 & 14 Oct., 1991	3	N.D.	0–150	0.5–2.2	2.0–14.4§	0–37.0	2.0–40.4§	Belviso et al., 1993	
	21°00'W	18°30'N	16–17 Sep., 1991	2	N.D.	0–100	0.6–2.5	1.0–9.3§	0–39.0	1.9–45.5§		
	21°00'W	18°30'N	6–7 Oct., 1991	3	N.D.	0–100	2.3–7.6	0–2.3§	12.5–37.5	14.8–18.2§		
Northeast Atlantic (between UK and Iceland)	21°00'W–0°00'W	65°00'N–54°00'N	Jun.–Jul., 1987	158	N.D.	3	1.1–93.8	<1.3–199.0	10.8–280.0	12.1–479.0§	Malin et al., 1993	
The Western Coast of Ireland	15°00'W–10°00'W	55°00'N–51°00'N	26 Jun.–2 Jul., 1996	>350	N.D.	3–200	<0.2–42.0	20.0–80.0	50.0–635.0	N.D.	Locarnini et al., 1998	
Mediterranean Sea	10°00'W–22°00'E	38°00'N–30°50'N	11–20 Sep., 1999	>61	N.D.	3–5	0.4–90.0	N.D.	N.D.	20.0–300.0	Belviso et al., 2003	
Norwegian and Greenland Seas	08°00'W–10°00'E	75°00'N–66°00'N	Jul.–Sep., 2012	17	5.74–11.64	0–4000	0.8–22.4	0.4–43.3	0.1–282.4	N.D.	Li et al., 2015	
Southern Ocean (Atlantic)	06°00'W	60°00'S–	29 Sep.–26 Nov.,	13	N.D.	20	N.D.	3.0–66.0	3.0–61.0	6.0–127.0§	Deyerdierks et al., 1997	

sector)		47°00'S		1992											
SAMPLING STATIONS WITH DEPTH-PROFILE															
The Southern Ocean (Australasia sector)	60°00'E–160°00'E	70°00'S–40°00'S	25 Dec.,1995	Sep.,1991–8 Dec.,1995	N.D.	N.D.	0–1000	0.7–3.2	N.D.	N.D.	0.7–2.4	Curran et al., 1998			
							3000–4000	1.1–4.0	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.				
							4000–4441	0.3–4.5	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.				
South China Sea	113°50'E–119°08'E	17°00'N–14°00'N	20 May–17 Jul., 2014	19	29.25–30.64	1020–3000	0.3–3.5	0.1–3.3	1.1–5.9	1.2–9.2§	Zhai et al., 2018				
						3000–4000	0.2–1.5	0.2–0.8	1.0–3.2	1.20–4.0§					
						4000–5112	0.2–4.3	0.1–1.5	0.1–6.9	0.3–8.4§					
East China Sea and Yellow Sea	119°58'E–128°37'E	35°00'N–25°11'N	22 Jan.–13 Feb. 2007	53	6.3–24	15–100	1.3–3.5 (2.0)	N.D.	N.D.	7.1–18.0 (12.1)	Yang et al., 2011				
						100–200	1.1–2.6 (1.8)	N.D.	N.D.	6.52–14.28 (10.8)					
						400–500	1.2	N.D.	N.D.	9.0					
						500–600	1.2	N.D.	N.D.	6.7					
						600–700	1.0	N.D.	N.D.	6.9					
						700–800	1.4	N.D.	N.D.	9.0					
						800–900	1.2–1.4 (1.3)	N.D.	N.D.	7.3–8.7 (8.0)					
						1000–1500	1.3	N.D.	N.D.	7.6					
Norwegian and Greenland Seas	05°00'W–10°00'E	75°00'N–66°00'N	Jul.–Sep., 2012	17	0.0–7.5	1500–2000	1.2	N.D.	N.D.	7.4					
						0–1000	0.5–10.0	0.5–20.0	5–130.0§	5.0–150.0	Li et al., 2015				
						1000–2000	0.5–3.0	0–8.0	0–12.0§	0–20.0					
						2000–3000	0.5–5.0	0–15.0	0–5.0§	0–20.0					
						3000–4000	0–3.0	0–2.0	0–10.0§	0–10.0					

* Surface (0–1 m) seawater temperature. § values from calculation. N.D., no data. nd, nondetectable. SW, surface water; SM, surface microlayer.

Table 2 Major representative DMSP-producing biological taxa

Taxonomic position (phylum/class/family)	Species or Strain	Biosynthesis Pathway	Key Enzyme & Peptide type	Intracellular DMSP Concentration (mM)*	DMSP Production*	Reference
ALGAE AND CORALS (EUKARYOTE)						
Haptophyta/Prymnesiophyceae/Chrysochromulinaceae	<i>Chrysochromulina tobin</i> CCMP291	Transamination	DSYB; MTHB methyltransferase	0.611 ± 0.08	N.T.	Curson et al., 2018
	<i>Chrysochromulina</i> sp. PCC307	Transamination	DSYB; MTHB methyltransferase	0.196 ± 0.0394	N.T.	Curson et al., 2018
Haptophyta/Prymnesiophyceae/Prymnesiaceae	<i>Prymnesium parvum</i> CCAP946/6	Transamination	DSYB; MTHB methyltransferase	54.3 ± 5.97	N.T.	Curson et al., 2018
	<i>Prymnesium parvum</i> CCAP941/6	Transamination	DSYB; MTHB methyltransferase	20.6 ± 3.05	N.T.	Curson et al., 2018
	<i>Prymnesium parvum</i> CCAP946/1A	Transamination	DSYB; MTHB methyltransferase	53.8 ± 4.58	N.T.	Curson et al., 2018
	<i>Prymnesium parvum</i> CCAP946/1D	Transamination	DSYB; MTHB methyltransferase	35.5 ± 1.50	N.T.	Curson et al., 2018
	<i>Prymnesium parvum</i> CCAP946/1B	Transamination	DSYB; MTHB methyltransferase	48.4 ± 6.29	N.T.	Curson et al., 2018
	<i>Prymnesium patelliferum</i> CCAP946/4	Transamination	DSYB; MTHB methyltransferase	25.3 ± 2.39	N.T.	Curson et al., 2018
	<i>Hymenomonas carterae</i>	Unknown	Unknown	120	N.T.	Vairavamurthy et al., 1985
Haptophyta/Prymnesiophyceae/Phaeocystaceae	<i>Phaeocystis</i> sp.	Unknown	Unknown	71–169	N.T.	Stefels and van Boekel, 1993
Haptophyta/Chrysophyceae/Chromulinaceae	<i>Ochromonas</i> sp.	Unknown	Unknown	529	N.T.	Keller et al., 1989

Haptophyta/Coccolithophyceae/Noelaerhabdaceae	<i>Emiliana huxleyi</i> BT6	Unknown	Unknown	166	N.T.	Keller et al., 1989
Bacillariophyta/Bacillariophyceae/Bacillariaceae	<i>Fragilariopsis cylindrus</i> CCMP1102	Transamination	DSYB; MTHB methyltransferase	6.71 ± 0.92	N.T.	Lyon et al., 2011; Curson et al., 2018
Bacillariophyta/Coscinodiscophyceae/Thalassiosiraceae	<i>Thalassiosira pseudonana</i>	Transamination	TpMMT; MTHB methyltransferase	~20–30	~1 µmol/g fresh mass	Kageyama et al., 2018; Kettles et al., 2014
Bacillariophyta/Coscinodiscophyceae/Melosiraceae	<i>Melosira numuloides</i>	Unknown	Unknown	264	N.T.	Keller et al., 1989
Dinophyta/Dinophyceae/Symbiodiniaceae	<i>Symbiodinium microadriaticum</i> CCMP2467	Transamination	DSYB; MTHB methyltransferase	282 ± 35.0	N.T.	Curson et al., 2018
Dinophyta/Dinophyceae/Cryptothecodiniaceae	<i>Cryptothecodinium cohnii</i> ATCC e32001	Decarboxylation	Unknown; L-Met decarboxylase	N.T.	10 ² –10 ³ µg/L culture	Uchida et al., 1993 & 1996; Kitaguchi et al., 2008
Dinophyta/Dinophyceae/Gymnodiniaceae	<i>Gymnodinium nelsonii</i>	Unknown	Unknown	280	N.T.	Dacey and Wakeham, 1986
Dinophyta/Dinophyceae/Prorocentraceae	<i>Prorocentrum</i> sp. IIB2b1	Unknown	Unknown	1,082	N.T.	Curson et al., 2018
Chlorophyta/Chlorophyceae/Volvocaceae	<i>Platymonas subcordiformis</i>	Unknown	Unknown	170	N.T.	Dickson and Kirst, 1986
Chlorophyta/Ulvophyceae/Ulvaceae	<i>Ulva lactuca</i>	Unknown	Unknown	N.T.	23–128 mmol/g fresh mass	Greene, 1962; Reed, 1983; Van Alstyne et al., 2007
	<i>Ulva intestinalis</i>	Transamination	Unknown; D-MTHB S-Methyltransferase	N.T.	7–34 mmol/g fresh mass	Gage et al., 1997; Reed, 1983; Van Alstyne et al., 2001; Summers et al., 1998

	<i>Ulva pertusa</i>	Transamination	Unknown; MTHB S- methyltransferase	N.T.	~12–37 μmol/g fresh mass	Ito et al., 2011
Rhodophyta/Florideophyceae/Hypneaceae	<i>Hypnea spinella</i>	Unknown	Unknown	N.T.	0.02–0.2 mmol/g fresh mass	Bischoff et al., 1994
Rhodophyta/Florideophyceae/Rhodomelaceae	<i>Polysiphonia fastigiata</i> & <i>Polysiphonia nigrescens</i>	Unknown	Unknown	N.T.	N.T.	Challenger and Simpson, 1948
	<i>Polysiphonia hendryi</i>	Unknown	Unknown	N.T.	8–30 mmol/g fresh mass	Van Alstyne et al., 2001
	<i>Polysiphonia lanosa</i>	Unknown	Unknown	N.T.	45–97 mmol/g fresh mass	Reed, 1983
	<i>Rhodomela confervoides</i>	Unknown	Unknown	N.T.	4–8 mmol/g fresh mass	Reed, 1983
	<i>Chondria coerulescens</i>	Unknown	Unknown	N.T.	N.T.	Chillemi et al., 1990
Streptophyta/Liliopsida/Poaceae	<i>Spartina alterniflora</i>	Methylation	Unknown; L-Met methyltransferase	N.T.	29.0 μmol/g fresh mass	Kocsis et al., 1998
	<i>Saccharum</i> spp. (sugarcane)	Unknown	Unknown	N.T.	6 μmol/g fresh mass	Paquet et al., 1994
Streptophyta/-/Asteraceae	<i>Wollastonia biflora</i>	Methylation	Unknown; L-Met methyltransferase	N.T.	~12–30 μmol/g fresh mass	Hanson et al., 1994; James et al., 1995
Cnidaria/Anthozoa/Acroporidae	<i>Acropora cervicornis</i>	Transamination	DSYB; MTHB methyltransferase	N.T.	N.T.	Curson et al., 2018

	<i>Acropora millepora</i>	Transamination	Unknown	N.T.	~2.5–5.2 nmol/mm ²	Raina et al., 2013
	<i>Acropora tenuis</i>	Transamination	Unknown	N.T.	~3.1–6.0 nmol/mm ²	Raina et al., 2013
BACTERIA (PROKARYOTE)						
Proteobacteria/Alphaproteobacteria/Rhodobacteraceae	<i>Pseudooceanicola batsensis</i> HTCC2597	Transamination	DsyB; MTHB methyltransferase	6.3	40.5 ± 0.2 pmol/μg protein	Curson et al, 2017
	<i>Pelagibaca bermudensis</i> HTCC2601	Transamination	DsyB; MTHB methyltransferase	40.6	259 ± 52.7 pmol/μg protein	Curson et al, 2017
	<i>Sediminimonas qiaohouensis</i> DSM21189	Transamination	DsyB; MTHB methyltransferase	19.1	122 ± 4.6 pmol/μg protein	Curson et al, 2017
	<i>Sagittula stellata</i> E-37	Transamination	DsyB; MTHB methyltransferase	1.7	11.1 ± 0.3 pmol/μg protein	Curson et al, 2017
Proteobacteria/Alphaproteobacteria/Stappia_f	<i>Labrenzia aggregata</i> LZB033	Transamination	DsyB; MTHB methyltransferase	9.6	99.8 ± 1.2 pmol/μg protein	Curson et al, 2017
	<i>Labrenzia aggregata</i> IAM 12614	Transamination	DsyB; MTHB methyltransferase	5.1	32.9 ± 2.7 pmol/μg protein	Curson et al, 2017
Proteobacteria/Alphaproteobacteria/Rhodobiaceae	<i>Amorphus coralli</i> DSM19760	Transamination	DsyB; MTHB methyltransferase	1.3	8.2 ± 0.2 pmol/μg protein	Curson et al, 2017

Proteobacteria/Alphaproteobacteria/Rhodospirillaceae	<i>Thalassobaculum salexigens</i> DSM19539	Transamination	DsyB; MTHB methyltransferase	0.8	4.8 ± 1.6 pmol/μg protein	Curson et al, 2017
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*Values that were taken from the literature with various incubation conditions and culturing media. # Per liter of cell volume. N.T., not tested.

Table 3 Major representative DMSP-degrading biological taxa

Taxonomic position (phylum/class/family)	Strain	Degradation enzyme	DMSP breakdown product	Polypeptide class	Crystallization, co-factor and key amino acid residue	Reference
BACTERIA (PROKARYOTE)						
Proteobacteria/Alphaproteobacteria/Rhodobacteraceae	<i>Roseobacter sp.</i> MED193	DddW	DMS and acrylate	cupin superfamily	no	Todd et al., 2012a
	<i>Ruegeria pomeroyi</i> DSS-3	DddW	DMS and acrylate	cupin superfamily	no	Todd et al., 2012a Brummett et al., 2015
		DddQ	DMS and acrylate	cupin superfamily	no	Todd et al., 2011
		DddP	DMS and acrylate	M24B metallopeptidase family (COG0006)	no	Curson et al., 2011a
		DmdA	MMPA plus X-CH ₃ (in which X is tetrahydrofolate)	Glycine cleavage system T family (COG0404)	no	Reisch et al., 2008
	<i>Ruegeria lacuscaerulensis</i> ITI_1157	DddQ	DMS and acrylate	cupin superfamily	yes, Zn ²⁺ , Tyr131 or Fe ³⁺ , Tyr120	Li et al., 2014 Curson et al., 2011b; Brummett et al., 2016
	<i>Roseobacter denitrificans</i>	DddP	DMS and acrylate	M24B metallopeptidase family (COG0006)	yes, Fe ³⁺	Hehemann et al., 2014
	<i>Ruegeria lacuscaerulensis</i>	DddP	DMS and acrylate	M24B metallopeptidase family (COG0006)	yes, Zn ²⁺ ,	Wang et al., 2015
	<i>Roseovarius nubinhibens</i> ISM	DddQ	DMS and acrylate	cupin superfamily	no	Kirkwood et al., 2010
		DddP	DMS and acrylate	M24B metallopeptidase family (COG0006)	no	Todd et al., 2009
	<i>Sagittula stellata</i> E-37	DddD	DMS and 3HP	Class III CoA transferase family (COG1804)	no	Curson et al., 2011a
	<i>Dinoroseobacter shibae</i> DFL 12	DddL	DMS and acrylate	cupin superfamily	no	Curson et al., 2011a
	<i>Sulfitobacter sp.</i> EE-36	DddL	DMS and acrylate	cupin superfamily	no	Curson et al., 2011a
Proteobacteria/Alphaproteobacteria/Alcaligenaceae	<i>Alcaligenes faecalis</i> M3A	DddY	DMS and acrylate	cupin superfamily	no	Curson et al., 2011b
Proteobacteria/Alphaproteobacteria/Rhizobiaceae	<i>Rhizobium</i> NGR234	DddD	DMS and 3HP	Class III CoA transferase family (COG1804)	no	Todd et al., 2007

Proteobacteria/Alphaproteobacteria/Pelagibacteraceae	<i>Pelagibacter ubique</i>	DmdA	MMPA plus X-CH ₃ (in which X is tetrahydrofolate)	Glycine cleavage system T family (COG0404)	yes, THF used as methyl acceptor	Reisch et al., 2008
		DddK	DMS and 3HP	cupin superfamily	yes, Fe ²⁺ Zn ²⁺ , Tyr64	Schnicker et al., 2017
Proteobacteria/Gammaproteobacteria/Oceanospirillaceae	<i>Marinomonas</i> MWYL1	DddD	DMS and 3HP	Class III CoA transferase family (COG1804)	no	Todd et al., 2007
Proteobacteria/Gammaproteobacteria/Moraxellaceae	<i>Acinetobacter bereziniae</i>	DddY	DMS and acrylate	cupin superfamily	yes, Zn ²⁺ , Tyr271	Li et al., 2017
Proteobacteria/Gammaproteobacteria/Shewanellaceae	<i>Shewanella putrefaciens</i> CN-32	DddY	DMS and acrylate	cupin superfamily	no	Curson et al., 2011b; Lei et al., 2018
Proteobacteria/Gammaproteobacteria/Halomonadaceae	<i>Halomonas</i> HTNK1	DddD	DMS and 3HP	Class III CoA transferase family	no	Todd et al., 2010
Proteobacteria/Betaproteobacteria/Burkholderiaceae	<i>Burkholderia cepacia</i> AMMD	DddD	DMS and 3HP	Class III CoA transferase family (COG1804)	no	Todd et al., 2007
Proteobacteria/Epsilonproteobacteria/Campylobacteraceae	<i>Arcobacter nitrofigilis</i> DSM7299	DddY	DMS and acrylate	cupin superfamily	no	Curson et al., 2011b
Proteobacteria/Deltaproteobacteria/Desulfovibrionaceae	<i>Desulfovibrio acrylicus</i> sp.	DddY	DMS and acrylate	cupin superfamily	no	Van der Maarel and Hansen, 1996; Curson et al., 2011b
Actinobacteria/Actinobacteriia/Nocardiaceae	<i>Rhodococcus</i> sp. DY1, DY5, DY6, DY7 & DY8	Unknown	DMS and acrylate/3HP	N.A.	N.A.	Yoch et al., 2001
Firmicutes/Clostridia/Clostridiaceae	<i>Clostridium</i> sp.	Unknown	DMS and acrylate	N.A.	N.A.	Wagner and Stadtman, 1962
ALGAE & FUNGI (EUKARYOTE)						
Ascomycota/Eurotiomycetes/Trichocomaceae	<i>Aspergillus oryzae</i> RIB40	DddP	DMS and acrylate	M24B metallopeptidase family (COG0006)	no	Todd et al., 2009
Ascomycota/Sordariomycetes/Nectriaceae	<i>Fusarium graminearum</i> cc19	DddP	DMS and acrylate	M24B metallopeptidase family (COG0006)	no	Todd et al., 2009
	<i>Fusarium culmorum</i> Fu42	DddP	DMS and acrylate	M24B metallopeptidase family (COG0006)	no	Todd et al., 2009
Haptophyta/Prymnesiophyceae/Noelaerhabdaceae	<i>Emiliania huxleyi</i> HL373	Alma1	DMS and acrylate	aspartate racemase superfamily	no	Alcolombri et al., 2015

	<i>E. huxleyi</i> BT6	Unknown	DMS and acrylate	N.A.		N.A.	Yoch, 2002
Haptophyta/Prymnesiophyceae/Phaeocystaceae	<i>Phaeocystis</i> sp.	Unknown	DMS and acrylate	N.A.		N.A.	Stefels et al., 1995
Alveolata/Dinophyceae/Symbiodiniaceae	<i>Symbiodinium microadriaticum</i> ; <i>Symbiodinium</i> sp.	Unknown Alma1	DMS and acrylate DMS and acrylate	N.A. aspartate superfamily	racemase no	N.A.	Yost and Mitchelmore, 2009 Alcolombri et al., 2015
Alveolata/Dinophyceae/Thoracosphaeraceae	<i>Scrippsiella</i> spp.	Unknown	DMS and acrylate	N.A.		N.A.	Niki et al., 1997
Alveolata/Dinophyceae/Heterocapsa	<i>Heterocapsa triquetra</i> NIES-7	Unknown	DMS and acrylate	N.A.		N.A.	Niki et al., 2000
Chlorophyta/Ulvophyceae/Ulvaceae	<i>Ulva lactuca</i>	Unknown	DMS and acrylate	N.A.		N.A.	Diaz et al. 1994
Rhodophyta/Florideophyceae/Rhodomelaceae	<i>Polysiphonia paniculata</i> <i>Polysiphonia lanosa</i>	Unknown Unknown	DMS DMS and acrylate	N.A. N.A.		N.A. N.A.	Nishiguchi and Goff, 2010 Anderson and Cantoni, 1956

N.A. not applicable; MMPA, methylmercaptopropionate.

Table 4 Functions of DMSP and DMS

Compounds	Functional types	Specific functions	Related organisms	References
DMSP	Physiological functions	Osmoprotectant	<i>Poterioochromonas malhamensis</i> (Synurophyceae); <i>Dunaliella</i> spp. (Chlorophyceae); <i>Polysiphonia lanosa</i> (Florideophyceae); <i>Blidingia minima</i> (Ulvophyceae); <i>Ulva lactuca</i> (Ulvophyceae); some Rhodophyceae; some Phaeophyceae	Kirst, 1990; Vairavamurthy et al., 1985
		Cryoprotectant	<i>Acrosiphonia arcta</i> (Ulvophyceae); <i>Microcoleus chthonoplastes</i> (Cyanobacteria); <i>Enteromorpha bulbosa</i> (Ulvophyceae); <i>Ulothrix subflaecida</i> (Klebsormidiophyceae)	Karsten et al., 1996
		Antioxidant	<i>Phaeocystis</i> sp. (Haptophyceae); <i>Emiliana huxleyi</i> (Haptophyceae); <i>Prymnesium parvum</i> (Haptophyceae); <i>Thalassiosira pseudonana</i> (diatom); <i>Skeletonema costatum</i> (diatom); <i>Pfiesteria piscicida</i> (Dinophyceae)	Sunda et al., 2002; Lesser, 2006; Husband et al., 2012; Curson et al., 2018
		Sink of excess sulfur, carbon and reduced equivalent	photosynthetic marine algae and higher plants e.g. <i>Enteromorpha intestinalis</i> (Ulvophyceae)	Gage et al., 1997; Stefels 2000; Bullock et al., 2017

	Saving nitrogen for cell growth and accelerating sulfate uptake from the environment		
Biological functions	Resolving the damage of thermal stress and signal molecule attracting certain beneficial bacteria for coral	<i>Acropora millepora</i> and <i>Acropora tenuis</i> (coral);	Raina et al., 2013
	Predator deterrent	<i>Emiliana huxleyi</i> (Haptophyceae)	Wolfe and Steinke, 1996
	Mediator of bacterial virulence associated with regulation of <i>E. huxleyi</i> blooms	<i>Emiliana huxleyi</i> (Haptophyceae); <i>Sulfitobacter</i> (Alphaproteobacteria); <i>Pseudoalteromonas piscicida</i> (Gammaproteobacteria)	Barak-Gavish et al., 2018
	Chemoattractant	<i>Silicibacter</i> sp.(Alphaproteobacteria); reef fishes	Miller et al., 2004; Seymour et al., 2010; DeBose et al., 2008
	Bacterial quorum sensing inducer, related to decomposition of particulate organic matter (POC)	<i>Ruegeria pomeroyi</i> DSS-3 (Alphaproteobacteria)	Seyedsayamdost et al., 2011; Johnson et al., 2016
Ecological functions	The main precursor of DMS	N.A.	Stefels et al., 1993; Hill et al., 1998

		Biogeochemical cycle of sulfur and carbon in the ocean	N.A.	Curson et al., 2011a
DMS	Biological function	Chemoattractant	<i>Diomedea exulans</i> and <i>Pachyptila desolata</i> (Aves); fish over coral reefs; calanoid and <i>Temora longicornis</i> (copepod); Flagellates and ciliates;	Steinke et al., 2006; DeBose and Nevitt, 2008; Nevitt, 2008
		Antioxidant	<i>Emiliana huxleyi</i> (Haptophyceae) <i>Phaeocystis</i> sp. (Haptophyceae) <i>Skeletonema costatum</i> (Coscinodiscophyceae)	Sunda et al., 2002; Lesser, 2006
	Ecological functions	Climate-cooling gas, which is the precursor of sulfuric cloud condensation nuclei (CCN), increasing cloud formation and then the albedo of the earth	N.A.	Charlson et al., 1987; Ayers and Gras, 1991; Andreae and Crutzen, 1997
		The greatest flux of organosulfur from the ocean into the atmosphere	N.A.	Lovelock et al., 1972; Chin and Jacob 1996; Kettle and Andreae, 2000
		Ease the stratification of seawater and form a positive feedback loop	N.A.	Lovelock, 2006

N.A. not applicable.

Figure legends

Figure 1 The fate of dimethylsulfoniopropionate (DMSP) and dimethylsulfide (DMS). 3HP, 3-hydroxypropionate; CCN, cloud condensation nuclei; DMSO, dimethyl sulfoxide; MeSH, methanethiol; MMPA, methylmercaptopropionate; TCA, tricarboxylic acid; X, tetrahydrofolate.

Figure 2 Green tide outbreak in the beach of Qingdao, China in July 2018.

Figure 3 Predicted pathways for DMSP biosynthesis in higher plants, coral, phytoplankton and bacteria (modified from Curson et al., 2017).

Wollastonia (a), *Spartina* and bacteria (*Streptomyces*) (b); macroalgae (*Ulva*, *Enteromorpha*), diatoms (*Thalassiosira*, *Melosira*), prymnesiophyte (*Emiliania*), prasinophyte (*Tetraselmis*), coral (*Acropora*) and bacterium (*Labrenzia*) (c) and dinoflagellate (*Cryptothecodinium*) (d).

Abbreviations: Met, methionine; AdoMet, S-adenosylmethionine; AdoHcy, S-adenosyl-L-homocysteine; DMSP-ald., DMSP-aldehyde; MMPA, methylmercaptopropionate.

Figure 4 Morphology of the model DMSP and DMS-producing bacterial strain *Labrenzia aggregata* LZB033. (A) Plate streaking of LZB033. (B) Fluorescence microscopy of LZB033 cells stained with DAPI. (C) Transmission electron microscopy of one LZB033 cell acquired from Marine Broth culture, scale bar = 1 μ m. (D) Transmission electron microscopy of transections and a longitudinal section of LZB033 cells processed by ultramicrotomy, scale bar = 500 nm.