

Importance of ice algae and pelagic phytoplankton as food sources revealed by fatty acids trophic markers in a keystone species (*Mytilus trossulus*) from the High Arctic

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Table S1. Fatty acid (FA) composition of neutral and polar lipids from *Mytilus trossulus* collected between July and September on 5 different days. Each FA is presented as % of total fatty acids (average \pm SE).

| Sample | Natural lipids from hepatopancreas tissue | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---|-------|------------------|-------|--------------------|------|--------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|
| | July 6 n = 5 | | July 27 n = 5 | | August 11 n = 5 | | August 27 n = 5 | | September 11 n = 5 | | | | | | |
| 14:0 | 5.43 | \pm | 0.10 | 4.60 | \pm | 0.11 | 6.69 | \pm | 0.18 | 5.08 | \pm | 0.11 | 5.03 | \pm | 0.11 |
| 15:0 | 0.20 | \pm | 0.01 | 0.31 | \pm | 0.02 | 0.24 | \pm | 0.02 | 0.35 | \pm | 0.01 | 0.36 | \pm | 0.01 |
| 16:0 | 10.08 | \pm | 0.17 | 12.68 | \pm | 0.35 | 12.94 | \pm | 0.29 | 13.57 | \pm | 0.23 | 12.13 | \pm | 0.20 |
| 16:1 ω 7 | 21.54 | \pm | 1.02 | 18.01 | \pm | 1.32 | 9.15 | \pm | 0.62 | 13.64 | \pm | 0.55 | 16.15 | \pm | 1.02 |
| 17:0 | 0.17 | \pm | 0.01 | 0.29 | \pm | 0.02 | 0.24 | \pm | 0.03 | 0.31 | \pm | 0.01 | 0.31 | \pm | 0.02 |
| 17:1 | 0.28 | \pm | 0.04 | 0.45 | \pm | 0.03 | 0.65 | \pm | 0.32 | 0.39 | \pm | 0.05 | 0.50 | \pm | 0.04 |
| 18:0 | 1.00 | \pm | 0.07 | 1.25 | \pm | 0.06 | 1.08 | \pm | 0.08 | 1.30 | \pm | 0.05 | 1.25 | \pm | 0.06 |
| 18:1 ω 9 | 3.80 | \pm | 0.17 | 7.59 | \pm | 0.26 | 11.33 | \pm | 0.42 | 9.43 | \pm | 0.85 | 8.01 | \pm | 0.41 |
| 18:2 ω 6 | 1.58 | \pm | 0.09 | 3.80 | \pm | 0.09 | 2.27 | \pm | 0.18 | 4.24 | \pm | 0.14 | 4.04 | \pm | 0.12 |
| 18:3 ω 3 | 0.85 | \pm | 0.06 | 2.63 | \pm | 0.09 | 2.24 | \pm | 0.08 | 2.61 | \pm | 0.10 | 2.49 | \pm | 0.04 |
| 18:4 ω 3 | 2.53 | \pm | 0.15 | 5.51 | \pm | 0.30 | 11.13 | \pm | 0.29 | 6.32 | \pm | 0.68 | 6.45 | \pm | 0.29 |
| 20:1 ω 9 | 2.37 | \pm | 0.13 | 4.14 | \pm | 0.13 | 4.38 | \pm | 0.19 | 3.78 | \pm | 0.11 | 3.24 | \pm | 0.13 |
| 20:2 | 0.33 | \pm | 0.02 | 0.56 | \pm | 0.03 | 0.46 | \pm | 0.03 | 0.57 | \pm | 0.04 | 0.53 | \pm | 0.03 |
| 20:4 ω 6 | 0.81 | \pm | 0.05 | 0.88 | \pm | 0.09 | 0.71 | \pm | 0.10 | 1.34 | \pm | 0.07 | 1.10 | \pm | 0.12 |
| 20:3 ω 3 | 0.14 | \pm | 0.02 | 0.24 | \pm | 0.03 | 0.37 | \pm | 0.05 | 0.10 | \pm | 0.06 | 0.29 | \pm | 0.04 |
| 20:5 ω 3 | 40.48 | \pm | 1.19 | 17.75 | \pm | 0.77 | 8.43 | \pm | 0.23 | 17.59 | \pm | 0.75 | 18.62 | \pm | 0.75 |
| 22:1 ω 9 | 0.36 | \pm | 0.06 | 0.40 | \pm | 0.06 | 0.22 | \pm | 0.06 | 0.21 | \pm | 0.02 | 0.33 | \pm | 0.06 |
| 22:2 | 0.43 | \pm | 0.03 | 0.63 | \pm | 0.09 | 0.82 | \pm | 0.12 | 0.58 | \pm | 0.01 | 0.65 | \pm | 0.04 |
| 22:6 ω 3 | 5.79 | \pm | 0.36 | 17.15 | \pm | 0.52 | 25.61 | \pm | 0.44 | 17.90 | \pm | 0.12 | 17.35 | \pm | 0.23 |

| Sample | Polar lipids from gill tissue | | | | | | | | | |
|--------|-------------------------------|--------|------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|
| | July 6 n = 5 | | July 27 n = 5 | | August 11 n = 5 | | August 27 n = 5 | | September 11 n = 4 | |
| | Fatty acid | | Fatty acid | | Fatty acid | | Fatty acid | | Fatty acid | |
| 14:0 | 0.39 | ± 0.05 | 0.60 | ± 0.09 | 0.67 | ± 0.06 | 0.72 | ± 0.12 | 0.68 | ± 0.04 |
| 15:0 | 0.19 | ± 0.01 | 0.22 | ± 0.02 | 0.19 | ± 0.01 | 0.27 | ± 0.02 | 0.29 | ± 0.02 |
| 16:0 | 7.54 | ± 0.77 | 8.10 | ± 0.85 | 8.85 | ± 0.32 | 10.96 | ± 0.62 | 10.09 | ± 0.35 |
| 16:1ω7 | 2.38 | ± 0.16 | 3.53 | ± 0.25 | 2.59 | ± 0.19 | 2.57 | ± 0.32 | 2.31 | ± 0.41 |
| 17:0 | 0.90 | ± 0.08 | 0.82 | ± 0.08 | 0.95 | ± 0.08 | 0.98 | ± 0.07 | 0.97 | ± 0.05 |
| 17:1 | 20.50 | ± 2.63 | 24.18 | ± 3.01 | 21.29 | ± 1.98 | 12.95 | ± 1.28 | 11.42 | ± 0.65 |
| 18:0 | 4.74 | ± 0.48 | 3.67 | ± 0.34 | 5.21 | ± 0.24 | 3.87 | ± 0.20 | 3.54 | ± 0.18 |
| 18:1ω9 | 1.56 | ± 0.15 | 1.50 | ± 0.05 | 1.79 | ± 0.07 | 2.01 | ± 0.19 | 1.65 | ± 0.16 |
| 18:2ω6 | 3.66 | ± 0.17 | 2.08 | ± 0.34 | 1.69 | ± 0.53 | 2.07 | ± 0.34 | 2.52 | ± 0.22 |
| 18:3ω3 | 0.29 | ± 0.04 | 0.33 | ± 0.03 | 0.32 | ± 0.02 | 0.44 | ± 0.05 | 0.38 | ± 0.05 |
| 18:4ω3 | 1.57 | ± 0.24 | 1.58 | ± 0.19 | 0.98 | ± 0.21 | 0.77 | ± 0.09 | 0.70 | ± 0.08 |
| 20:1ω9 | 6.52 | ± 0.53 | 6.41 | ± 0.40 | 6.83 | ± 0.51 | 7.14 | ± 0.24 | 7.21 | ± 0.29 |
| 20:2 | 0.54 | ± 0.07 | 0.54 | ± 0.03 | 0.48 | ± 0.06 | 0.53 | ± 0.05 | 0.44 | ± 0.02 |
| 20:4ω6 | 3.69 | ± 0.28 | 4.12 | ± 0.28 | 2.68 | ± 0.19 | 5.70 | ± 0.45 | 7.33 | ± 0.12 |
| 20:3ω3 | 0.00 | ± 0.00 | 0.00 | ± 0.00 | 0.00 | ± 0.00 | 0.00 | ± 0.00 | 0.00 | ± 0.00 |
| 20:5ω3 | 14.88 | ± 1.14 | 13.08 | ± 1.59 | 12.97 | ± 0.47 | 17.54 | ± 0.47 | 16.60 | ± 0.49 |
| 22:1ω9 | 0.16 | ± 0.04 | 0.07 | ± 0.05 | 0.03 | ± 0.03 | 0.08 | ± 0.03 | 0.05 | ± 0.03 |
| 22:2 | 14.14 | ± 1.13 | 10.63 | ± 0.56 | 13.13 | ± 1.14 | 9.83 | ± 0.17 | 10.04 | ± 0.14 |
| 22:6ω3 | 14.20 | ± 1.75 | 17.06 | ± 1.28 | 17.98 | ± 0.31 | 21.60 | ± 0.84 | 21.12 | ± 0.70 |

Table S2. Results of pairwise tests on the dissimilarity of fatty acid composition between hepatopancreas and gill tissue in *Mytilus trossulus*. Significant *t* values are indicated by **bold**. *p*-values are calculated from the Monte Carlo method.

| Sampling date | <i>t</i> value | p(perm) |
|---------------|----------------|---------|
| July 6 | 11.884 | 0.0075 |
| July 27 | 10.351 | 0.0082 |
| August 11 | 12.673 | 0.0087 |
| August 27 | 10.992 | 0.0001 |
| September 11 | 15.757 | 0.0001 |

Table S3. Fatty acid contribution to dissimilarity (%) between hepatopancreas and gill tissue lipid composition.

| Fatty acid | Contribution (%) | Cumulated (%) |
|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| C17:1 | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| C16:1 ω 7 | 14.54 | 34.54 |
| C22:2 | 11.98 | 46.52 |
| C20:5 ω 3 | 9.10 | 55.63 |
| C18:1 ω 9 | 7.06 | 62.69 |
| C22:6 ω 3 | 5.96 | 68.65 |
| C18:4 ω 3 | 5.87 | 74.52 |
| C14:0 | 5.33 | 79.85 |
| C20:4 ω 6 | 4.06 | 83.91 |
| C16:0 | 3.65 | 87.57 |
| C20:1 ω 9 | 3.60 | 91.16 |
| C18:0 | 3.42 | 94.58 |
| C18:3 ω 3 | 2.01 | 96.59 |
| C18:2 ω 6 | 1.94 | 98.53 |
| C17:0 | 0.74 | 99.27 |
| C22:1 ω 9 | 0.26 | 99.53 |
| C20:3 ω 3 | 0.25 | 99.78 |
| C20:2 | 0.15 | 99.93 |
| C15:0 | 0.07 | 100.00 |