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#### 18 Abstract

With the increasing demand for direct human and animal consumption seaweed farming is 19 20 rapidly expanding worldwide. Macroalgae have colonized aquatic environments in which 21 they are submitted to frequent changes in biotic and abiotic factors that can trigger 22 oxidative stress (OS). Considering that isoprostanoid derivatives may constitute the most 23 relevant OS biomarkers, we were interested to establish their profile in two red and four 24 brown macroalgae. Seven phytoprostanes, three phytofuranes, and four isoprostanes 25 were quantified through a new micro-LC-MS/MS method. The isoprostanoid contents vary greatly among all the samples, the *ent*-16(*RS*)-9-*epi*-ST- $\Delta^{14}$ -10-PhytoF and the sum of 5-26 27 F<sub>2t</sub>-IsoP and 5-epi-5F<sub>2t</sub>-IsoP being the major compounds for most of the macroalgae 28 studied. We further quantified these isoprostanoids in macroalgae submitted to heavy 29 metal (copper) exposure. In most of the cases, their concentrations increased after 24 h of 30 copper stress corroborating the original hypothesis. One exception is the decrease of ent-31 9-L1-PhytoP content in *L. digitata*.

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#### 33 Keywords

34 Macroalgae, isoprostanoids, heavy metal, copper stress, oxylipins, micro-LC-MS/MS

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#### 38 1-Introduction

Macroalgae, also known as seaweeds, constitute a large group of coastal macro-39 40 organisms playing an important role in marine environment, both as food resource and 41 engineer species for shaping coastal marine habitats (Hurd, Harrison, Bischof, & Lobban, 42 2014). Seaweeds have been also part of the human diet for thousands of years, based on archaeological evidence in Chile (Dillehay, Ramirez, Pino, Collins, Rossen, & Pinot-43 44 Navarro, 2008) and on several other reports (e.g., in China, 300 A. D.; in Ireland, 600 A.D; 45 Aaronson, 1986; Craigie, 2010; Gantar & Svircev, 2008; Newton, 1951; Tseng, 1981; 46 Turner, 2003). Nowadays, they are extensively cultivated in the Far East Asia to provide 47 mainly high-quality food. Indeed, seaweeds are interesting natural sources of functional ingredients such as carbohydrates, proteins, minerals, vitamins, and present a low content 48 49 of lipids with a high level of polyunsaturated  $\omega$ -3 fatty acids (Holdt & Kraan, 2011; Plaza, 50 Cifuentes, & Ibanez, 2008). In South East Asia and Eastern Africa, the seaweed biomass 51 is harvested to extract phycocolloids such as carrageenans and agars. With the increasing 52 demand for direct human and animal consumption, medicines, food additives, fertilizers, 53 and cosmetics, seaweed farming is rapidly expanding worldwide.

54 Most of the wild populations of macroalgae are thriving in the intertidal and near subtidal 55 zone, a highly and frequently changing environment, and thus experience repeated biotic and abiotic (temperature, irradiation, salinity, ...) fluctuations that require physiological 56 plasticity for stress tolerance (Dittami, Gravot, Renault, Goulitguer, Eggert, Bouchereau, et 57 58 al., 2011). Among potential stress factors, exposure to high level of heavy metals is very common, as illustrated by numerous studies conducted so far on different macroalgae 59 60 (Collen, Pinto, Pedersen, & Colepicolo, 2003; Pinto, Sigaud-Kutner, Leitao, Okamoto, 61 Morse, & Colepicolo, 2003; Roncarati, Sáez, Greco, Gledhill, Bitonti, & Brown, 2015; Saez, 62 Roncarati, Moenne, Moody, & Brown, 2015).

63 Among heavy metals, copper (Cu(II)) is an essential micronutrient to both land plants and macroalgae, notably for many electron carriers involved in photosynthetic electron 64 65 transport, mitochondrial respiration or oxidative stress (OS) response (Yruela, 2005). 66 However, above specific threshold concentration, it is considered as a pollutant and thus 67 toxic. Copper is currently extensively used in antifouling marine paints, and in some 68 coastal areas copper mining discharges are still very important. Therefore, both natural 69 and farmed populations of seaweeds can be exposed to copper excess. To understand 70 the mode of action leading to copper biological function (positive or negative), its chemical 71 properties have to be considered.

72 Ritter and colleagues demonstrated that copper and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> treatments lead to OS response 73 in the model brown alga Ectocarpus siliculosus (Dillwyn) Lyngbye (A. Ritter, Dittami, 74 Goulitguer, Correa, Boyen, Potin, et al., 2014). In these studies, the authors underlined a 75 link between copper stress and fatty acid/lipid metabolism since they observed an increase of free fatty acid contents and oxylipins after exposure of *E. siliculosus* to this heavy metal. 76 77 Similar conclusion were drawn with regards to the brown algal kelp L. digitate (A Ritter, 78 Goulitquer, Salaun, Tonon, Correa, & Potin, 2008). In this context, it was relevant to 79 complete these previous studies by assessing the potential production of isoprostanoid 80 derivatives by non-enzymatic oxidation of lipids/fatty acids.

81 Indeed, fatty acids, and more especially polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFAs), are prone to oxidation due to their highly reactive bis-allylic hydrogen atoms. This non-enzymatic lipid 82 83 peroxidation generates series of lipid mediators such as phytoprostanes (PhytoPs), isoprostanes (IsoPs), and neuroprostanes (NeuroPs), derived from  $\alpha$ -linolenic acid (ALA 84 85 C18:3 n-3), arachidonic acid (AA, C20:4 n-6), and docosahexaenoic acid (DHA, C22:6 n-3) 86 respectively. It is worth to mention that under high oxygen pressure, further 87 transformations could occur, leading to the synthesis of furanic forms named phytofurans 88 (PhytoFs), isofurans (IsoFs), and neurofurans (NeuroFs) (Table 1). All these compounds

89 are robust markers of oxidative stress in biological systems (Milne, Gao, Terry, Zackert, & Sanchez, 2013). They are also known to have functional roles in living organisms (Galano, 90 91 Lee, Gladine, Comte, Le Guennec, Oger, et al., 2015; Galano, Lee, Oger, Vigor, 92 Vercauteren, Durand, et al., 2017; Jahn, Galano, & Durand, 2008). Previous work by 93 Barbosa et al. (Barbosa, Collado-Gonzalez, Andrade, Ferreres, Valentao, Galano, et al., 94 2015) showed that macroalgae were able to synthesize ALA oxygenated metabolites, and 95 among them, 9-F<sub>1t</sub>-PhytoP, 9-epi-9-F<sub>1t</sub>-PhytoP, 16-B<sub>1</sub>-PhytoP, and 9-L<sub>1</sub>-PhytoP. In view of 96 these findings, and to go further in the study of potential production of isoprostanoids by 97 non-enzymatic oxidation of lipids/fatty acids in macroalgae, we were interested we were 98 interested in identifying and quantifying phytoprostanes potentially produced in 99 macroalgae from other PUFAs, and also the possible synthesis of furanes in these 100 organisms. We also forced the stress status with cupric exposure in order to observe an 101 eventual change in amounts of detected compounds.

102 To better understand the importance of isoprostanoids in seaweeds, we have considered 103 two distinct groups of seaweeds, the brown (*Phaeophyta*) and the red (*Rhodophyta*) 104 macroalgae, which belong to two independent eukaryotic lineages and therefore constitute 105 very interesting biological models (Brodie, Chan, De Clerck, Cock, Coelho, Gachon, et al., 106 2017; Cock & Coelho, 2011). Among the brown algae, four species were considered: 107 Ectocarpus siliculosus (Dillwyn) Lyngbye, Laminaria digitata (Huds.) Lamouroux, Fucus 108 spiralis L., and Pelvetia canaliculata (L.) Decaisne & Thuret. Experiments were also 109 conducted on two Rhodophyta, i.e. Osmundea pinnatifida (Hudson) Stackhouse, and 110 Grateloupia turuturu Yamada. Isoprostanoid content was determined for all these species 111 under normal control growth conditions, and after incubation under copper stress for 24h. 112 To conduct such experiments, and because oxygenated metabolites were expected to be 113 present at low concentrations, we first optimized the extraction protocol with L. digitata 114 before applying it to all other algal matrices. In line with this, we developed a process to

quantify PhytoPs/PhytoFs, based on micro-LC-MS/MS with increased speed, robustness,
selectivity, and sensitivity of analysis (Medina, Miguel-Elizaga, Oger, Galano, Durand,
Martinez-Villanueva, et al., 2015).

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#### 119 2-Material and methods

#### 120 **2.1 Chemicals and reagents**

121 The phytoprostane standard 16-(RS)-16-A<sub>1</sub>-PhytoP and the deuterated internal standard 122 (IS) d<sub>4</sub>-15-F<sub>2t</sub>-IsoP were purchased from Cayman Chemicals (Ann Arbor, MI, USA). The 123 two IS d<sub>4</sub>-10-F<sub>4t</sub>-NeuroP and C21-15-F<sub>2t</sub>-IsoP, as well as all the other standards, were 124 synthesized according to previous procedures (Cuyamendous, Leung, Durand, Lee, Oger, 125 & Galano, 2015; Thierry Durand, Cracowski, Guy, & Rossi, 2001; T. Durand, Guy, Vidal, & 126 Rossi, 2002; El Fangour, Guy, Despres, Vidal, Rossi, & Durand, 2004; El Fangour, Guy, 127 Vidal, Rossi, & Durand, 2005; Guy, Flanagan, Durand, Oger, & Galano, 2015; Guy, Oger, 128 Hepekauzen, Signorini, Durand, De Felice, et al., 2014; Oger, Brinkmann, Bouazzaoui, 129 Durand, & Galano, 2008; Oger, Bultel-Poncé, Guy, Balas, Rossi, Durand, et al., 2010). 130 This concerns 9-F1t-PhytoP, 9-epi-F1t-PhytoP, ent-16-F1t-PhytoP, ent-16-epi-16-F1t-PhytoP, *ent*-16-B<sub>1</sub>-PhytoP, *ent*-9-L<sub>1</sub>-PhytoP, as PhytoPs, and *ent*-9(*RS*)-12-*epi*-ST- $\Delta^{10}$ -13-131 PhytoF, *ent*-16(*RS*)-13-*epi*-ST- $\Delta^{14}$ -9-PhytoF, and *ent*-16(*RS*)-9-*epi*-ST- $\Delta^{14}$ -10-PhytoF as 132 133 PhytoFs. Four IsoPs were also evaluated: 15-F2t-IsoP. 15-epi-15-F2t-IsoP. 5-F2t-IsoP and 134 5-epi-5-F2t-IsoP. Finally, three NeuroPs were considered: 10-F4t-NeuroP, 10-epi-10-F4t-135 NeuroP, and 4(*RS*)-4-F<sub>4t</sub>-NeuroP. Stock solutions of standards were prepared in methanol 136 to a concentration of 100 ng. $\mu$ L<sup>-1</sup>, and were stored at -20 °C. Appropriate dilutions from 137 the mentioned stock were prepared for calibration purpose. Furthermore, two different 138 solutions of a Standard Mixture (SM) of the 18 compounds mentioned above (SM<sub>32</sub> = each 139 compound at 32 ng.ml<sup>-1</sup> or SM<sub>256</sub> = each compound at 256 ng.ml<sup>-1</sup>) were made up for 140 validation purpose (extraction yield and matrix effect).

LC-MS methanol, acetonitrile, and HPLC chloroform were obtained from Fisher Scientific (Loughborough, UK). Hexane (CHROMASOLV, HPLC grade), absolute ethanol, formic and acetic acids, ammonia and potassium hydroxide (Fluka for mass spectrometry) were provided by Sigma-Aldrich (Saint Quentin Fallavier, France). Ethyl acetate (HPLC grade) was purchased from VWR (EC). Water used in this study was purified on a milliQ system (Millipore).

147 The solid-phase extraction (SPE) cartridges were constituted of a mixed-mode ion-148 exchange sorbent (Oasis MAX; 3 mL, 60 mg; from Waters; Milford, MA, USA).

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## 150 2.2 Macroalgal samples

### 151 2.2.1 Collection

Of the six macroalgae used in this study, one *(E. siliculosus)* was cultivated in laboratory, and five (*F. spiralis*, *P. canaliculata*, *O. pinnatifida*, *L. digitata*, and *G. turuturu*) were collected during the summer 2015 at low-tide close to the Station Biologique of Roscoff, a site with no direct chemical influence from the shore.

After collection, four algal species (*F. spiralis*, *P. canaliculata*, *O. pinnatifida*, and *G. turuturu*) were immediately transported to the laboratory where they were cleaned and then assigned in 40 L tanks with a permanent renewal of both seawater and bubbled air. After at least 24h of acclimatization, samples were submitted to copper stress (see section 2.2.2).

Young sporophytes of *L. digitata* (*ca* 10-20 cm in length) were also collected in the intertidal zone close to the Station Biologique of Roscoff, and maintained in 10 L flasks in autoclaved filtered seawater (FSW), at 13°C, under a photoperiod of 16 h of light (40  $\mu$ mol photons.m<sup>-2</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>) and 8 h of darkness, and well-aerated with filtered (0.22  $\mu$ m) compressed air, up to one week before treatment.

*E. siliculosus* (Dilwyn) Lyngbye, unialgal strain 32 (accession CCAP 13104, origin San
Juan de Marcona, Peru, 2002) was cultivated in 10 L flasks as already described (A.
Ritter, Dittami, Goulitquer, Correa, Boyen, Potin, et al., 2014).

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#### 170 2.2.2 Copper stress for the six species of macroalgae

171 Each sample corresponded to a mixture of at least three to six individuals in the same 172 stage of development (depending of the species) to reach a weight of 10 g of fresh algae. 173 Copper stress was triggered by transferring the algal samples to FSW enriched with Cu(II) 174 as CuCl<sub>2</sub> (Titrisol, Merck) at nominal final concentration of 300 µg.L<sup>-1</sup> (15 µL of a 20 g.L<sup>-1</sup> 175 stock solution) in 1 L glass flasks washed overnight with 1% HCl to limit Cu adsorption. 176 Control treatment corresponded to another 10 g algal batch incubated without CuCl<sub>2</sub> 177 addition. After 24 hours in a culture room at 13°C under aeration with filtered (0.22 µm) 178 compressed air, control and stressed samples were washed with autoclaved FSW, briefly 179 dried using paper towel, immediately frozen in liquid nitrogen, and then stored at -80 °C 180 until extraction.

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#### 182 2.2.3 Algal sample preparation

183 Approximately 1 g of fresh algal weight was ground with grinding balls (50 mm diameter) in 184 liquid nitrogen using the Mixer Mill MM400 (Retsch®) bench top unit for 2 min at 20 Hz. 185 After having evaluated the extraction methods suggested by Küpper (Küpper, Gaguerel, 186 Boneberg, Morath, Salaün, & Potin, 2006), Barbosa (Barbosa, et al., 2015), and Leung 187 (Leung, Chen, Zhong, Yu, & Lee, 2014) on *L. digitata*, we opted for the latter protocol 188 since it allowed a better recovery of analytes and showed limited influence of the biological 189 material (matrix effect) on the extraction procedure. Briefly, 0.10 g of each powdered 190 sample was weighed in a flask, then added with (i) 25 µL of 1% (w/v) di-tert-butyl 191 hydroxytoluene (BHT) in methanol, (ii) 2 mL of MeOH, and (iii) 1.5 mL of phosphate buffer

192 (pH 2) prepared with saturated sodium chloride solution. At this step, the samples were 193 spiked with 6 ng of each IS. This mixture was stirred with a vortex mixer for 30 sec, and 194 then shaked at 100 rpm for 1 hour at room temperature with an IKA KS 4000 control 195 shaker. Then, extracts were centrifuged at 5,000 rpm for 5 min at room temperature. The 196 supernatant was separated, and 4.0 mL of cold chloroform were added. This mixture was 197 stirred with a vortex mixer for 30 s and then centrifuged at 1,500 rpm for 5 min at room 198 temperature. The lower organic layer was carefully removed, transferred into a Pyrex tube 199 and then evaporated under N<sub>2</sub> at 40 °C. To perform hydrolysis of samples, the dry extract 200 was dissolved into 950 µL of KOH (1 M in H<sub>2</sub>O), incubated for 30 min at 40 °C into an IKA 201 control shaker (100 rpm), and 1 mL of 40 mM formic acid was added. The solution was 202 then ready for the clean-up step through a SPE process. Oasis mixed polymer phase 203 cartridges were first conditioned with 2 mL of MeOH and equilibrated with 2 mL of 20 mM 204 formic acid (pH 4.6). After the SPE column had been loaded with samples, 2 mL of NH<sub>3</sub> 205 2% (v/v), followed by 2 mL of MeOH/20 mM formic acid (3:7; v/v), 2 mL of hexane, and 2 206 mL of hexane/ethyl acetate (7/3; v/v) were applied for removing undesired compounds. 207 Target chemicals were eluted with 2 x 1 mL of a mixture constituted of hexane/EtOH/acetic 208 acid (70:29.4:0.6; v/v/v), and then dried under nitrogen stream at 40°C. The dried residue 209 was reconstituted with 100 µL of A/B LC-MS solvents (83:17; v/v). Then 5 µL of sample 210 were injected and analysed using a micro-LC-MS/MS 5500 QTrap system.

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#### 212 2.3 Micro-LC-MS/MS analysis

All LC-MS analyses were carried out using an Eksigent<sup>®</sup> MicroLC 200 plus (Eksigent Technologies, CA, USA) on a HALO C<sub>18</sub> analytical column (100\*0.5 mm, 2.7  $\mu$ m; Eksigent Technologies, CA, USA) kept at 40°C. The mobile phase consisted of a binary gradient of solvent A (water with 0.1% (v/v) of formic acid) and solvent B (ACN/MeOH; 8:2, v/v; with 0.1% (v/v) of formic acid). The elution was performed at a flow rate of 0.03 mL min<sup>-1</sup> using

218 the following gradient profile: 17% solvent B at 0 min, 22% solvent B at 9.5 min, 30% 219 solvent B at 11.5 min until 15 min and 95% solvent B at 16 for 2.3 min, and then returned 220 to the initial conditions. Under these conditions, no sample contamination or sample-to-221 sample carry-over was observed.

222 Mass spectrometry analyses were performed on an AB SCIEX QTRAP 5500 (Sciex 223 Applied Biosystems, ON, Canada). The ionization source was electrospray (ESI), and it 224 was operated in the negative mode. The source voltage was kept at -4.5 kV, and N<sub>2</sub> was 225 used as curtain gas. Detection of the fragmentation ion products from each PhytoP, 226 PhytoF, or IsoP deprotonated molecule [M – H]<sup>-</sup> was performed in the multiple reaction 227 monitoring mode (MRM). The MS parameters were individually optimized for each 228 compound.

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#### 230 **2.4 Characterization method**

Parameters including extraction yield, matrix effect, sensitivity, linearity, accuracy and
precision were determined to validate the methodology used for PhytoPs, PhytoFs and
IsoPs quantification in *L. digitata* from an extractive and LC-MS analytical point of view.

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#### 235 2.4.1 Validation of sample preparation

In order to determine the extraction yield and the matrix effect, experiments described below were performed in triplicate using the same algal powder. Briefly, three sets were prepared: 1) 100 mg of algal samples spiked with two different concentrations of a standard mixture (SM<sub>32</sub> or SM<sub>256</sub>) before following the extraction procedure described in part 2.2.3; 2) 100 mg of algal samples treated according to the method described in 2.2.3, and then spiked with SM<sub>32</sub> or SM<sub>256</sub>; 3) SM<sub>32</sub> or SM<sub>256</sub> directly prepared into the mobile phase.

243 SPE extraction yield (EY) was evaluated for each compound (standards and internal

standards) by comparing peak area of set 1 (spike before SPE) *versus* set 2 (spike after SPE). Result is expressed in percentage by the following calculation: EY=  $A_{set1}/A_{set2}*100$ . The matrix effect (ME), also expressed in percentage and evaluated for each compound, was determined as the difference between peak areas obtained for the standards added to the extracted samples (set 2) and pure standard (set 3). The calculation is: ME =  $A_{set2}/A_{set3}*100$ .

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- 251 2.4.2 Sensitivity linearity and quantification

252 In order to determine the sensitivity of the analytical method we evaluated the limit of 253 detection (LOD) and the limit of quantification (LOQ) for each compound. These values 254 corresponded respectively to 3 and 10 times the signal-to-noise ratio. The linearity of the 255 response was evaluated using 15 concentrations of compounds (in triplicate). Calibration 256 curves were calculated by the least-squares linear regression method, and linearity was 257 determined to range between 3.125x10<sup>-3</sup> and 512 pg.µL<sup>-1</sup> for compounds injected in 258 column. Analytes quantification was based on the analyte to IS ratio using the obtained 259 calibration curves. Data processing was achieved using the MultiQuant 3.0 software (Sciex 260 Applied Biosystems).

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#### 262 2.4.3 Accuracy and precision

Trueness, precision and accuracy were determined by validation standard analysis performed in triplicate at defined concentrations, and on two different days. Intra-batch reflects intra-day precision or repeatability, and inter-batch the inter-day precision or reproducibility. These parameters express the error of the analytical measurement.

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#### 268 2.5 Statistical Analyses

269 Standard deviation (SD) and relative standard deviation (RSD) were used to determine

270 significant differences of data. As mentioned above, algal samples corresponded to a 271 mixture of individuals placed together in a same glass flask. Each flask thus represented 272 one experimental condition, *i.e.* control or copper stress. Despite numerous individual 273 algae being present in flasks, each individual cannot be considered as an independent 274 biological replicate because all algae within a flask were harvested as a pool before 275 preparation of powder for subsequent treatment. Three independent extractions were 276 performed on each algal sample, thus the SD calculated reflected a technical triplicate and 277 not a biological triplicate. Two-way ANOVA were calculated with GraphPad Prism 7. The 278 level of significance was set at P < 0.05.

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#### 280 3-Results

Before dealing with the analysis of the acquired data on various biological samples, an important part of this work consisted in the validation of the methodology presented below (section *3.1*).

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### 285 3.1 Sample processing validation on L. digitata

Sample validation was a pre-condition for extract preparation and analysis of the six macroalgae selected for this analysis. The aim was to verify that the work was done under favourable conditions for the detection and quantification of PhytoPs, PhytoFs, IsoPs, and eventually NeuroPs.

First, the extraction yield and matrix effect determination assessed the efficiency of the sample processing (Table 2). The extraction yield, a parameter specific of each compound (standards and IS), allowed the evaluation of product losses that could happen by retention on the SPE cartridge and/or by partial elution during the washing steps. For the majority of analytes, the apparent loss of compounds during SPE was low (<10%), yielding recovery rates similar to as if they were added after SPE. Regarding the type of

296 compounds (PhytoPs, PhytoFs, IsoPs or NeuroPs), no specific trend could be noticed, *i.e.* 297 some PhytoPs exhibited good recovery ratio (*e.g. ent*-16-*epi*-16-F<sub>1t</sub>-PhytoP; EY<sub>32</sub>= 99.6%), 298 while it was lower for other ones (e.g. 16(RS)-16-A<sub>1</sub>-PhytoP; EY<sub>32</sub>= 68.6%). The extraction 299 yield calculated was more than 100% for some analytes, corresponding probably to the co-300 elution of a compound that presents the same MRM transition. It is the case for instance 301 for the mixture of 5-F<sub>2t</sub>-IsoP and 5-*epi*-F<sub>2t</sub>-IsoP with an EY of 144.4% at 32 pg.µL<sup>-1</sup>. We 302 could also notice that EYs were better at low than at high concentrations. To complete this 303 validation, the matrix effect, corresponding to an ion-suppression/enhancement of co-304 eluted matrix compounds, was evaluated. As for EY, ME is specific to each isoprostanoids, and there was no similar behaviour across the same class of compounds. We observed a 305 306 clearly marked effect at low concentration, for instance for 9-F1t-PhytoP and 9-epi-F1t-307 PhytoP between SM<sub>32</sub> and SM<sub>256</sub> conditions. Indeed, ME values were 169% (SM<sub>32</sub>) and 308 123% (SM<sub>256</sub>) for the first compound, and 204% (SM<sub>32</sub>) and 125% (SM<sub>256</sub>) for the second 309 one.

In order to determine the linear range in the quantification process, 15 concentrations ranging from  $3.125 \times 10^{-3}$  to  $512 \text{ pg.}\mu\text{L}^{-1}$  and prepared in triplicate were injected. This allowed establishing calibration curves and calculating the linear regression equation. The detector response was linear across the range tested. LOD and LOQ were also determined and ranged from 0.16 to 0.63 pg injected for LOD and between 0.16 and 1.25 pg injected for LOQ. These values depended on the type of isoprostanoids but are quite homogenous.

Finally, for testing the repeatability and precision of the method, the intra- and inter-day analysis of two selected concentrations (SM<sub>32</sub> and SM<sub>256</sub>) was performed. Among the twenty compounds tested, the majority presented an intra-day variation lower than 2%, exceptions being 16(RS)-16-A<sub>1</sub>-PhytoP (2.2%), 5(RS)-5-F<sub>2t</sub>-IsoP + 5-*epi*-5-F<sub>2t</sub>-IsoP (2.7%), and 4(RS)-4-F<sub>4t</sub>-NeuroP (5.6%). Mean inter-day variation was 9.9%, with 7.8% and 13.7%

as minimum and maximum values, respectively. In light of these results, we concluded on
the robustness of the developed method that was reproducible and usable for the purpose
of isoprostanoids quantification in macroalgae.

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#### 326 **3.2.** Profiling of isopropanoid in six species of brown and red algae

327 It is well established that in seaweeds, the total fatty acid content and composition, as well 328 as the proportions of the different lipid fractions, may vary during the algal cycle life and 329 also according to the physiological state of the algae or growth conditions, and of the 330 genetic status or taxonomic entity. Mean total lipid content for brown seaweeds (phylum 331 *Phaeophyta*) is 3% of dry weight, and is comprised within a range of 0.1% to 20%. Based 332 on published data reporting lipid composition in this phylum, no specific trend depending of 333 the phylogenetic order could be inferred, and a similar conclusion was drawn for red algae 334 (phylum Rhodophyta) (Wielgosz-Collin, Kendel, & Couzinet-Mossion, 2016). Analysis of 335 fatty acid distribution allowed a better discrimination of phylogenetic order or sub-order. 336 Indeed, many studies about the proportion of saturated fatty acids (SFAs), 337 monounsaturated fatty acids (MUFAs) and PUFAs seemed to be in favour of a significant 338 link between fatty acid signature and phylogenetic lineage (Galloway, Britton-Simmons, 339 Duggins, Gabrielson, & Brett, 2012; P Kumari, M Kumar, C R K Reddy, & Bk Jha, 2013). 340 In any cases, seaweeds are mainly characterized by a high content of PUFAs, such as α-341 linolenic acid (18:3, n-3, ALA), stearidonic (18:4, n-3, STA), arachidonic (20:4, n-6, AA) 342 and eicosapentaenoic acids (20:5, n-3, EPA), but each phylum presented a characteristic 343 PUFA signature as evidenced by clustering studies of algae belonging to the same phylum 344 (Pereira, Barreira, Figueiredo, Custodio, Vizetto-Duarte, Polo, et al., 2012). In our work, we 345 studied profiles of PUFA oxidized derivatives across two distinct phyla and tried to 346 determine if such clustering could be observed. In other words, it was of interest to 347 investigate selected species of two taxonomic groups to know if difference in PUFA

348 composition subsequently resulted in occurence of different oxidized products. From the 349 study of Ritter et al. on E. siliculosus, we already knew that a macroalga could produce 350 PhytoPs (A. Ritter, et al., 2014). More recently, Barbosa et al. (Barbosa, et al., 2015) 351 tested 24 different species belonging to Chlorophyta, Phaeophyta and Rhodophyta, and 352 highlighted the presence of four oxygenated metabolites derived from ALA among ten 353 available PhytoPs standards. These compounds were 9-F1t-PhytoP and 9-epi-9-F1t-PhytoP 354 found in 13 species, 16-B1-PhytoP quantified in seven species among the 13 previous 355 ones, and 9-L<sub>1</sub>-PhytoP detected only in two species. Considering that macroalgae do not 356 contain exclusively ALA but also STA, AA, or EPA, it appeared interesting not to focus only 357 on PhytoPs but to investigate also other oxygenated metabolites potentially originating 358 from such PUFAs (P. Kumari, M. Kumar, C. R. K. Reddy, & B. Jha, 2013). Therefore, we 359 were more interested in investigating the diversity of oxidised derivatives of PUFA 360 containing 18 to 22 carbons rather than in conducting a study on a wide range of algal 361 species among the *Phaeophyta* and *Rhodophyta*.

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363 *3.2.1 Laminaria digitata* (Huds.) Lamouroux (Fig. 1; Table 3)

364 It was worth considering this alga because its phytoprostane production had not been 365 investigated yet. We showed for the first time that it produces F<sub>1</sub>-, B<sub>1</sub>-, L<sub>1</sub>- and A<sub>1</sub>-PhytoPs. 366 Identification of PhytoPs relied on retention times observed during spiked experiments, determination of molecular masses, and determination of specific MS/MS transitions. 367 368 Among our results, F1-PhytoPs represented an interesting case. These metabolites are 369 characterized by the SRM transition (m/z) 327.2  $\rightarrow$  283.2, which is common to 9-F<sub>1t</sub>-370 PhytoP (+ 9-epi-9-F<sub>1t</sub>-PhytoP) and to ent-16-F<sub>1t</sub>-PhytoP (+ ent-16-epi-16-F<sub>1t</sub>-PhytoP). In 371 order to distinguish between these compounds, the second SRM transition was 372 considered, which is usually more specific but less sensitive. The 9-F1t-PhytoP and 9-epi-373 9-F<sub>1t</sub>-PhytoP presented the second SRM transition (m/z) 327.2  $\rightarrow$  171.2, whereas *ent*-16374 F1t-PhytoP and *ent*-16-*epi*-16-F1t-PhytoP were observable by following the SRM transition (m/z)  $327.2 \rightarrow 151.2$ . Based on the combination of transitions 1 and 2, we were able to 375 376 quantify 9-F<sub>1t</sub>-PhytoP and *ent*-16-*epi*-16-F<sub>1t</sub>-PhytoP. Unfortunately, due to matrix effect, the 377 peaks separation corresponding to 9-epi-9-F1t-PhytoP and ent-16-F1t-PhytoP was 378 ineffective, and allowed only integration of the two compounds together by following 379 transition 1, while transition 2 value was below the quantification threshold. For B1-, L1-380 and A<sub>1</sub>-PhytoPs, the main transition of each series was already specific. A precursor ion at 381 m/z 307 and a product ion at m/z 235 were observed for B<sub>1</sub>-PhytoP; a precursor ion at m/z 382 307 and a product ion at m/z 185 for L<sub>1</sub>-PhytoP; a precursor ion at m/z 307 and a product 383 ion at m/z 249 for A<sub>1</sub>-PhytoP. The content of these compounds reached values of 28.2 384 ng/g and 69.2 ng/g of fresh algae for ent-16-B1-PhytoP and 16(RS)-16-A1-PhytoP, 385 respectively.

386 PhytoPs were not the only compounds identified in L. digitata. Indeed, PhytoFs were 387 detected for the first time in macroalgae. These compounds have recently been 388 discovered in nuts, seeds, or melon leaves (Cuyamendous, Leung, Durand, Lee, Oger, & 389 Galano, 2015; Yonny, Rodriguez Torresi, Cuyamendous, Reversat, Oger, Galano, et al., 390 2016). Ent-9(RS)-12-epi-ST- $\Delta^{10}$ -13-PhytoF, ent-16(RS)-13-epi-ST- $\Delta^{14}$ -9-PhytoF, and ent-391 16(*RS*)-9-*epi*-ST- $\Delta^{14}$ -10-PhytoF were three compounds found in quantities similar to those 392 observed for PhytoPs by following their specific SMR transitions: m/z 343.2  $\rightarrow$  m/z 237.1 393 for the first transition, m/z 343.2  $\rightarrow$  m/z 201 for the second transition and m/z 343.2  $\rightarrow$  m/z 394 209 for the last transition.

Finally, we also succeeded in quantifying the AA derivatives 15-F<sub>2t</sub>-IsoP, 15-*epi*-15-F<sub>2t</sub>-IsoP, and the mixture of the two diastereoisomers of 5-F<sub>2t</sub>-IsoP. These compounds were the most abundant in term of amounts measured, ranging from 79.1 to 342.6 ng/g of fresh algae.

399 Considering these last results, it is possible to suggest that 5-F<sub>2t</sub>-IsoP and/or 5-*epi*-5-F<sub>2t</sub>-400 IsoP are particularly relevant as lipid OS biomarker. Indeed, a compound present in high 401 quantity can be more easily and reliably quantified, any concentration change being more 402 detectable. However, before making this simple observation in *L. digitata* a rule, it is 403 necessary to carefully analyse data gathered for many other species of macroalgae.

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405 *3.2.2 Ectocarpus siliculosus* (Dillwyn) Lyngbye (Fig. 1; Table 3)

406 Analysis of *E. siliculosus* revealed the presence of PhytoPs different from those previously 407 described (A. Ritter, et al., 2014a). Indeed, this macroalga contained F<sub>1</sub>-, L<sub>1</sub>-PhytoPs, but 408 also PhytoFs and IsoPs. It is worth to mention the high amount of ent-16(RS)-9-epi-ST-409  $\Delta^{14}$ -10-PhytoF, with a concentration of 332.9 ng/g of fresh algae. As for *L. digitata*, the 410 content in 5-F2t-IsoP + 5-epi-5-F2t-IsoP was higher than for 15-F2t-IsoP and its epimer 411 (106.3 versus 19.1 or 21.4 ng/g of fresh algae, respectively). Based on this observation, it 412 is possible to suggest that the two diastereoisomers of 5-F<sub>2t</sub>-IsoP are better potential OS 413 biomarkers than 15-F<sub>2t</sub>-IsoP for *E.siliculosus*, as already described for *L. digitata*. In *E.* 414 siliculosus, after taking into account each class of compounds, PhytoFs seemed to be 415 more relevant due to higher amounts with a total of 486 ng/g of fresh algae for three 416 metabolites, against 310 ng/g of fresh algae for six PhytoPs, and 146 ng/g of fresh algae 417 for three IsoPs.

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3.2.3 Fucus spiralis L., Pelvetia canaliculata (L.) Decaisne & Thuret, Grateloupia turuturu
Yamada and Osmundea pinnatifida (Hudson) Stackhouse (Table 3)

To complete the analysis on brown algae, isoprostanoids composition was also assessed in *F. spiralis* and *P. canaliculata*. These algae contained the same three PhytoFs, PhytoPs (except for series A<sub>1</sub>), and IsoPs as observed in *L. digitata* and *E. siliculosus*, but at lower concentrations.

425 Fewer compounds were observed across the two investigated red algae, *i.e. G. turuturu* 426 and O. pinnatifida. Indeed, only 8 or 4 compounds were respectively identified in these two 427 organisms among the 16 compounds available. PhytoPs and PhytoFs were detected in 428 low concentration, in contrast to IsoPs in *G. turuturu*, an alga known to be rich in AA. By 429 looking at the heterogeneity of the results, a first suggestion to explain them could be 430 related to the efficiency of the extraction method considering important differences 431 between the algae investigated, e.g. in their cell wall composition, and the fact that the 432 optimization process was carried out only on L. digitata (Jimenez-Escrig, Gomez-Ordonez, 433 & P, 2012). However, if we place these results in a different context, *i.e.* by making 434 correlation between isoprostanoids profile and phylogenetic classification, an additional 435 hypothesis can be put forward. Indeed, a heatmap representing the levels of 436 isoprostanoids identified across the six seaweeds considered in our study underlined the 437 emergence of a phylogenetic clustering, in particular with all brown algae showing similar 438 patterns of isoprostanoid composition, but with quantitative differences (Fig. 2). We 439 observed that the closest evolutionary relationship between E. siliculosus and L. digitata 440 versus P. canaliculata and F. spiralis was corroborated with the heatmap clustering. Thus, 441 this part of the study suggests that isoprostanoids signature may be used as a 442 chemotaxonomic tool to differentiate macrolagae at the taxonomic level. Obviously, this is 443 an assumption that will need to be tested on a larger diversity of macroalgae.

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#### 445 **3.3 Accumulation of isoprostanoids under copper stress condition**

The rationale supporting these experiments was based on previous reports describing that copper treatment induced oxidative stress in macroalgae, and was then expected to alter the profile and content of isoprostanoids (A. Ritter, et al., 2014a).

For *L. digitata*, we observed higher content for most of the detected compounds (excepted
for *ent*-9-L<sub>1t</sub>-phytoP and *ent*-16-B<sub>1t</sub>-phytoP) under stress compared to control condition

451 (Fig. 3, Table 3). Quantities of PhytoFs increased by +91%, +114% and +155% for ent-452  $16(RS)-9-epi-ST-\Delta^{14}-10-PhytoF, ent-9(RS)-12-epi-ST-\Delta^{10}-13-PhytoF, and ent-16(RS)-13-$ 453 *epi*-ST- $\Delta^{14}$ -9-PhytoF respectively, while this trend was less marked for other categories of 454 compounds. Conversely, the content of *ent*-9-L<sub>1</sub>-PhytoP decreased under the stress 455 condition, and this could be explained by physiological considerations. Production of 456 PhytoPs has been suggested to occur in the same way as for IsoPs, through hydrogen 457 abstraction from ALA to give G<sub>1</sub>-PhytoPs isomers, which are subsequently metabolized to 458 the detectable A-type to J-type PhytoPs. Under alkaline conditions, A- and J-types 459 undergo isomerization of the double bond to form the thermodynamically more stable final 460 metabolites (Jahn, Galano, & Durand, 2008) .Thus, the A-type isomerized into B-type, and 461 the J-type led to the L-type. To explain the decrease of *ent*-9-L<sub>1</sub>-PhytoP under copper 462 stress, a probable assumption would be the absence of alkaline conditions, making 463 isomerization impossible, so stopping the PhytoPs pathway at the step of A- and J-types. 464 The accumulation of 16(*RS*)-16-A<sub>1t</sub>-PhytoP could corroborate this hypothesis. Another way 465 to explain this pattern is to consider that, due to the consumption of ALA for synthesis of 466 all PhytoPs accumulated under copper stress, there is not enough of it left to support 467 production of the B-type and L-type PhytoPs isomer precursors, which thus decrease. To 468 be more precise in the mechanism, we can consider the biosynthetic pathways of PhytoPs 469 as proposed by Galano and co-workers (GALANO 2017). If we consider that PhytoPs 470 follow the same routes as IsoPs, the G2-IsoP intermediate (endoperoxide-hydroperoxide 471 intermediate) could represent a key metabolite for PhytoPs production that may be 472 modulated depending on physiological conditions. Indeed, G2-IsoP could be partially (i) or 473 completely (ii) reduced. To date, no information about the prevalence of one way 474 compared to the other is known. In the first case (i), 15-D<sub>2</sub>-hydroperoxide is formed, 475 leading by dehydration to the compounds 14,15-epoxyde-15-D<sub>2</sub>-lsoP (single dehydration) 476 or 14,15-epoxyde-15-J<sub>2</sub>-IsoP (double dehydration). If these compounds are produced

477 (they were not quantified by our method), they limit the bioavailability of G2-IsoP for the 478 second pathway. When the level of G2-IsoP decrease, less H<sub>2</sub>-IsoP can be formed and 479 consequently less final products of this pathway accumulate. In the second case (ii), the 480 G2-IsoP is completely reduced to produce H<sub>2</sub>-IsoP. This latter intermediate represents 481 also a key regulation point. Indeed, as for G2-IsoP, reduction of H<sub>2</sub>-IsoP could be partial or 482 complete. A partial reduction leads to the formation of E2-IsoP or D2-IsoP which are 483 precursors of A2-IsoP and J2-IsoP respectively. These latter compounds are susceptible 484 to be changed into B2-IsoP and L2-IsoP respectively under basic conditions. A complete 485 reduction of H<sub>2</sub>-IsoP leads to the F2-IsoP family. We can suggest that copper stress 486 induces the complete reduction of the H2-IsoP intermediate, leading to an accumulation of 487 the F2 derivatives at the expense of B2 and L2 derivatives. So far, nothing is known about 488 the conditions leading to a partial or total reduction of intermediates. We can only propose 489 that high concentration of copper supports the way of a partial reduction of the G2-IsoP 490 intermediate, and/or a complete reduction of H2-IsoP intermediate, which could explain the 491 decrease in the formation of the derivatives B2 and L2. To finish on this, we can also 492 suggest that copper stress, by altering the physiological status of the alga, may lead to 493 changes in fatty acids and/or lipid metabolism that will affect the amount ALA available in 494 algal cells, and thus influence the enzymatically and non-enzymatically production of its subsequent oxidized derivatives. In line with this, comparison between intact and wounded 495 496 rice tissues has shown that ALA concentration, and not wounding by itself, was the key 497 regulator of the octadecanoid pathway activity under stress condition(Christeller & Galis, 498 2014).

499 Changes in isoprostanoids content between control and stress condition were more 500 obvious in *E. siliculosus* than in *L. digitata*. All the isoprostanoids identified in *Ectocarpus* 501 accumulated after copper treatment, fold changes ranging from 3 to 6 (Fig. 3, Table 3). For 502 the two other brown algae and the two *Rhodophyta* investigated, similar observations were

503 made, with variable increase depending on the alga considered and on the PUFAs 504 oxygenated derivatives (Table 3).

505 Interestingly, no alteration in the diversity of the molecules identified could be noticed 506 between control and stress condition. Almost all the compounds observed under control 507 condition were still identified after copper stress. The only exception was 16(RS)-16-A1-508 PhytoP in *E. siliculosus* that could not be quantified after heavy metal exposure due to the 509 peak overlapping with overexpressed matrix compounds. Finally, no compound not 510 detected under control condition was detected after copper stress. Thus, this treatment did 511 not trigger the production of new isoprostanoids, but modified their relative quantities. It is 512 important to draw attention to the fact that, in our targeted lipidomic approach, we have 513 limited our analysis to non-enzymatically produced oxidized fatty acids that we were able 514 to identify. Therefore, it cannot be ruled out that new non-targeted enzymatic and/or non-515 enzymatic oxylipids were produced during this treatment, and that our analysis has 516 probably overlooked changes for some metabolites. Additional studies are necessary to 517 deal with these aspects.

518 In light of these results, E. siliculosus is, among those tested, the macroalgal species for 519 which we observed the strongest response in term of isoprostanoid profile under copper 520 stress. Based on previous observations in land plants, this may indicate that *E. siliculosus* 521 is well suited to support heavy metals pollution. Indeed, several PhytoPs have been shown 522 to activate plant defence and detoxification responses. In 2003, Thoma and co-workers 523 demonstrated the ability of cyclopentenone PhytoPs, induced by Reactive Oxygen 524 Species, to trigger expression of genes involved in defence mechanisms and the 525 accumulation of phytoalexin in plant cells (Thoma, Loeffler, Sinha, Gupta, Krischke, 526 Steffan, et al., 2003). Further research of the same group strongly suggest that PhytoPs 527 may be an endogenous mediator capable of counteracting cell damages caused by 528 various toxicants, especially those causing severe oxidative stress (Loeffler, Berger, Guy,

529 Durand, Bringmann, Dreyer, et al., 2005; Mueller, Hilbert, Dueckershoff, Roitsch, Krischke, 530 Mueller, et al., 2008). The ability to produce high amount of PhytoPs, compounds 531 potentially involved in response against environmental stressors, may confer to *E.* 532 *siliculosus* a protective role to alleviate copper-induced toxicity and thus a survival 533 advantage.

534 Interestingly, the high accumulation of isoprostanoids observed in this alga may also 535 account for a higher sensitivity of E. siliculosus to OS in this species to the other ones 536 investigated. Such potential lethality or phytotoxicity response suggests that isoprostanoid 537 profiling in *E. siliculosus* may serve as a possible diagnostic tool for assessing potential 538 heavy metal pollution in the marine environment. In a more comprehensive way, we 539 observed that most of the isoprostanoids detected under control accumulated in this alga 540 after exposure to copper. This supports a direct correlation between this stress and the 541 non-enzymatic production of oxidized PUFA derivatives. Our observation corroborates 542 results previously published by Ritter et al. demonstrating that copper stress induced OS in 543 the model brown alga *E. siliculosus*, as illustrated by the overlapping of transcriptomic 544 response observed after copper and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> treatments (A. Ritter, et al., 2014b). The proof 545 that we bring today is not directly related to signalling pathway, but is quite relevant 546 because it concerns end-products of oxidation also considered as "gold" OS biomarkers. Furthermore, in recent years, it has become accepted that these molecules not only serve 547 548 as biomarkers but also exhibit a wide range of bioactivities (Galano, et al., 2017). Our 549 observations lay the ground to determine the physiological role(s) of these lipid mediators 550 in macroalgae, for instance in signalling and/or as effectors altering gene expression.

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#### 552 Conclusion

553 To our knowledge, this is the first report of PhytoF production in macroalgae. Our analysis 554 also allowed the detection of PhytoPs or IsoPs never reported so far. The *ent*-16(*RS*)-9-

555 *epi*-ST- $\Delta^{14}$ -10-PhytoF and the 5-F<sub>2t</sub>-IsoP epimers are ubiquitous and the most abundant of 556 the isoprostanoids identified and quantified. This study suggests the possible use of 557 isoprostanoid signature as a potential chemotaxonomic tool to discriminate macroalgae. 558 Our study is also the first to establish a link between significant changes in the 559 isoprostanoid profiles of macroalgae and heavy metal stress. For instance, the total 560 isoprostanoid concentration in *E. siliculosus* was in the range of 945.8 ng/g and 3957.8 561 ng/g of fresh algae before and after cupric treatment, respectively. Furthermore, these 562 data could open prospects for the use of *E. siliculosus* as a model in the case of marine 563 pollution and environmental emergencies. In addition, based on recent studies showing 564 promising biological activities for PhytoPs, IsoPs and NeuroPs, (Minghetti, Salvi, Lavinia 565 Salvatori, Ajmone-Cat, De Nuccio, Visentin, et al., 2014; Noschka, Moore, Peroni, Lewis, 566 Morrow, & Robertson, 2009; Roy, Fauconnier, Oger, Farah, Angebault-Prouteau, Thireau, 567 et al., 2017), and due to high amounts quantified in some of the tested macroalgae, it may 568 be worth exploring these organisms as a potential natural bio-resource for extraction of 569 these molecules, including as an alternative to their current production by complex 570 chemical syntheses. In this context, further work should focus on assessing how 571 manipulating culture conditions could enhance the production of isoprostanoids in 572 macroalgae, notably by targeting the ALA biosynthetic pathway. Conditions to be tested 573 may include nitrate depletion in the culture medium during acclimation before stress 574 treatment, and/or alternative oxidative stress (e.g. H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>). Besides nutritional interests, 575 additional studies will be necessary to unravel the biological effects of algal isoprostanoids 576 in humans, since they show very similar structures to the relevant bioactive IsoPs and 577 PGs.

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### 587 List of abbreviations

- 588 AA: arachidonic acid
- 589 ALA: linolenic acid
- 590 BHT: butylated hydroxytoluene
- 591 DHA: docosahexaenoic acid
- 592 DW: dry weight
- 593 EI: electron ionization
- 594 EPA: eicosapentaenoic acid
- 595 ESI: electrospray ionization
- 596 EY: extraction yield
- 597 FSW: filtered sea water
- 598 FW: fresh weight
- 599 IS: internal standard
- 600 IsoFs: isofurans
- 601 IsoPs: isoprostanes
- 602 LC: liquid chromatography
- 603 LOD: limit of detection
- 604 LOQ: limit of quantification
- 605 ME: matrix effect

- 606 MRM: multiple reaction monitoring
- 607 MS: mass spectrometry
- 608 MUFA: monounsaturated fatty acid
- 609 m/z: mass to charge ratios
- 610 NeuroFs: neurofurans
- 611 NeuroPs: neuroprostanes
- 612 OS: oxidative stress
- 613 PhytoFs: phytofurans
- 614 PhytoPs: phytoprostanes
- 615 PUFAs: polyunsaturated fatty acids
- 616 ROS: reactive oxygen species
- 617 SFA: saturated fatty acid
- 618 SPE: solid phase extraction
- 619 SM: standard mixture
- 620 MRM: multiple reaction monitoring
- 621 UV: ultraviolet
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Fig. 1: Isoprostane, phytoprostane and metabolite content in *Laminaria digitata* (Huds.)
Lamouroux and *Ectocarpus siliculosus* (Dillwyn) Lyngbye. Results are expressed as
means ± S.D. from three technical replicates per algal sample.

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Fig. 2: Hierarchical cluster analysis on isoprostanoid derivatives of the six seaweeds investigated. Results are expressed as means from three technical replicates per algal sample.

Fig. 3: Qualitative and quantitative isoprostanoid profiles of *Laminaria digitata* (Huds.) Lamouroux and *Ectocarpus siliculosus* (Dillwyn) Lyngbye under control condition and copper stress. Results presented as box plot were obtained from three technical replicates per algal sample.

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Table 1: Structures of some isoprostanoid isomers derived from α-linolenic acid (ALA) and
arachidonic acid (AA), as well as of some of the internal standards considered in our

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Table 2: Determination of matrix effect and extraction efficiency for isoprostanoid
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Table 3: Quantification of isoprostanes, phytoprostanes and metabolites in six algae incubated under control and copper stress condition based on the method described in section 2. Results are expressed as means  $\pm$  S.D. from three technical replicates per algal sample. Statistical differences between control and stress condition were tested by twoway ANOVA. The limit of statistical significance was set at p<0.05.

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e		Ectocarpus siliculosus	332.88	87.80	67.25	75.28	43.47	44.29	57.60	59.10	31.23	19.10	21.42	106.30
alga		🖵 Laminaria digitata	53.35	22.63	17.16	71.23	28.18	54.26	27.08	48.47	69.24	86.66	79.09	342.60
uwo.	Brown	Pelvetia canaliculata	42.40	17.86	9.77	20.65	6.34	14.74	13.44	23.34	0.00	37.49	31.13	99.55
Br		- Fucus spiralis	25.32	7.18	8.64	8.66	4.03	5.24	5.07	5.91	0.00	5.79	5.15	27.41
ed		Osmundea pinnatifida	11.13	0.00	0.00	6.58	2.89	3.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
R( alg		Grateloupia turuturu	2.48	0.00	3.49	18.42	8.96	9.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	112.78	93.35	689.56



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F	Compounds	Concentration	Extraction Yield	±	SD	Matrix Effect	±	SD	Total Extraction Yield	±	SD
-	D4-10(R)-10F <sub>4t</sub> NeuroP	300 pg	93,54	±	3,52	63,92	±	6,56	56,97	±	2,75
IS	D4-15-F <sub>2t</sub> -IsoP	300 pg	89,81	±	4,41	68,71	±	5,47	53,19	±	2,55
	C21 15-F <sub>zt</sub> -IsoP	300 pg	77,10	±	8,43	43,83	±	6 <mark>,3</mark> 4	42,12	±	4,03
•	ant 16/PS) 0 and ST A <sup>14</sup> 10 Phytor	SM <sub>32</sub>	99,17%	±	2,43%	159,11	±	5,16%	67,54%	±	2,44%
	ent -10(n3)-5-ept -51-2 -10-Phytop	SM256	88,48%	±	4,08%	124,76	±	7,44%	54,25%	±	2,93%
	0/001 12	SM <sub>32</sub>	100,60%	±	3,63%	119,06	±	4,77%	56,40%	±	1,97%
	ent -9(RS)-12-epi -ST-A -13-PhytoF	SM256	88,27%	±	4,03%	119,06	±	7,55%	46,83%	±	3,13%
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	ent -16(RS)-13-epi -51-6 -9-PhytoF	SM256	90,15%	±	4,22%	122,76	±	8,15%	49,21%	±	2,91%
	ent 16 E DhytoD	SM <sub>32</sub>	108,03%	±	3,29%	92,36	±	3,30%	55,67%	±	3,02%
	chi -10-r <sub>1t</sub> -rilytor	SM256	87,30%	±	9,02%	97,03	±	11,57%	46,48%	±	5,00%
	ent 16 ent 16 E Phytop	SM32	99,62%	±	3,79%	135,16	±	4,36%	52,89%	±	4,61%
	em -10-epi -10-rit-ritytor	SM256	86,92%	±	3,79%	123,57	±	7,24%	44,82%	±	3,48%
	0.5 PhytoP	SM <sub>32</sub>	93,36%	±	2,46%	169,63	±	2,52%	61,21%	±	3,79%
	5-rit-Filytor	SM256	87,10%	±	3,45%	123,73	±	7,33%	46,02%	±	3,31%
	9 eni 9 E Phytop	SM <sub>32</sub>	94,25%	±	1,85%	204,81	±	4,93%	61,73%	±	7,77%
	5-cpi-5-rg-rivor	SM256	86,10%	±	3,89%	125,18	±	7,71%	46,93%	±	3,06%
	ent 16B DhutoD	SM <sub>32</sub>	115,63%	±	3,01%	98,46	±	5,53%	90,44%	±	5,06%
	ent-100 <sub>1t</sub> -ruytor	SM256	87,61%	±	3,77%	91,42	±	7,91%	81,16%	±	2,96%
	ant QL PhytoP	SM <sub>32</sub>	128,95%	±	3,74%	119,84	±	5,12%	99,50%	±	6,44%
	ent-stat-rivtor	SM256	96,08%	±	4,43%	94,17	±	6,99%	92,82%	±	3,38%
	16/PS) 16 A Divite D	SM32	68,63%	÷	6,98%	160,94	±	8,37%	50,74%	±	7,95%
	10(N3)-10-A <sub>1t</sub> -Filytor	SM256	15,02%	±	3,30%	104,48	±	8,37%	9,48%	±	6,57%
	15 F IroD	SM32	116,17%	±	2,97%	155,19	±	4,52%	78,84%	±	7,22%
	13-F <sub>2t</sub> -150P	SM256	109,46%	±	2,76%	97,12	±	7,75%	68,27%	±	2,52%
	15 and 15 5 Jack	SM <sub>32</sub>	97,23%	÷	2,42%	142,96	±	2,57%	67,01%	±	6,64%
	13-epi-13-r <sub>2t</sub> -150r	SM256	79,82%	±	2,66%	98,44	±	7,52%	52,30%	±	2,38%
	E.F. IroD. F. and F.F. IroD	SM <sub>32</sub>	144,44%	±	3,08%	224,53	±	4,88%	99,55%	±	8,46%
	5-r2t-150P + 5-epi -5-r2t-150P	SM256	161,69%	±	1,03%	100,87	±	6,70%	108,83%	±	1,15%

Compounds	Group	L. digitata ng/g	±	SD	p-value	E. siliculosus ng/g	±	SD	p-value	F. spiralis ng/g	±	SD	p-value	P. canaliculata ng/g	±	SD	p-value	<i>O. pinnatifida</i> ng/g	±	SD	p-value	G. turuturu ng/g	±	SD	p-value
ent-16(RS)-9-epi-ST-∆14-10-PhytoF	Control	53,35	±	5,19	<0,0001	332,88	±	16,86	<0,0001	25,32	±	2,49	<0,0001	42,40	±	7,10	<0,0001	11,13	±	1,38	<0,0001	2,48	±	0,61	>0,9999
	Cupric Stress	101,82	±	1,75		11/6,45	±	132,82		51,08	±	1.00		17.00	±	14,77		30,64	±	4,67		2,45	±	0,58	
ent-9(RS)-12-epi-ST-D <sup>10</sup> -13-PhytoF	Cupric Stress	48,39	±	1,80	0,0182	363,69	±	68,37	<0,0001	13,71	±	1,09	0,0764	43,83	±	9,31	<0,0001	11,23	±	2,70	<0,0001	NQ.	±	NQ.	>0,9999
	Control	17,16	±	1,67		67,25	±	5,01		8,64	±	1,18		9,77	±	2,27		NQ	±	NQ		3,49	±	0,92	
ent-16(RS)-13-epi-ST-Δ <sup>14</sup> -9-PhytoF	Cupric Stress	43,81	±	2,01	0,0127	395,71	±	18,57	<0,0001 16,76	±	2,55	0,0098	27,55	±	7,88	0,004	13,47	±	1,98	<0,0001	4,50	±	1,44	>0,9999	
ent-16-F11-PhytoP + 9-epi-9-F11-	Control	71,23	±	7,10		75,28	±	8,66		8,66	±	2,34	0.000	20,65	±	2,64	0.4466	6,58	±	0,80		18,42	±	2,68	0.5055
PhytoP	Cupric Stress	149,03	±	13,48	<0,0001	326,04	±	47,63	<0,0001	12,73	±	2,68	0,6635	32,76	±	5,41	0,1466	13,87	±	2,40	<0,0001	56,90	±	13,82	0,5355
ant 16 ani 16 5 DhuteD	Control	28,18	±	4,14	0.0026	43,47	±	3,62	+0.0001	4,03	±	1,08	0.0007	6,34	±	0,85	0.0022	2,89	±	0,36	0.0000	8,96	±	1,75	0.0021
ent-16-epi-16-Pit-PilytoP	Cupric Stress	57,78	±	6,92	0,0050	176,14	±	24,78	<0,0001	5,90	±	1,19	0,9987	10,94	±	1,61	0,9955	6,01	±	1,10	0,0062	28,54	±	6,46	0,9951
0.5 05-4-0	Control	54,26	±	5,38	-0.0001	44,29	±	4,82	+0.0001	5,24	±	1,37	0,9987	14,74	±	1,39	0.2472	3,30	±	0,40	0.0000	9,59	±	1,68	0.0022
9-P <sub>11</sub> -PhytoP	Cupric Stress	92,33	±	5,78	<0,0001	190,89	±	28,98	<0,0001	7,12	±	1,44		25,79	±	2,96	0,2475	7,13	±	1,03	0,0005	29,10	±	6,14	0,9955
ent-16B -PhytoP	Control	27,08	±	0,82	0,9932 57,60 359,78	0.9932 57,60 ±	±	5,86	<0.0001	5,07	±	0,50	0.0055	13,44	±	1,77	0.0004	NQ.	±	NQ.	>0 9999	NQ	±	NQ.	50 9995
chi 100 <sub>11</sub> mytor	Cupric Stress	19,52	±	1,38		±	68,16	-0,0001	13,60	±	2,46	0,0033	34,30	±	7,29	0,0004	NQ.	±	NQ.	10,5555	NQ	±	NQ.	-0,5555	
ent-91 PhytoP	Control	48,47	±	1,18	0.0355	59,10	±	6,46	<0.0001 5,9	5,91	±	0,71	0.0102	23,34	±	2,49	<0.0001	NQ.	±	NQ.	>0.9999	NQ NQ	±	NQ.	>0.9999
	Cupric Stress	24,43	±	1,05	-,	367,26	±	75,45		14,01	±	2,47	0,0102	62,16	±	11,90	,	NQ.	±	NQ.		NQ	±	NQ.	,
16(RS)-16-A.,-PhytoP	Control	69,24	±	6,33	<0.0001	31,23	±	7,91	0.9734	NQ	±	NQ.	>0.9999	NQ	±	NQ	>0 9999	NQ.	±	NQ.	>0.9999	NQ	±	NQ.	>0.9999
	Cupric Stress	150,42	±	23,46		NQ.	±	NQ.	0,0.0.	NQ	±	NQ.	,	NQ	±	NQ	,	NQ.	±	NQ.	,	NQ	±	NQ.	,
15-FIsoP	Control	86,66	±	9,32	0.0007	19,10	±	2,29	0.2968	5,79	±	1,39	0.4331	37,49	±	3,68	< 0.0001	NQ.	±	NQ.	>0.9999	112,78	±	18,82	0.0011
21	Cupric Stress	119,77	±	2,08		80,23	±	11,72	.,	10,54	±	1,62		69,02	±	6,97		NQ.	±	NQ.		195,80	±	32,68	
15-epi-15-F <sub>21</sub> -IsoP	Control	79,09	±	6,43	0.0003	21,42	±	2,29	0.2319	5,15	±	0,92	0.6394	31,13	±	2,55	< 0.0001	NQ.	±	NQ.	>0.9999	93,35	±	11,54	0.8049
	Cupric Stress	113,83	±	2,94		85,70	±	12,89	.,	9,29	±	2,07		59,42	±	6,31	.,	NQ.	±	NQ.		124,69	±	19,10	
5-F2-IsoP + 5-epi-5-F2-IsoP	Control	342,60	±	34,25	<0,0001	106,30	±	9,61	<0,0001	27,41	±	4,91	<0,0001	99,55	±	9,86	<0,0001	NQ	±	NQ	>0,9999	689,56	±	40,74	0,0104
	Cupric Stress	456,87	±	23,30		432,68	±	48,11		57,49	±	9,23		156,84	±	22,28		NQ	±	NQ		619,76	±	139,46	