

1 **Distinct dissolved organic matter sources induce rapid transcriptional responses in co-**  
2 **existing populations of *Prochlorococcus*, *Pelagibacter* and the OM60 Clade**

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23 **Abstract**

24 A considerable fraction of the Earth's organic carbon exists in dissolved form in seawater.  
25 To investigate the roles of planktonic marine microbes in the biogeochemical cycling of  
26 this dissolved organic matter (DOM), we performed controlled seawater incubation  
27 experiments and followed the responses of an oligotrophic surface water microbial  
28 assemblage to perturbations with DOM derived from an axenic culture of  
29 *Prochlorococcus*, or high-molecular weight DOM concentrated from nearby surface  
30 waters. The rapid transcriptional responses of both *Prochlorococcus* and *Pelagibacter*  
31 populations suggested the utilization of organic nitrogen compounds common to both  
32 DOM treatments. Along with these responses, both populations demonstrated  
33 decreases in gene transcripts associated with nitrogen stress, including those involved in  
34 ammonium acquisition. In contrast, responses from low abundance organisms of the  
35 NOR5/OM60 gammaproteobacteria were observed later in the experiment, and  
36 included elevated levels of gene transcripts associated with polysaccharide uptake and  
37 oxidation. In total, these results suggest that numerically dominant oligotrophic  
38 microbes rapidly acquire nitrogen from commonly available organic sources, and also  
39 point to an important role for carbohydrates found within the DOM pool for sustaining  
40 the less abundant microorganisms in these oligotrophic systems.

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## 42 Introduction

43           Nearly one half of global primary production occurs in the ocean (Field et al.,  
44 1998) where a diverse group of phytoplankton fix carbon and nutrients into particulate  
45 organic matter (Azam, 1998). Exudation of metabolic waste products, viral lysis and  
46 predation all release a portion of microbial production into the water column as  
47 dissolved organic matter (DOM), a complex mixture of biochemicals of varying biological  
48 availability (lability) (Carlson, 2002) that changes in time and space (Aluwihare et al.,  
49 1999; Kujawinski et al., 2009; Mopper et al., 2007). DOM supports secondary  
50 production and microbial respiration (Hansell et al., 2009; del Giorgio and Duarte, 2002),  
51 with heterotrophic and mixotrophic picoplankton representing the main consumers.  
52 Understanding how picoplankton interact with this dynamic DOM reservoir is  
53 complicated by the inherent phylogenetic and population diversity of microbial  
54 communities, the complexities of their collective metabolic properties and interactions,  
55 and by our ability to measure microbial assemblage activities and responses on  
56 appropriate temporal and spatial scales. For these reasons, characterizing and  
57 quantifying microbial DOM cycling in the sea is a significant challenge.

58           Several recent studies using experimental incubations of seawater or microcosm  
59 perturbations have explored the consumption of phytoplankton-derived isotopically  
60 labeled DOM sources by examining uptake patterns and changes in community  
61 composition among diverse taxonomic groups (Nelson and Carlson, 2012; Sarmiento  
62 and Gasol, 2012). These studies indicate that organisms with different taxonomic  
63 affiliations and varying ecological growth strategies exhibit preferences in both the

64 phytoplankton-derived origin and compositional properties of DOM. Other recent  
65 studies have combined meta-omics approaches with temporal field observations or  
66 experimental microcosm perturbations in neritic systems to gain insight into taxon-  
67 specific microbial responses to changes in naturally derived sources of DOM (Poretsky  
68 et al., 2010; Rinta-Kanto et al., 2012; Teeling et al., 2012; Landa et al., 2013). These  
69 studies highlight patterns of taxon-specific resource partitioning of DOM, community  
70 strategies for energy scavenging under carbon limitation, and temporal successions of  
71 microbial populations in response to dynamic changes in natural DOM concentrations  
72 during a natural phytoplankton bloom. This previous work also demonstrates the utility  
73 of pairing DOM uptake experiments with meta-omics methodologies as a means of  
74 uncovering microbial taxa and metabolic strategies involved in marine DOM  
75 consumption.

76         The details of the functional and metabolic roles of specific microbial taxa in  
77 DOM degradation still remain largely unknown. Community response dynamics to DOM  
78 perturbations across short time scales are poorly understood, as most methods lack the  
79 necessary sensitivity to track transient responses. Such resolution would provide insight  
80 into the complex response mechanisms of microbial communities that result from both  
81 ecological variables and DOM resource partitioning. Here we report a microcosm-based  
82 DOM perturbation experiment in an oligotrophic region of the ocean focused on  
83 measuring rapid temporal response dynamics over a 36-hour period and the functional  
84 roles of oligotrophic taxa like *Prochlorococcus* and *Pelagibacter* that are ubiquitous in  
85 the open ocean (Lauro et al., 2009; Yooseph et al., 2010; Nelson and Carlson, 2012). Our

86 microcosm perturbations involved the addition of natural sources of DOM to seawater  
87 collected from within the surface mixed layer (35m) and placed in a temperature and  
88 light-controlled shipboard incubator. Incubations were conducted at Station ALOHA in  
89 the North Pacific Subtropical Gyre (NPSG), a region where the infrequency of deep-  
90 water mixing events results in low inorganic nutrient concentrations and limitation of  
91 primary production (Karl and Lukas, 1996; Karl et al., 2008). To study microbial  
92 communities under extreme oligotrophic conditions, perturbation experiments were  
93 conducted in late spring, a time of the year when the water column at Station ALOHA is  
94 highly stratified (Karl et al., 2012) and inorganic nutrient levels are frequently the most  
95 depleted (see supplementary figure S1).

96 To study differences in utilization of DOM from different sources, we examined  
97 the response of a single surface water microbial assemblage to perturbation with two  
98 distinct DOM types, comparing temporal observations from both treatments to a  
99 control microcosm. To examine breakdown of compounds in the standing DOM pool, we  
100 concentrated naturally occurring high-molecular weight dissolved organic matter  
101 (HMWDOM) on site from Station ALOHA surface seawater using an approach similar to  
102 that of McCarren *et al.* (2010). This size-fractionated DOM pool is considered to be  
103 “semi-labile”, rich in polysaccharides (Aluwihare et al., 2005) and other high-molecular  
104 weight compounds that might be preferred by specialist copiotrophic taxa (McCarren et  
105 al., 2010). In order to examine breakdown of newly produced “labile” DOM, a second  
106 DOM source was prepared by concentrating the hydrophobic fraction of exudate from  
107 an axenic culture of *Prochlorococcus* strain MIT9313 (ProDOM). *Prochlorococcus* is the

108 dominant photoautotroph in nutrient poor ocean gyres and heterotrophic taxa in these  
109 regions are likely adapted to utilizing substrates derived from their photosynthate  
110 (Partensky et al., 1999; Bertlissson et al., 2005). The use of hydrophobic exudate  
111 material permitted direct chemical analysis of the treatment DOM by mass  
112 spectrometry, thus providing data on the nature of metabolites present and their size  
113 distribution.

114 We monitored microbial community responses to DOM amendments using a  
115 variety of methods and compared these observations to a control microcosm. Flow  
116 cytometry was used track cell growth over a 36-hour period and  $\beta$ -glucosidase  
117 exoenzyme activity was determined from selected time points to assess polysaccharide  
118 utilization. Both metagenomic and metatranscriptomic data were obtained before  
119 perturbation from the 35 m seawater used for our microcosm experiment, as well as at  
120 36 h after amendment. Combined with metatranscriptomic data from the intervening 2,  
121 12, and 27 h time points, this experiment generated a detailed look at short-term  
122 temporal and functional responses of different microbial taxa to changes in ambient  
123 DOM quantity and quality.

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## 125 **Results**

### 126 ***Microbial community growth and exoenzyme activity***

127 The HMWDOM amendment increased concentrations of both dissolved organic  
128 carbon (DOC) and dissolved organic nitrogen (DON) by approximately 140%, while the  
129 ProDOM amendment increased DOC and DON by only 7%. DOC concentrations with  
130 standard deviation (SD) derived from triplicate measurements were 191  $\mu$ M C (SD 0.35)

131 for HMWDOM and 85.5  $\mu\text{M C}$  (SD 0.35) for ProDOM, approximately 2.4x and 1.1x the  
132 ambient value of 79.9  $\mu\text{M C}$  (SD 0.39) in the control microcosm. Both amendments  
133 increased DOC and DON concentrations in a manner that was proportional to the ratio  
134 of DOC:DON in the control. Despite these substantial differences in substrate quantity,  
135 both treatments induced similar patterns in growth relative to the control (Figure 1B  
136 and 1C), suggesting that the ProDOM treatment contained a higher proportion of labile  
137 DOM that could be converted into cellular biomass. Whereas the HMWDOM addition  
138 concentrated a fraction of the DOM already present in the sample, the ProDOM  
139 addition may have introduced exogenous DOM components to the community.  
140 Chemical analysis of the ProDOM material using high performance liquid  
141 chromatography-electrospray ionization mass spectrometry (HPLC-ESI-MS) revealed the  
142 presence of 1,491 low-molecular weight features with signal intensity at least 5-fold  
143 greater than the maximum noise level. These features ranged in size from 100.2-  
144 1,111.5 m/z, with the majority falling between 150-450 m/z. A control sample of Pro99  
145 medium incubated without inoculation and processed as described above for the  
146 ProDOM amendment confirmed that these features were absent from the background  
147 medium.

148 Flow cytometric analysis indicated two stages of diauxic-like growth in the  
149 microbial community over the 36 h time course in both treatments relative to the  
150 control. The first and larger increase in cell numbers occurred between 12 and 19 h in  
151 both treatments relative to the control, where *Prochlorococcus* cells accounted for the  
152 majority of the total cell growth observed in treatments between these time points

153 (Figures 1B-1G). The second, less pronounced growth stage in both DOM amended  
154 microcosms occurred between 19 and 36 h. Here, *Prochlorococcus* comprised a much  
155 smaller fraction of the total cell growth in the HMWDOM and ProDOM microcosms,  
156 indicating that heterotrophic bacterioplankton could be responsible for the later  
157 increases in cell numbers.

158         The final time point in both treatments was characterized by an increase in  $\beta$ -  
159 glucosidase exoenzyme activity (Figure 1H and 1I) consistent with heterotrophic growth  
160 at later time points.  $\beta$ -glucosidase is an enzyme produced by heterotrophic picoplankton  
161 that catalyzes the selective cleavage of glucosidic bonds in order to break down  
162 oligosaccharides into smaller sugars that can be transported into the cell. At the 36-hour  
163 time point, assays indicated a 130% increase in activity in the HMWDOM treatment and  
164 a 46% increase in activity in the ProDOM treatment relative to the control. These  
165 findings indicate the presence of polysaccharides in both treatments, and the level of  $\beta$ -  
166 glucosidase activity per unit carbon added in each treatment suggests that labile  
167 polysaccharides likely comprised a substantial proportion of the DOC in the ProDOM  
168 amendment. The observed increase in  $\beta$ -glucosidase activity at the final time point in  
169 both treatments was likely related to heterotrophic growth and activity in the latter  
170 stages of the experiment.

#### 171 ***Meta-genomic and -transcriptomic profiling of microcosm community structure***

172         Table 1 outlines read numbers and database statistics for community DNA and  
173 cDNA samples sequenced from each of the different microcosms. Sequences derived  
174 from rRNA reads were identified *in-silico* and removed from all libraries, and taxonomic  
175 and functional annotations for the resulting non-rRNA reads were obtained from the top



176 BLASTX hit against the NCBI-nr database. The number of matches to a particular  
177 taxonomic group or NCBI-nr reference gene were normalized to the total number of  
178 reads with significant matches to the database, allowing for comparisons across samples.

179       Microbial community composition in the 35 m seawater used for our microcosm  
180 experiments (0 h DNA) was dominated by *Prochlorococcus* and *Pelagibacter* (Figure 2A).  
181 Surface ecotypes of *Prochlorococcus* (Johnson et al., 2006) comprised approximately  
182 50% of metagenomic reads with a significant BLASTx hit to the NCBI-nr database. The  
183 next most abundant group in our starting community was *Pelagibacter*, which  
184 accounted for 10% of assignable reads at 0 h. The vast majority of *Pelagibacter*-like  
185 sequences shared highest similarity to the *Pelagibacter ubiquus* HTCC7211 genome, a  
186 strain cultivated from the oligotrophic Sargasso Sea (Stingl et al., 2007). Metagenomic  
187 samples taken from 36 h indicated small increases in the relative abundance of a variety  
188 of heterotrophic groups in both HMWDOM and ProDOM relative to the control (Figure  
189 2B). These groups were the OM60 gammaproteobacteria, Alteromonadales,  
190 Rhodobacterales, SAR116 and Flavobacteriales. DNA sequences from the SAR11 group  
191 increased in the ProDOM treatment by nearly 50% over the control, suggesting a  
192 preference for this DOM source.

193       *Prochlorococcus* and *Pelagibacter* appeared to be the most transcriptionally  
194 active taxa in our experiment, as indicated by the proportion of assignable reads  
195 belonging to these two groups in the 0h cDNA library (Figure 2A). cDNA libraries from  
196 subsequent time points indicated subtle changes in taxonomic activity over time in DOM  
197 enriched microcosms relative to the control. While these temporal sequence data

198 indicated only minor changes in taxonomic profiles in response to DOM perturbations  
199 on this short timescale, changes in gene expression patterns within the ambient  
200 microbial community at Station ALOHA were more pronounced. Figure 2C shows the  
201 taxonomic association of differentially expressed NCBI-nr genes that were significantly  
202 enriched (posterior probability of  $\geq 0.9$ ) in cDNA samples from the treatments relative  
203 to the control at each time point, where significantly underrepresented genes were  
204 excluded. From a taxonomic perspective, both treatments exhibited a similar temporal  
205 trend in differential gene expression. Across the first three time points the majority of  
206 differentially expressed transcripts were associated with *Prochlorococcus*. *Pelagibacter*  
207 demonstrated rapid responses in both treatments, with more consistent activity  
208 captured in the HMWDOM treatment, where there was an increase in differentially  
209 expressed transcripts at 27 h. The later time points indicated increasing transcript  
210 abundances from different heterotrophic taxa, particularly *Alteromonadales* and the  
211 OM60 clade, and these signals were typically observed earlier in ProDOM relative to  
212 HMWDOM. These taxonomic trends in differential gene expression mirrored the  
213 microbial community growth and abundance patterns (Figure 1B-G), where  
214 *Prochlorococcus*-like cells represented the majority of growth at earlier time points, but  
215 not later. Combined with high  $\beta$ -glucosidase activity at 36 h (Figure 1H and 1I), these  
216 independent methods of analysis support the hypothesis that a microbial succession in  
217 growth and activity occurred in our treatments in response to DOM perturbations.  
218 Abundant, oligotrophic taxa (*Prochlorococcus* and *Pelagibacter*) were observed to  
219 rapidly respond to changes in the ambient DOM pool. In contrast, the opportunistic

220 heterotrophic taxa (OM60, Alteromonadales, etc.) appeared to gradually increase in  
221 abundance, and their transcriptional responses became more apparent in the latter  
222 stages of the incubation.

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224 ***Taxon-specific responses to DOM perturbations inferred from genome-centric***  
225 ***transcriptomic analyses***

226 To gain additional insight into microbial community dynamics and the DOM  
227 substrate utilization patterns driving the microbial successions previously described, we  
228 performed differential gene expression analyses on changes in relative transcript  
229 abundance within specific taxonomic bins. We focused on those taxa with the greatest  
230 percentages of differentially expressed genes (relative to the control; Figure 2C), which  
231 were *Prochlorococcus*, *Pelagibacter*, and gammaproteobacteria from the OM60 clade.

232

233 ***Prochlorococcus***

234 DOM enrichments induced specific, rapid changes in *Prochlorococcus* gene  
235 expression in biosynthetic pathways as supported by the significant differential  
236 expression (DE) of KEGG orthologs (KOs) that were enriched in treatments (Figure 3A).  
237 Both DOM additions appeared to trigger a burst in protein biosynthesis in  
238 *Prochlorococcus* as the vast majority of DE KOs in the pathways Ribosome and  
239 Translation factors occurred at the 2 h time point in both treatments (dataset S2 and S3).  
240 *Prochlorococcus* also exhibited an immediate and sustained increase in the DE of KOs  
241 from pathways involved in genome replication and cell division (Figure 3A). The  
242 expression of KOs from lipid and starch biosynthesis pathways was also significantly

243 more abundant in DOM-enriched microcosms, suggesting increased levels of membrane  
244 biogenesis and carbon storage (Figure 3A). The greater number of DE KO's for protein,  
245 cell division and lipid biosynthesis pathways in ProDOM, combined with their higher  
246 percent increase relative to the HMWDOM treatment indicates that the magnitude of  
247 response by *Prochlorococcus* at the level of gene expression was more pronounced for  
248 ProDOM (Figure 3A). These observations support the hypothesis (also supported by the  
249 flow cytometry data) that ProDOM contained a greater amount of labile DOM, despite  
250 the higher quantity of carbon supplied in the HMWDOM treatment (Figure 1A).

251         The *Prochlorococcus* population in the control microcosm appeared to dedicate a  
252 greater fraction of its transcriptome to nitrogen acquisition and assimilation relative to  
253 the treatments. KOs involved in nitrogen metabolism and transport pathways were  
254 significantly under-represented in treatment samples (Figure 3A), including but not  
255 limited to the ammonium assimilation protein glutamine synthetase, and both the  
256 permease and substrate binding subunits of the Urea ABC transporter. Additionally,  
257 transcripts encoding an ammonium transporter ortholog unassigned in KEGG,  
258 represented the only *Prochlorococcus* ortholog that was significantly underrepresented  
259 in both treatments at every time point (see Cluster 287, Datasets S2 and S3). These  
260 nitrogen acquisition genes are highly expressed by *Prochlorococcus* as a nitrogen  
261 scavenging response to nitrogen stress in culture (Tolonen et al., 2006) and their  
262 underrepresentation in treatments could indicate that both DOM treatments provided a  
263 labile source of DON.

264 To obtain a better understanding of the DOM utilization patterns that  
265 contributed to the physiological responses observed in *Prochlorococcus*, the DE of  
266 orthologs belonging to auxiliary KEGG pathways (as opposed to core pathways involved  
267 in central metabolic processes) was examined in greater detail. The number of DE  
268 *Prochlorococcus* orthologs binned into these two pathway categories (auxiliary vs. core)  
269 is presented in table 2 and details regarding KEGG pathway assignments as core or  
270 auxiliary are presented in Supplementary Files 1 and 2. At 2 h, *Prochlorococcus*  
271 transcripts mapping to the KO D-amino acid oxidase exhibited an ~8-fold increase in  
272 both treatments relative to the control (Tables S1 and S2). This KO catalyzes the  
273 breakdown of D-amino acids into their corresponding oxo-acids and ammonium and its  
274 increased activity suggests a source of proteinaceous material common to both  
275 treatments, perhaps in the form of peptidoglycan. Breakdown of D-amino acids should  
276 directly correspond to an increase in glutamine and glutamate via GS-GOGAT  
277 ammonium assimilation (Muro-Pastor et al., 2005). An increase in cellular  
278 concentrations of glutamate is supported by the DE of a number of KOs involved in the  
279 biosynthesis of aspartate, proline and arginine - amino acids that use glutamate as a  
280 metabolic precursor (Tables S1 and S2). The enrichment of various DE orthologs  
281 encoding peptidases and proteases was also observed in treatment transcriptomes,  
282 suggesting *Prochlorococcus* was capable of the uptake and degradation of oligopeptides  
283 present in the DOM additions. Transcripts for five different *Prochlorococcus* proteases  
284 were exclusively enriched in the ProDOM treatment, and four of them were enriched at  
285 2 h, indicating a rapid response to an influx of protein. These observations indicate that

286 the *Prochlorococcus*-derived DOM fraction we employed was richer in labile protein  
287 material than HMWDOM derived from surface seawater, despite the large discrepancy  
288 in organic carbon quantity (Figure 1A).

### 289 ***Pelagibacter***

290 Similar to *Prochlorococcus*, *Pelagibacter* also exhibited rapid changes in gene  
291 expression in response to both HMWDOM and ProDOM enrichment. The majority of DE  
292 KO's involved in protein biosynthesis pathways occurred at the 2 and 12 h time points in  
293 both treatments (Figure 3B, datasets S4 and S5). The *Pelagibacter* population also  
294 demonstrated transcriptional growth signals in response to DOM perturbation (Figure  
295 3B) with DE KOs falling into the categories of DNA replication proteins and Chromosome.

296 Also like *Prochlorococcus*, *Pelagibacter* cells responded to DOM addition by  
297 decreasing the expression of orthologs involved in nitrogen acquisition. These include  
298 DE KOs from the pathway Nitrogen metabolism (Figure 3B, datasets S4 and S5), such as  
299 the ammonium assimilation protein glutamine synthetase and two paralogs of the  
300 glycine cleavage system T protein that could be involved in nitrogen acquisition via the  
301 breakdown of methylated organic nitrogen substrates (Sun et al., 2011). Transporters  
302 were significantly underrepresented in *Pelagibacter* in both DOM treatments (Figure  
303 3B). The majority of these DE KOs and other DE transport orthologs unannotated in  
304 KEGG were annotated in NCBI-nr as functioning in the uptake of organic or inorganic  
305 nitrogen containing compounds (Tables S3-S6).

306 Similar to *Prochlorococcus*, the underrepresentation of *Pelagibacter* transcripts  
307 related to nitrogen acquisition may also indicate that DOM additions provided a source  
308 of organic nitrogen. To gain further insight into *Pelagibacter* DOM substrate utilization

309 we examined differentially expressed KOs belonging to auxiliary pathways outside of  
310 those core pathways involved in central metabolic processes (see Table 2 for ortholog  
311 counts and Supplementary file 2 for pathway designations). The gene encoding formate-  
312 tetrahydrofolate ligase (*fhs*) was significantly enriched in *Pelagibacter* transcripts from  
313 the HMWDOM treatment at the 27 h time point (Table S7) and was on average 62%  
314 higher than the control across all time points, suggesting an influx of C1 groups entering  
315 the tetrahydrofolate (THF) oxidation pathway. Whereas transporters were generally  
316 underrepresented in the treatments, a few transporters appeared to be stimulated by  
317 the DOM additions (Tables S5 and S6). In the HMWDOM treatment, we observed  
318 significant enrichment of transcripts for the gene encoding the PheC transporter (Table  
319 S5), which is linked to the sarcosine oxidase operon in multiple *Pelagibacter* genomes.  
320 The DE of *fhs* and *pheC* potentially link the uptake of methylated organic nitrogen  
321 compounds, like sarcosine, to C1 oxidation in *Pelagibacter*, providing a mechanism for  
322 nitrogen acquisition and the production of energy needed to fuel the growth signals  
323 observed in KEGG pathways (Figure 3B).

324 In the ProDOM treatment, two *Pelagibacter* orthologs involved in homocysteine  
325 biosynthesis were enriched at the 2 h time point (Table S8). These were homoserine O-  
326 acetyltransferase (*metX*) and O-acetylhomoserine (thiol)-lyase (*metY*). Homocysteine is  
327 required by the enzyme betaine-homocysteine methyltransferase (BHMT) for the first  
328 demethylation step in glycine betaine degradation (Barra et al., 2006). The gene  
329 encoding BHMT was not detected as differentially expressed over the entire course of  
330 the experiment (likely due to its low representation among SAR11 transcripts), however

331 its expression was 4-fold higher in ProDOM relative to the control at 2 h (posterior  
332 probability = 0.63). Transcripts for a gene annotated as  $\gamma$ -butyrobetaine dioxygenase ( $\gamma$ -  
333 *bbh*) was enriched in ProDOM at 12 h and this protein catalyzes the first step in the  
334 degradation of  $\gamma$ -butyrobetaine, a substance whose degradation results in the  
335 production of glycine betaine (Kleber, 1997). In the *Pelagibacter* HTCC7211 genome,  
336 homologs encoding subunits of a L-proline/glycine betaine ABC transporter are linked to  
337 the  $\gamma$ -*bbh* gene. Together these observations suggest that the ProDOM treatment  
338 provided a source of  $\gamma$ -butyrobetaine- and glycine betaine-like substrates, thereby  
339 supplying *Pelagibacter* with a source of both nitrogen and energy.

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#### 341 **OM60 Clade**

342 Of the 3,666 OM60 clade ortholog clusters identified among the sequenced data  
343 (Dataset S1), 37 were detected as differentially expressed in cDNA samples from the  
344 HMWDOM treatment and 70 were detected from the ProDOM treatment. The vast  
345 majority of these DE orthologs occurred at the 27 and 36 h time points, and those  
346 enriched in treatments included orthologs from KEGG pathways involved in protein,  
347 nucleotide and peptidoglycan biosynthesis (Tables S9 and S10). These later time points  
348 also coincided with the growth of non-*Prochlorococcus* cell types in treatments as  
349 determined by flow cytometry data and increasing activity of  $\beta$ -glucosidase (Figure 1).

350 Interestingly, differentially expressed orthologs indicate OM60 polysaccharide  
351 utilization in both DOM treatments. Transcripts for a predicted beta-glucoside-specific  
352 TonB-receptor (cluster 4450) was enriched in both treatments at 27 and 36 h (Tables S9



353 and S10). In the HTCC2148 genome, this TonB receptor homolog is located downstream  
354 of a glycosyl hydrolase gene, which was significantly enriched in OM60 transcripts in the  
355 HMWDOM treatments at 27 h. Further examination of this glycosyl hydrolase (GH)  
356 homolog from the HTCC2148 genome using the database for Carbohydrate-active  
357 enzyme ANnotation (<http://csbl.bmb.uga.edu/dbCAN/>), found the signature catalytic  
358 motif EXDXXE of the GH16 family ([http://www.cazypedia.org/index.php/](http://www.cazypedia.org/index.php/Glycoside_Hydrolase_Family_16)  
359 [Glycoside\\_Hydrolase\\_Family\\_16](http://www.cazypedia.org/index.php/Glycoside_Hydrolase_Family_16), Michel et al., 2001), which is also present in the  
360 transcripts mapping to this region of the gene in both treatments. Enzymes of the GH16  
361 family are known to cleave  $\beta$ -1,3 linked glucans and galactans (Baumann et al., 2007;  
362 Hehemann et al., 2010), which are often abundant in HMWDOM (Aluwihare et al.,  
363 1997). GH16 enzymes preferentially hydrolyze longer-chain substrates, which could  
364 have provided the shorter oligosaccharides that induced  $\beta$ -glucosidase enzyme activity  
365 in the treatments (Figure 1G and H).

366 In accordance with signals for polysaccharide utilization and uptake, OM60  
367 transcripts from the ProDOM treatment (Table S10) showed enrichment in genes  
368 encoding glycolysis (enolase and pyruvate kinase at 27 h) and citric acid cycle enzymes  
369 (isocitrate dehydrogenase and succinyl-CoA synthetase at 36 h). That similar signals  
370 were not observed in HMWDOM (Table S9) may indicate a slower response time in this  
371 treatment compared to ProDOM. This hypothesis is supported by the higher proportion  
372 of OM60 transcripts relative to the entire community in ProDOM cDNA samples at 27  
373 and 36 h (Figure 2A) and the greater number of DE orthologs in this treatment. These  
374 observations once again suggest that the ProDOM amendment contained a higher

375 concentration of more labile substrates, which may have accelerated the rate at which  
376 the heterotrophic population was able to respond.

377

## 378 **Discussion**

379 We investigated the response of an oligotrophic microbial community to two  
380 organic carbon sources using controlled microcosm experiments in the North Pacific  
381 Subtropical Gyre. Both treatments induced similar patterns in cell growth, taxonomic  
382 response and exoenzyme activity despite differences in the quantity and quality of the  
383 carbon added. These observations suggest that ProDOM contained a greater proportion  
384 of labile carbon relative to HMWDOM, which represented a standing stock of semi-labile  
385 and refractory organic carbon subjected to persistent heterotrophic activity. This  
386 hypothesis is supported by transcriptional signals that indicate a stronger response to  
387 ProDOM by *Prochlorococcus* and the OM60 clade.

388 Relative to the control, the *Prochlorococcus* transcriptional responses from  
389 treatment microcosms indicated that DOM enrichments provided DON substrates in the  
390 form of proteinaceous material, which appeared linked to an increase in gene  
391 expression in biosynthetic pathways and a decrease in the expression of genes involved  
392 in nitrogen acquisition. Studies have shown that *Prochlorococcus* utilizes various  
393 nutrient acquisition strategies to circumvent nitrogen and phosphorus depletion  
394 (Martiny et al., 2006; Martiny et al., 2009), and highlighted the ability of this  
395 cyanobacterium to utilize organic nutrients for growth (Martínez et al., 2012; Gómez-  
396 Pereira et al., 2013; del Carmen Muñoz-Marín et al., 2013). Some studies suggest that

397 the ecological success of *Prochlorococcus* in oligotrophic regions of the ocean is due in  
398 part to their high uptake rate of amino acids (Zubkov et al., 2004; Mary et al., 2008),  
399 which can account for 33% of the total bacterioplankton turnover of these compounds  
400 in oligotrophic parts of the Arabian Sea (Zubkov et al., 2003). These authors note that  
401 the classical distinction between auto- and hetero-trophic organisms in the marine  
402 environment is blurred in oligotrophic waters where photosynthetic cyanobacteria often  
403 demonstrate mixotrophic tendencies by utilizing organic nutrients.

404         Similar to the *Prochlorococcus* population, *Pelagibacter* transcriptional responses  
405 in the treatments also indicated the utilization of DON substrates. *Pelagibacter*  
406 transcriptional signals for the utilization of methylated organic nitrogen compounds in  
407 the treatments appeared linked to the enrichment of transcripts from genes involved in  
408 biosynthetic processes and the underrepresentation of genes involved in nitrogen  
409 acquisition. *Pelagibacter* is capable of the uptake and degradation of a wide variety of  
410 one-carbon compounds including methyl functional groups from methylated  
411 compounds, which provide a source of energy via the C1 tetrahydrofolate (THF)  
412 oxidation pathway (Sun et al., 2011). Our results suggested that in addition to an energy  
413 source, *Pelagibacter* could utilize methylated organic nitrogen compounds from the  
414 ambient DOM pool to acquire nitrogen. A metaproteomic study conducted in the  
415 euphotic zone of the seasonally phosphorus-limited Sargasso Sea found that the  
416 periplasmic substrate-binding protein for phosphonate acquisition was among the most  
417 frequently detected *Pelagibacter* proteins (Sowell et al., 2009), indicating that these  
418 organisms rely on the ambient DOM pool for survival under nutrient poor conditions.

419 OM60 clade transcripts in the treatment microcosms were significantly enriched  
420 relative to the control at later time points, and involved genes in polysaccharide  
421 degradation and various biosynthetic processes. Whereas abundant taxa like  
422 *Prochlorococcus* and *Pelagibacter* demonstrated rapid responses to DOM enrichment,  
423 the OM60 population represented a low abundance group that responded at later time  
424 points. Many studies show that opportunistic, low abundance taxa bloom under  
425 increasing concentrations of organic nutrients (Cottrell and Kirchman, 2000; Eilers et al.,  
426 2000; McCarren et al., 2010; Romera-Castillo et al., 2011; Tada et al., 2011; Nelson and  
427 Carlson, 2012). These opportunistic taxa exhibit a “feast or famine” lifestyle (Nissen,  
428 1987; Flårdh et al., 1992; Srinivasan and Kjelleberg, 1998), and are often referred to as  
429 copiotrophs (Lauro et al., 2009; Yooseph et al., 2010). We suggest that oligotrophic  
430 conditions at Station ALOHA were likely responsible for the low abundance and activity  
431 of copiotrophs like members of the OM60 clade and that exposure to elevated  
432 concentrations of organic nutrients allowed this population to gradually increase in  
433 numbers such that their transcriptional responses became more apparent in the latter  
434 stages of the incubation.

435 McCarren *et al.* (2010) conducted a similar HMWDOM microcosm experiment  
436 within the mixed layer of the North Pacific Subtropical Gyre, however results from that  
437 study showed rapid and strong responses in copiotrophic taxa, particularly among  
438 organisms of the Alteromonadales. Differences in response dynamics between that  
439 study and the one presented here are likely the result of multiple variables. The  
440 McCarren *et al.* treatment had a DOC concentration that was 300% greater than

441 ambient conditions, more than double the amount of HMWDOM used here, and the  
442 percent abundance of cDNA reads from Alteromonadales was 300% greater in the  
443 starting community of that experiment relative to that observed in our experiments.  
444 These two variables implicate a potential founder effect for an organism known to have  
445 rapid growth kinetics under increasing substrate concentrations (Eilers et al., 2000).

446         A major challenge in microbial oceanography is to understand the mechanisms  
447 driving changes in community composition and activity across temporal and seasonal  
448 time scales (Fuhrman et al., 2006; Giovannoni and Vergin, 2012; Ottesen et al., 2013). In  
449 areas where seasonal stratification of the water column regularly occurs (Karl et al.,  
450 2012), an extremely oligotrophic microbial assemblage can result due to inorganic  
451 nutrient depletion. Amendment of such an assemblage with two distinct DOM sources  
452 indicated that numerically dominant oligotrophic microbes have the ability to rapidly  
453 acquire nitrogen from organic sources and implicates the importance of carbohydrates  
454 within the DOM pool for sustaining less abundant copiotrophic microorganisms in these  
455 systems.

## 456 **Experimental procedures**

### 457 ***Experimental setup and sample collection***

458         Seawater for microcosm incubation experiments was collected at 22° 45'N, 158°  
459 00'W from the bottom of the mixed layer (35 m) at dawn, on May 27, 2010. Hydrocasts  
460 for sampling were conducted using a conductivity-temperature-depth (CTD) rosette  
461 sampler aboard the R/V *Ka'imikai-o-Kanaloa*. Water was transferred to pre-acid-washed,  
462 sample-water rinsed 20 L polycarbonate bottles. The deck-board incubator was a blue

463 light type, which simulated light levels at ca. 10m (roughly 35% surface irradiance).  
464 Twenty-liter carboys were wrapped in a single layer of black fiberglass screen, to further  
465 decrease the light level inside the carboys to 14% surface irradiance, the *in situ* light  
466 intensity at 25-45m. Carboys were incubated in deck-board incubators supplied with  
467 flow-through surface seawater to maintain near *in situ* temperatures. The control  
468 microcosm consisted of 20 L of 35 m water and for the treatments 2 L of DOM  
469 concentrate (HMWDOM or ProDOM) was added to 18L of water obtained from 35 m  
470 depth for a total volume of 20 L.

#### 471 ***RNA and DNA sampling***

472 At selected time points, bacterioplankton biomass from ~2 L of sample water  
473 was rapidly collected for RNA extraction by first pre-filtering through a 1.6 µm glass fiber  
474 filter and then harvesting cells onto 0.2 µm Sterivex (Millipore) filters. Filtration was  
475 limited to 10 minutes or less. 1.8 ml of RNAlater® (Applied Biosystems) was added to the  
476 filter, which was subsequently capped and flash frozen at -80 °C. Samples were  
477 transported frozen in a dry shipper and stored at -80 °C until RNA extraction procedures.  
478 At both the beginning and end of the experiment, biomass was similarly collected for  
479 DNA samples. 18 L of seawater for T0 DNA sample collection were directly taken from  
480 the CTD bottle (not from the microcosms) and 5-6 L of water were filtered from the end  
481 of the experiment for DNA extractions. Filter units for DNA extraction were filled with  
482 lysis buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl, 40 mM EDTA, and 0.75 M sucrose), capped and frozen at -  
483 20 °C until extraction.

#### 484 ***RNA extraction***

485 Total RNA was extracted using the *mirVana*<sup>™</sup> miRNA Isolation kit (Ambion) with  
486 modification to account for the recovery of RNA from Sterivex filters. Filters were  
487 thawed on ice, and at which point RNeasy<sup>®</sup> was expelled via syringe and discarded. 1.5  
488 ml of Lysis/Binding Buffer was added to the filter, which was resealed and vigorously  
489 vortexed for 1 minute. 150 µl of miRNA Homogenate Additive was added, and after  
490 vortexing, the filter was incubated on ice for 10 minutes. The resulting lysate was  
491 removed with a syringe and divided into two 2ml tubes, which were processed  
492 separately through the remainder of the standard *mirVana*<sup>™</sup> miRNA Isolation kit  
493 protocol. Following purification of the total RNA from the *mirVana*<sup>™</sup> columns, samples  
494 resulting from a single filter were combined back together for genomic DNA removal  
495 with TURBO DNA-free<sup>™</sup>, then purified and concentrated using the RNeasy MinElute  
496 Cleanup kit (Qiagen).

#### 497 ***DNA Isolation***

498 Total DNA was extracted and purified using the Quick-Gene 610 I system (Fujifilm,  
499 Tokyo, Japan) and DNA Tissue Kit L with a modified lysis protocol. 50 mg of lysozyme  
500 was added to 1 ml of lysis buffer (described above), mixed by vortexing before 40 µl was  
501 added to thawed Sterivex filters. Filters were set in a rotating incubator at 37 °C for 45  
502 min. Following this, 100 µl each of the kit buffers EDT and MDT were added to the filter,  
503 which was incubated at 55 °C for 2 h with rotation. The lysate was decanted from the  
504 filter using a syringe, 2 ml LDT solution was added to the lysate, mixed by inversion, and  
505 incubated at 55 °C for a further 15 min without rotation. 2.7 ml EtOH was added and  
506 vigorously mixed by vortexing, at which point the sample was immediately loaded onto

507 the QuickGene column and placed in the Quick-Gene 610 I instrument for purification  
508 according to the manufacturer's DNA Tissue protocol, with an elution volume of 400 µl.

509 ***rRNA subtraction, RNA amplification, cDNA synthesis***

510 Ribosomal RNA transcripts were removed from total RNA extracts using a  
511 subtractive hybridization protocol published in Stewart et al. (2010) with slight  
512 modifications. Bacterial and archaeal 16S and 23S rRNA probes were separately  
513 amplified from DNA sampled from 0h and 36h microcosm communities using 50 µl  
514 Herculase II Fusion DNA Polymerase reactions and 30 ng of template DNA. PCR products  
515 from these individual reactions for each subunit were pooled together for PCR  
516 purification via the QIAquick PCR purification kit (Qiagen), eluted with 30 µl and DNA  
517 was quantified using a ND-1000 spectrophotometer (Nandrop technologies). Each  
518 elution was dried by speed vac (Savant) and concentrated to obtain the 250-500 ng  
519 required for the *in vitro* transcription to generate biotin labeled anti-sense rRNA probes.  
520 Hybridization reactions containing 150 ng of total community RNA was hybridized with  
521 1200 ng of rRNA probe master mix, which was comprised of 450 ng each bacterial and  
522 150 ng each archaeal small- and large-subunit rRNA probes. Probe removal was  
523 performed as indicated in Stewart *et al.* (2010).

524 Purified and concentrated rRNA subtracted RNA was linearly amplified and  
525 converted to cDNA using the MessageAmp™ II-Bacteria kit (Ambion) following the  
526 manufacturer's instructions and as originally described in Frias-Lopez et al. (2008).  
527 Samples containing 9 to 25 ng of RNA were polyadenylated using *Escherichia coli* poly(A)  
528 polymerase I. Poly(A)-tailed RNA was reverse transcribed using the oligo(dT) primer T7-



529 Bpml-d(T)<sub>16</sub>VN (5'-GCCAGTGAATTGTAATACGACTCACTATAGGGGCGACTGGAGTTTTTTTTT  
530 TTTTTTVN-3'), which contains a promoter sequence for T7 RNA polymerase and a  
531 recognition site for the restriction enzyme *Bpml*. cDNA templates were transcribed *in*  
532 *vitro* (37°C for 6h) resulting in µg quantities of antisense RNA (aRNA). The aRNA was the  
533 converted to double-stranded cDNA. First strand synthesis was performed using the  
534 SuperScript III First-Strand Synthesis System (Invitrogen) using random hexamer priming  
535 and second strand synthesis was accomplished using the SuperScript Double-Stranded  
536 cDNA synthesis kit (Invitrogen). cDNA was purified with the QIAquick PCR purification kit  
537 (Qiagen) before digestion with *Bpml* for 3 hours at 37°C to remove poly(A)-tails, after  
538 which *Bpml* was heat inactivated at 70°C for 20 minutes.

### 539 ***Pyrosequencing***

540 Pyrosequencing was performed using Titanium series chemistry on a Roche  
541 Genome Sequencer FLX instrument. Library construction followed the Titanium Rapid  
542 Library Preparation protocol. To obtain a size distribution of cDNA molecules that also  
543 contained smaller fragments, adaptor-ligated libraries were not diluted before size  
544 selection with AMPure XP beads. Library concentrations were determined using the  
545 Titanium slingshot kit (Fluidigm) and added to emulsion PCR reactions at 0.1 molecules  
546 per bead. 454 Life Sciences (Roche) standard protocols were used for sequencing and  
547 quality controls. The sequences reported in this paper have been deposited in the NCBI  
548 sequence read archive under study SRP021115.

### 549 ***Flow Cytometry***

550 At each time point, 5  $\mu$ l of 25% grade 1 glutaraldehyde (Sigma) was added to 1  
551 ml of seawater, mixed by inversion, incubated at room temperature for 10 minutes,  
552 then flash frozen in liquid N<sub>2</sub> and stored at -80 °C. Samples were thawed in the dark and  
553 cell counts were performed using an Influx cytometry platform (Becton Dickinson).  
554 *Prochlorococcus*-like cells were identified based on their unique red autofluorescence  
555 and scatter signals, using a 692 nm laser and vertical forward scatter. Prior to total cell  
556 counts, samples were stained with SYBR Green (Invitrogen, Carlsbad CA) for 10 min, and  
557 DNA-containing cells were identified based on SYBR fluorescence using a 530 nm laser  
558 and scatter signals (Marie et al., 1997). A minimum of 20,000 *Prochlorococcus*-like cells  
559 and 35,000 SYBR stained cells were counted per sample, where the count error based  
560 on a Poisson distribution is less than 1% of counts. Flow cytometry count data was  
561 analyzed using FlowJo software (Tree Star).

#### 562 ***Exoenzyme assay***

563  $\beta$ -glucosidase activity was measured as an increase in fluorescence of the  
564 product 4-Methylumbelliferone (MUF) released after enzymatic hydrolysis of the non-  
565 fluorescent 4-Methylumbelliferyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside (MUF-Glc; Sigma-Aldrich)  
566 substrate. The kinetic parameters of  $\beta$ -glucosidase activity for each time point were  
567 measured in a series of eight different MUF-Glc concentrations, ranging from 0.05 to  
568 100  $\mu$ M (final concentration). The highest concentration (in this case, 100  $\mu$ M) was  
569 saturating and was performed in triplicate for each sample individually. Summarized  
570 across all triplicate samples, the mean of the standard error was 1.4% and the standard

571 deviation of all the standard errors obtained was +/- 1.4% indicating low levels of  
572 variability.

573         The kinetic parameters were determined using the Hanes–Woolf plot graphical  
574 representation of the rearrangement of the Michaelis–Menten equation as follows:  $S:V$   
575  $= K_m :V_m + S:V_m$ , with the MUF-Glc concentration (S), the hydrolysis rate (V), the  
576 maximum hydrolysis rate ( $V_m$ ), and the half-saturation constant ( $K_m$ ). All samples were  
577 incubated in the dark at *in-situ* temperature in an incubator. Hydrolysis of MUF-Glc to  
578 MUF (excitation and emission: 359 and 449 nm, respectively) was measured on a  
579 Kontron SFM25 spectrofluorometer. At least four measurements were obtained within  
580 18 h to verify the linearity of the assay. A standard curve using MUF (Sigma-Aldrich)  
581 from 0 to 500 nM in 0.2  $\mu$ m-filtered and boiled seawater was used to calculate  
582 hydrolysis rates. Blanks (i.e., ultrapure water) and killed controls (i.e., sample fixed with  
583 0.2% paraformaldehyde, final concentration) were run periodically at saturating  
584 concentration and indicated no significant autohydrolysis of the substrate.

#### 585 ***Preparation of DOM amendments***

586         High-molecular weight DOM was isolated and concentrated from surface  
587 seawater as described in McCarren *et al.* (2010) with the following modifications. 434 L  
588 of surface seawater was obtained using acid-cleaned Teflon tubing connected to a  
589 compressed air-driven diaphragm pump (Wilden) and concentrated 100-fold over a  
590 period of 36 h using a single thin-film ultrafiltration membrane element (Spearation  
591 Engineering) in a custom-built polycarbonate membrane housing. Samples were taken  
592 for TOC quantification, cell counts, and viral particle counts from the raw seawater, 0.2

593  $\mu\text{m}$  filtrate, and permeate water periodically during ultrafiltration and from the  
594 concentrate upon completion. This sample suite was also taken after serial filtration of  
595 the concentrate through a 0.1  $\mu\text{m}$  Polycap TC prefilter (Whatman) followed by a 30-kDa  
596 polyethersulfone membrane (Millipore) to remove viral particles as described in  
597 McCarren *et al.* (2010). Cell and viral counts determined pre- and post-30kDa filtration  
598 using flow cytometry and fluorescence microscopy indicated the removal of cells, cell  
599 debris, and the reduction of virus particles below ambient concentrations of seawater  
600 from the mixed-layer at Station ALOHA (data not shown).

601 *Prochlorococcus*-derived DOM was isolated from an axenic culture of  
602 *Prochlorococcus* strain MIT9313 grown in 20 L of Pro99 medium prepared according to  
603 existing protocols (Moore *et al.*, 2007) in sterile Sargasso seawater. The culture was  
604 maintained at 22 °C and ca. 20  $\mu\text{mol photons/m}^2/\text{s}$  and monitored for growth using bulk  
605 fluorescence. Upon reaching stationary phase, cell biomass was removed by  
606 centrifugation and 0.1  $\mu\text{m}$  filtration (Whatman Polycap 36 TC capsule filter). Filtrate was  
607 acidified to pH 2-3 by adding trace metal grade hydrochloric acid before loading onto a  
608 custom packed column containing soxhlet purified octadecyl ( $\text{C}_{18}$ ) functionalized silica  
609 gel (Sigma-Aldrich) at a rate of 2 ml/min. The column was then washed with ultrapure  
610 water (pH 2-3) at a flow rate of 1 ml/min to remove salts before eluting with 10 column  
611 volumes of acidified HPLC-grade methanol (pH 2-3) at a rate of 1 ml/min. Salt removal  
612 was confirmed using a silver nitrate solution and the methanol elution was concentrated  
613 using a rotary evaporator. A subsample was taken for HPLC/MS analysis and the  
614 remaining sample was dried using filtered high purity nitrogen gas, rinsed with ultrapure

615 water to remove residual methanol, and then dried again. Dried ProDOM material was  
616 stored in a combusted amber vial in the dark prior to resuspension at sea in filtered (0.1  
617  $\mu\text{m}$  Polycap TC; Whatman) seawater collected from 35 m at Station ALOHA.

#### 618 ***Quantification of organic carbon and dissolved nitrogen***

619 Total organic carbon (TOC) and total dissolved nitrogen (TDN) were measured  
620 using the high temperature combustion method on a Shimadzu TOC-V<sub>CSH</sub> with platinized  
621 aluminum catalyst coupled to a TNM-1 total nitrogen detector, while particulate organic  
622 carbon (POC) was measured at the University of California Davis Stable Isotope Facility.  
623 Details regarding sample handling and processing are provided in Supplementary File 1.

#### 624 ***Chromatographic separation and detection of MIT9313 metabolites***

625 Chromatographic separation and detection of metabolites derived from  
626 *Prochlorococcus* strain MIT9313 was achieved using an Agilent 1200 series liquid  
627 chromatograph coupled to an Agilent 6130 mass spectrometer with an atmospheric  
628 electrospray ionization source. Mass spectral data was acquired from 100-2000 Da in  
629 the positive mode and ions with minimum signal intensity 5-fold greater than the  
630 maximum noise level were included in analysis. Details regarding run conditions and  
631 feature detection are provided in Supplementary File 1.

#### 632 ***Bioinformatics***

633 Metagenomic and metatranscriptomic sequences derived from rRNA were  
634 identified using BLASTN with a bit score cutoff of 50 against a database composed of 5S,  
635 16S, 18S, 23S and 28S rRNA sequences from microbial genomes and the SILVA LSU and  
636 SSU databases (<http://www.arb-silva.de>). Reads with best BLASTN hits to rRNA averaged

637 0.5% and 31% in DNA and cDNA libraries respectively, and these sequences were  
638 excluded from further analyses. Non-rRNA sequences with identical start sites (first 3  
639 bp), 99% identity and  $\leq 1$ -bp length difference were identified as probable artificially  
640 duplicated sequences (Stewart et al., 2010) and removed using the cd-hit program (Li  
641 and Godzik, 2006) and scripts developed in (Gomez-Alvarez et al., 2009). Non-rRNA  
642 sequences were compared with the 31 May 2010 version of NCBI's non-redundant (nr)  
643 protein reference database using BLASTX, and a bit score cutoff of 50 was used to  
644 identify significant matches. The MEGAN program (Huson et al., 2007) was used to  
645 assign sequences to a higher-order taxonomy where sequences were assigned to the  
646 lowest common ancestor of a set of taxa if the bit scores of any database matches were  
647 within 3% of the top-scoring hit. The number of reads with significant matches to  
648 different taxonomic orders was normalized according to the total number of all  
649 significant hits to the NCBI nr database for an individual sample.

650 To identify NCBI-nr reference genes with statistically significant read counts we  
651 used baySeq, a Bayesian method for identifying differential gene expression between  
652 samples (Hardcastle and Kelly, 2010). The differential expression of reference genes  
653 (posterior probability of  $\geq 0.9$ ) at the both the whole community and taxon-specific  
654 levels were determined between treatment and control metatranscriptomes for each  
655 time point individually (see Supplementary File 1 for further details).

656 Using the method published in Ottesen et al. (2013), taxon-specific ortholog  
657 sequence clusters were generated separately for *Prochlorococcus*, *Pelagibacter*, and the  
658 OM60 clade using sequenced genome representatives from NCBI. Within each taxon bin,

659 transcript counts for genes shared between multiple reference genomes of the same  
660 taxa were combined into ortholog counts annotated with KEGG pathway information  
661 (see Supplementary File 1 for further details). This approach was implemented to avoid  
662 artificial division of transcript pools from environmental organisms among multiple,  
663 imperfectly matched reference sequences (Ottesen et al., 2013). Analyses of  
664 transcriptional dynamics focused on changes in relative transcript abundance within  
665 each specific taxonomic bin. Significant DE of KEGG annotated orthologs (Datasets S2-  
666 S5) was used to direct and support comparisons of taxon-specific pathway abundances  
667 through time. In some cases, non-significant orthologs are discussed in taxon specific  
668 analyses as supporting information. Differentially expressed orthologs were further  
669 binned into central or auxiliary pathways (for specific details see Supplementary File 1).  
670 Heatmaps (Figure 3) were generated in R using the heatmap.2 function in gplots  
671 (Warnes et al., 2009).

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874 **Figure Legends**

875

876 **Figure 1.** Microbial community dynamics determined by flow cytometry and  $\beta$ -  
877 glucosidase exoenzyme assays. A) Shows the percent increase over ambient seawater  
878 concentration of DOC and DON in microcosm perturbation experiments. For absolute  
879 concentrations and their standard deviations see main text. Panels B) HMWDOM and C)  
880 ProDOM show total community cell counts, while panels D) HMWDOM and E) ProDOM  
881 show *Prochlorococcus*-like cell counts. Panels F) HMWDOM and G) ProDOM show  
882 *Prochlorococcus*-like cell growth as a percentage of total community growth that  
883 occurred within each of these treatments between consecutive time points. Panels H)  
884 and I) plot the cell specific  $\beta$ -glucosidase activity for control and treatment microcosm  
885 communities through time.

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887 **Figure 2.** NCBI order level taxonomy of DNA and cDNA reads through time. A)  
888 Proportion of the total number of assignable reads represented by a taxonomic order in  
889 DNA and cDNA libraries. Only those groups that represented >3% of assignable reads  
890 are shown B) The same as in A but only for selected heterotrophic taxa C) The  
891 taxonomic association of those NCBI-nr genes detected as enriched in cDNA from  
892 treatments relative to controls at each time point show which taxa exhibited changes in  
893 gene expression in response to DOM addition. The numbers in brackets along the x-axis  
894 denote the total number of NCBI-nr genes detected as significantly enriched in the  
895 treatment at each time point. All taxa shown in A) are present in C) with the exception  
896 of Caudovirales. Taxonomic representation of reads at the order level was chosen to

897 visually reduce the number of taxa represented on the plots, while simultaneously  
898 represent genomes from key divisions.

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900 **Figure 3.** Heatmaps depicting the relative abundance of metabolic pathways in the  
901 metatranscriptome of various taxonomic groups over time for both DOM treatments.

902 Pathway abundances for cDNA reads from each sample were calculated as a fraction of  
903 sequences mapping to a pathway over the total number of cDNA hits for a particular

904 taxon with a significant match in KEGG. Level 3 pathway abundance is calculated as the  
905 percent change in the treatment relative to the control ( $\% \text{ treatment} - \% \text{ control} / \% \text{ control}$ ),

906 such that a value of 1 in the heatmap represents a 100% increase in a pathway  
907 in the treatment relative to the control. The dendrogram clusters pathways by similar

908 mean abundance values. Note that all time points occurred during daylight hours. A) *Prochlorococcus*  
909 transcriptome. Only those pathways that have significant differentially

910 expressed KOs that were either enriched or underrepresented in both treatments  
911 relative to the control in at least 3 of the 4 time points are shown. B) *Pelagibacter*

912 transcriptome. The criteria for choosing pathways to display for *Pelagibacter* was slightly  
913 different from *Prochlorococcus*, in that only one treatment had to have DE KOs at 3 of 4

914 time points, rather than both. This was due to the decreased sequencing depth in  
915 *Pelagibacter*. Conflicting pathways that contained differentially expressed KOs that were

916 both enriched and underrepresented in treatments at 3 of 4 time points are excluded.  
917 The clusters indicated by the black dots represent pathways enriched in the treatment

918 by these criteria, and the remainder are those that were underrepresented. The  
919 numbers in brackets next to the pathway names (x/y) indicate the total sum of KOs



920 detected as differentially expressed (x) over the total number of KOs detected in that  
921 pathway (y) across all time points for HMWDOM (orange) and ProDOM (green). Note  
922 that DE KOs are sometimes assigned to multiple pathways encoding similar metabolic  
923 functions (e.g. DNA replication proteins and Chromosome). Therefore, combining the  
924 number of DE KOs from two pathways does not always equal the sum of the numbers in  
925 brackets.

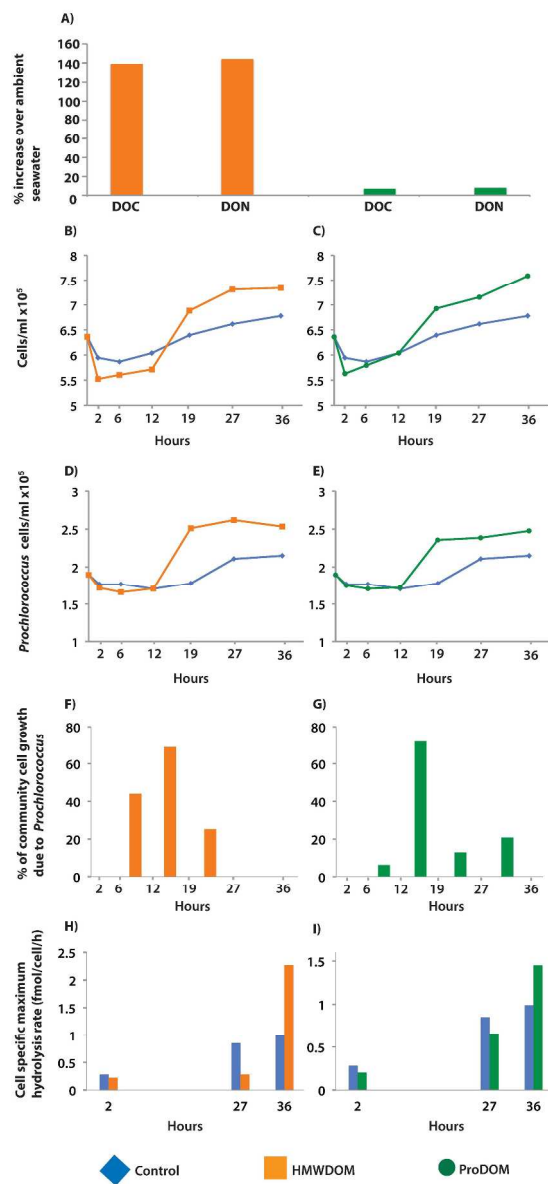
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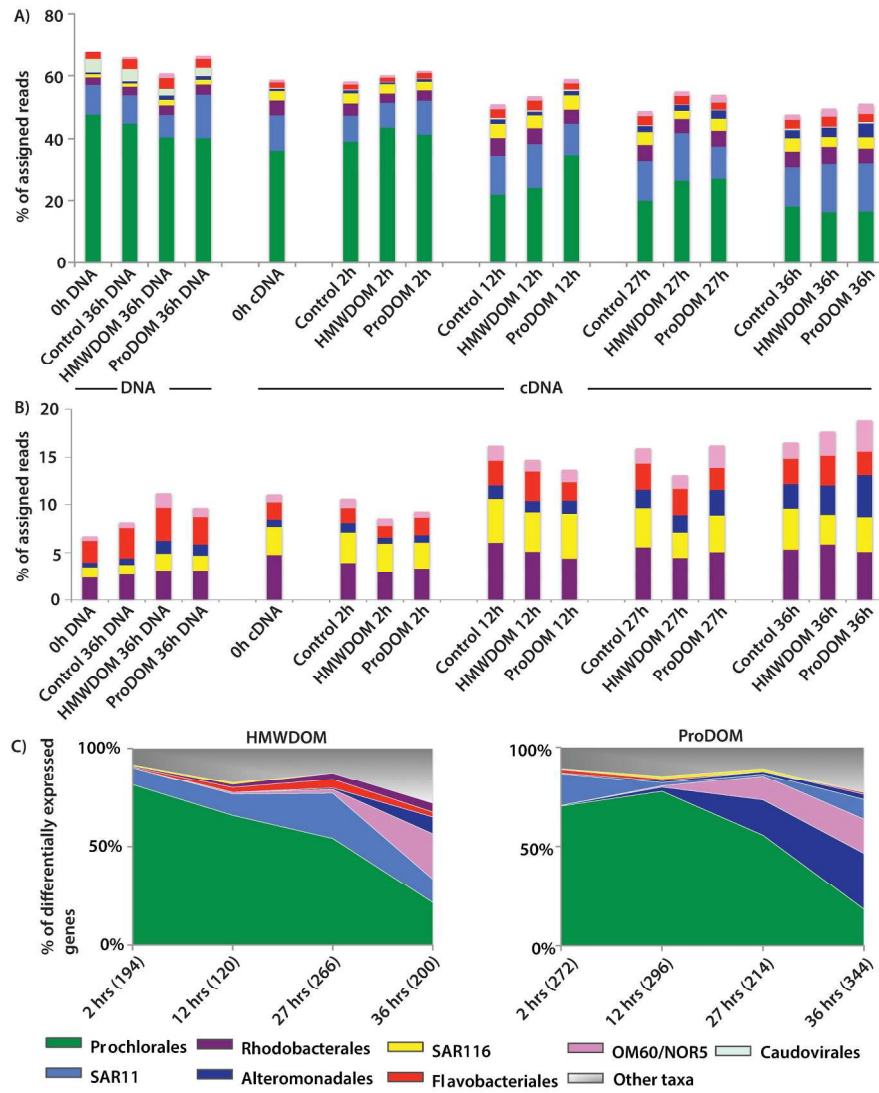
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Figure 1.



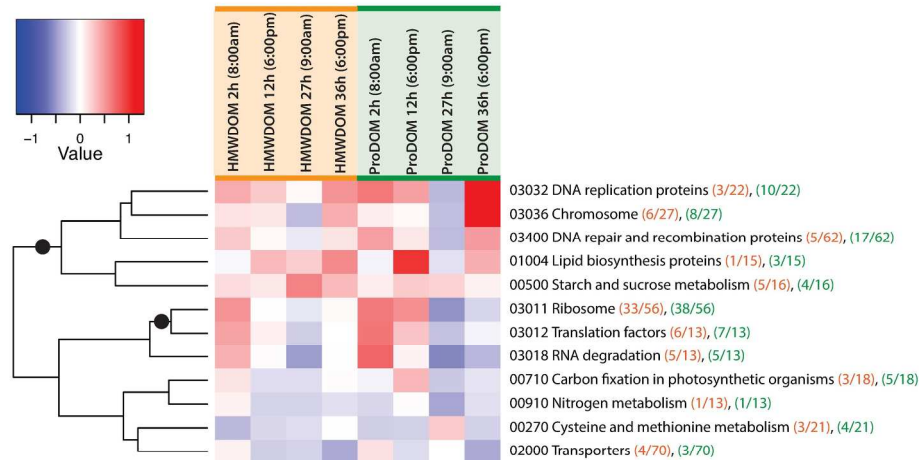
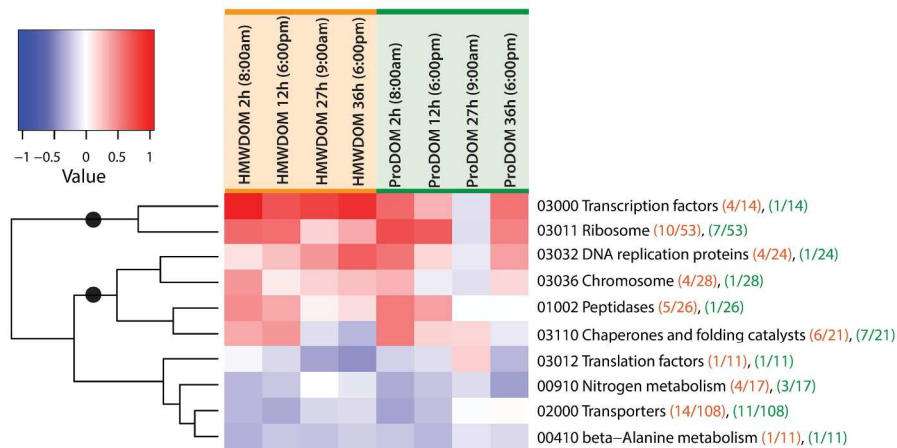
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Figure 2.



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Figure 3.

A) *Prochlorococcus*B) *Pelagibacter*

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Table 1. Read numbers and statistics

cDNA sample	Total reads <sup>1</sup>	Non-rRNA reads <sup>2</sup>	% rRNA <sup>3</sup>	NCBI hits <sup>4</sup>
0h	618918	369456	38.2	249185
Control 2h	711088	411428	38.6	298271
Control 12h	616224	431332	28.4	294160
Control 27h	593531	406165	30.2	261611
Control 36h	602581	417565	29.3	255126
HMWDOM 2h	556200	308146	42.4	194588
HMWDOM 12h	564333	401107	27.6	278836
HMWDOM 27h	534137	456035	14.0	314063
HMWDOM 36h	573227	462651	18.4	297466
ProDOM 2h	654338	472796	26.3	357097
ProDOM 12h	647187	255872	57.8	176581
ProDOM 27h	638776	432165	30.5	323866
ProDOM 36h	585229	439791	23.1	289130
DNA sample	Total reads	Non-rRNA reads	% rRNA	NCBI hits
0h	594218	591180	0.49	389357
Control 36	638559	635073	0.50	430104
HMWDOM 36	696659	692255	0.51	467678
ProDOM 36	618145	614493	0.52	452396

<sup>1</sup>Total number of sequence reads per run.

<sup>2</sup> Number of sequence reads after removal of rRNA sequences.

<sup>3</sup> The percentage of the total number of sequenced reads that had a best BLASTN hit to rRNA.

<sup>4</sup>Non-replicate, non-rRNA reads with a significant BLASTX hits to proteins in the NCBI non-redundant database.

Table 2. Number of *Prochlorococcus* and *Pelagibacter* ortholog clusters detected as differentially expressed (DE) in cDNA samples<sup>1</sup>

Organism and Treatment	Total DE + <sup>2</sup>	Core DE + <sup>3</sup>	Auxiliary DE + <sup>4</sup>	Unassigned DE + <sup>5</sup>	Total DE –	Core DE –	Auxiliary DE –	Unassigned DE –
<i>Prochlorococcus</i> HMWDOM	301/2743	114 (38%)	23 (8%)	164 (54%)	130/2743	72 (55%)	11 (9%)	47 (36%)
<i>Prochlorococcus</i> ProDOM	444 /2743	174 (39%)	35 (8%)	235 (53%)	211/2743	113 (54%)	22 (10%)	76 (36%)
<i>Pelagibacter</i> HMWDOM	100/1950	50 (50%)	17 (17%)	33 (33%)	46/1950	25 (55%)	2 (4%)	19 (41%)
<i>Pelagibacter</i> ProDOM	63/1950	32 (51%)	9 (14%)	22 (35%)	44/1950	23 (52%)	3 (7%)	18 (41%)

<sup>1</sup>The total number of ortholog clusters detected in all cDNA samples was 2734 for *Prochlorococcus* and 1950 for *Pelagibacter*. Those orthologs that were enriched in treatments relative to controls are indicated by + and those that were underrepresented as –. The number of ortholog clusters detected as DE in *Pelagibacter* is lower due to decreased sequencing depth compared to *Prochlorococcus*.

<sup>2</sup>Total DE refers to the total number of orthologs detected as DE as either enriched (+) in treatments relative to controls, or underrepresented (–)

<sup>3</sup>Core DE refers to the total number of orthologs detected as DE in a core pathway involved in central metabolic processes and the number in brackets represents their fraction of total DE orthologs

<sup>4</sup>Auxiliary DE refers to the total number of orthologs detected as DE in an auxiliary pathway and the number in brackets represents their fraction of total DE orthologs

<sup>5</sup>Unassigned DE refers to the total number of DE orthologs that were not assigned to KEGG level 3 pathways and the number in brackets represents their fraction of total DE orthologs

1 Supplementary file 1

2 Includes: Supplemental experimental procedures, Figure S1 and Tables S1-S12.

### 3 **Experimental procedures**

#### 4 **Quantification of organic carbon and dissolved nitrogen.**

5 Combusted glassware (450 °C for 8 h) was used for all sampling. Sub-samples of  
6 30 ml for total organic carbon (TOC) and total dissolved nitrogen (TDN) were transferred  
7 into glass vials and acidified with 150 µl of a 25% phosphoric acid solution before sealing  
8 with acid-washed Teflon lined septa and storage in the dark at 4 °C until processing.  
9 Sample concentrations were determined using the high temperature combustion  
10 method alongside potassium hydrogen phthalate and potassium nitrate standards and  
11 consensus reference materials provided by the DOC-CRM program  
12 ([www.rsmas.miami.edu/groups/biogeochem/CRM.html](http://www.rsmas.miami.edu/groups/biogeochem/CRM.html)). Particulate organic carbon  
13 (POC) analysis of solid-phase extracted *Prochlorococcus*-derived material was measured  
14 by placing 50 µl of sample onto a combusted 25 mm 0.7 µm glass fiber filter (Whatman  
15 GF/F) and allowing methanol to evaporate in a chemical hood. Filters were then placed  
16 inside a combusted glass petri dish, wrapped in foil, and immediately frozen. This  
17 process was repeated to obtain duplicate samples and blank filters with 50 µl of pure  
18 methanol added were also prepared. Filters were later thawed and put in a drying oven  
19 (60 °C) overnight to ensure they were thoroughly dried before encapsulation into 9x10  
20 mm tin capsules and shipped to the University of California Davis Stable Isotope Facility  
21 for quantification.

#### 22 **Chromatographic separation and detection of MIT9313 metabolites.**

23           Chromatographic separation was performed using an Agilent 1200 series liquid  
24 chromatograph comprised of a G1379B degasser, G1312A binary pump, G1367C  
25 automatic liquid sampler and F1315C diode array detector. The mobile phases were  
26 aqueous (A) formic acid (0.1%) and methanolic (B) formic acid (0.1% ). 25  $\mu$ l of the  
27 *Prochlorococcus*-derived sample was injected onto a ZORBAX SB-C18 column (Agilent;  
28 3.5  $\mu$ m 4.6x150 mm) at a flow of 1 ml/min (starting with 100% A, ramping to 80% B at  
29 25 min, ramping to 100% B at 35 min and holding until 55 min, ramping to 0% B at 65  
30 min and holding until 75 min). Full scan absorbance data were acquired from 210 to 800  
31 nm with a 2.0 nm step and 4 nm slit width. Mass spectrometry was performed in-line  
32 using an Agilent 6130 (single quadrupole) mass spectrometer with an atmospheric  
33 electrospray ionization source. Source conditions were as follows: drying gas at 11.5  
34 L/min, nebulizer at 60 psig, drying gas temperature at 300  $^{\circ}$ C, capillary voltages at + or -  
35 4000 V. Acquisition ranges were from 100-2000 Da in the positive mode and used a  
36 fragmentor at 4.0, threshold at 150 and a step size of 0.1. Data was processed using the  
37 molecular profiling software MZmine 2 (Pluskal et al., 2010). Ions with a minimum  
38 signal intensity at least 5-fold greater than the maximum noise level were detected  
39 using a centroid mass detector. Chromatograms were then built from the raw data  
40 using the same minimum signal intensity, a retention time tolerance of +/-5 s, and a  
41 mass tolerance of +/-0.3 *m/z*.

#### 42 ***BaySeq***

43           For statistical comparisons of metatranscriptomic samples from treatment and  
44 control time points, each sequence within a sample was assigned to a single reference



45 gene in the NCBI-nr database based on BLASTX alignment bit score. When a single  
46 sequence aligned equally well to multiple potential reference genes, it was assigned to  
47 the reference gene that was most frequently identified in the dataset. Whole  
48 community reference gene hit counts were normalized to the total reads that matched  
49 the database for an individual sample. Reference gene abundances between samples  
50 were compared using baySeq, a method that uses an empirical Bayes approach to  
51 detect patterns of differential gene expression within a set of samples (Hardcastle and  
52 Kelly, 2010). BaySeq can perform pairwise sample comparisons, but is also capable of  
53 more complex comparisons to account for experimental designs involving multiple  
54 sample groups, such as the two treatments used here. We took advantage of the ability  
55 of baySeq to extract information from multiple sample groups, and simultaneously  
56 evaluated five different differential gene expression models to categorize the  
57 differential expression of reference genes at the whole community level for each time  
58 point individually. The first model (DE.1) examined the reference gene counts from the  
59 control microcosm relative to both treatments, to identify the differential expression of  
60 genes that were common to both treatments. The second model (DE. 2) identified only  
61 those reference genes that were significantly differentially expressed in the HMWDOM  
62 treatment relative to both the control and the ProDOM treatment. The third model  
63 (DE.3) identified only those reference genes that were significantly differentially  
64 expressed in the ProDOM treatment relative to both the control and the HMWDOM  
65 treatment. Models DE.2 and DE.3 were used to identify biological signals specific to the  
66 degradation of each DOM source. The fourth model, DE.all identified those reference

67 genes that were differentially expressed in the Control, HMWDOM, and ProDOM data  
68 and accounted for varying levels of gene expression within a single reference gene  
69 across all three conditions. Finally, the fifth model, Non-differentially expressed (NDE)  
70 assessed the probability of the expression of a reference gene being unaffected by the  
71 treatments. Bayseq estimates a posterior probability of each of the models that define  
72 patterns of differential or non-differential expression for each reference gene, such that  
73 the sum of all probabilities for each of the five models for the count data for a single  
74 reference gene equals one. To detect the significance of the affect of a single treatment  
75 or both treatments, the posterior probabilities of certain models could be summed. For  
76 example, a reference gene was considered differentially expressed in the HMWDOM  
77 treatment if the summed posterior probabilities from models DE.2 and DE.4 were  
78 greater than 0.9, because both of these models account for an affect specifically due to  
79 this treatment. Similarly, a reference gene was considered differentially expressed in the  
80 ProDOM treatment if the summed posterior probabilities from models DE.3 and DE.4  
81 were greater than 0.9. If the posterior probabilities from models DE.1 and DE.4 were  
82 greater than 0.9, then a reference gene was considered differentially expressed in both  
83 treatments at a similar level. Additionally, differentially expressed reference genes were  
84 counted as enriched or underrepresented in a treatment based on their fold change  
85 between treatment and control. Differentially expressed reference genes from each of  
86 these five models provided a preliminary framework with which to understand  
87 similarities and differences that occurred in the treatments through time and helped  
88 guide and refine subsequent analyses at the organism level (particularly categorizing

89 pathways as central versus auxiliary). The data used to generate the plot in figure 2C  
90 was obtained by the following analysis: 1) Enumerate the number of differentially  
91 expressed reference genes enriched in a single treatment for each individual species  
92 name 2) Assign each species name and its differentially expressed reference gene  
93 counts to a taxonomic order.

#### 94 ***Taxon-specific ortholog clustering***

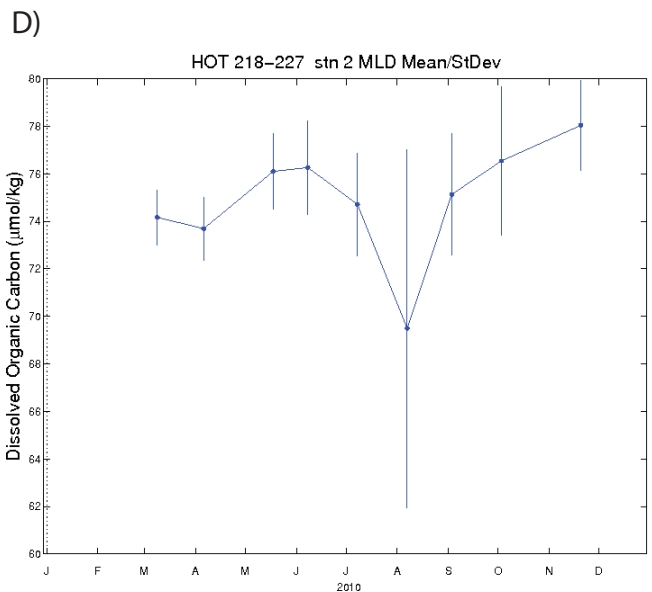
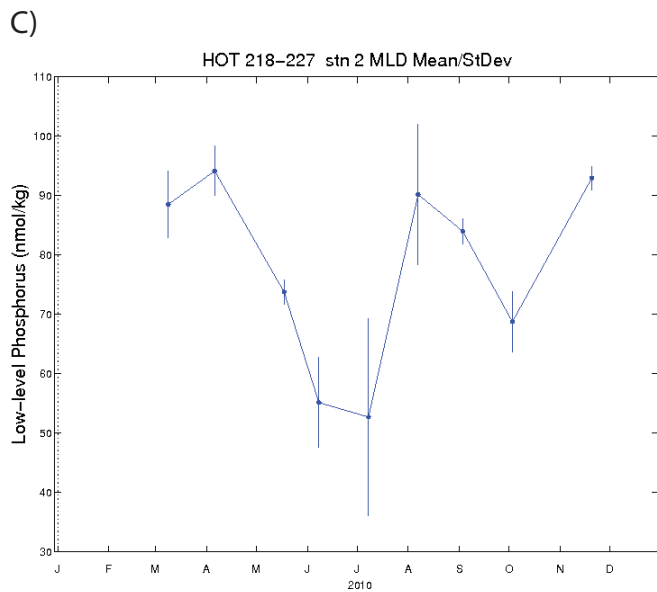
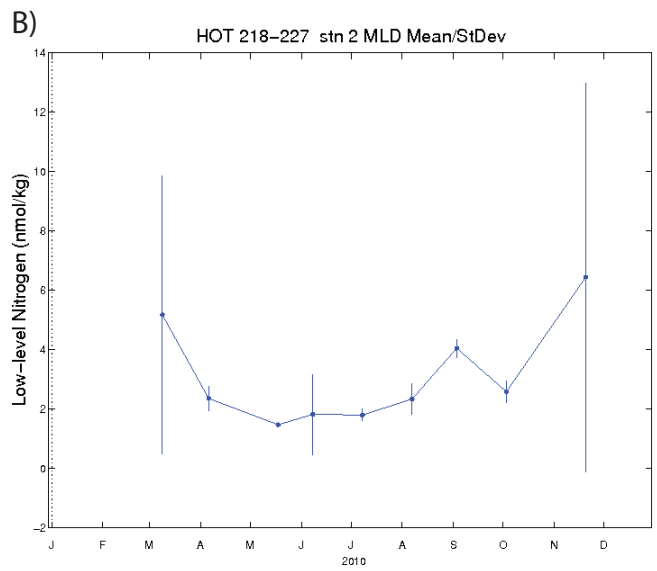
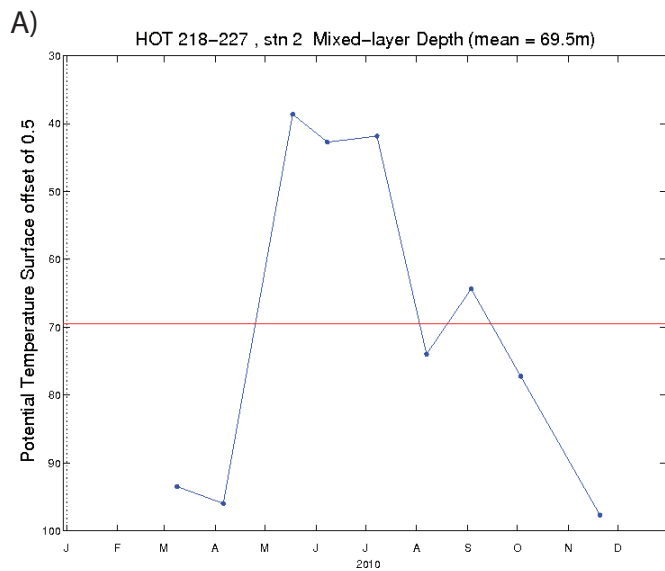
95 Pairwise reciprocal best BLAST hits between translated coding sequences of  
96 reference genomes within a single group were compiled to generate ortholog cluster  
97 assignments. For *Prochlorococcus*, the 13 genomes were: *P. marinus* str. AS9601; *P.*  
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102 *Pelagibacter* genomes were included in our analyses and these were: *P. Ubique* HTCC  
103 7211, *P. Ubique* HTCC1062; *P. Ubique* HTCC1002; *alpha proteobacterium* HIMB114.  
104 Seven OM60 genomes were included: *gamma proteobacterium* HIMB55, *gamma*  
105 *proteobacterium* NOR5-3, *gamma proteobacterium* NOR51-B, *Congregibacter litoralis*  
106 KT71, *marine gamma proteobacterium* HTCC2080, *gamma proteobacterium* IMCC3088,  
107 *marine gamma proteobacterium* HTCC2148. Identification of shared genes in each of  
108 these taxon specific groups used an e-value cutoff of  $10^{-5}$  and required 30% alignment  
109 identity over 80% of the longer sequence. Functional annotation of ortholog clusters  
110 used KEGG Genomes annotations where available (Ogata et al., 1999). Genomes from

111 these groups lacking curated annotations were analyzed using the KEGG automated  
112 annotation pipeline (KAAS) (Moriya et al., 2007). In some cases, metatranscriptomic  
113 sequences were mapped to reference genes that were not derived from sequenced  
114 genomes (i.e. environmental clones). Where possible, these references were assigned to  
115 ortholog clusters based on single-directional peptide BLAST (significance cutoffs as  
116 above). cDNA reads from our experiment with top BLASTx hits to a reference gene  
117 belonging to one of these three taxon bins were then mapped to their respective  
118 ortholog cluster (Dataset S1). For sequences matching equally well to multiple genes  
119 within the database (i.e. to multiple taxa), all matches were required to fall within the  
120 Cyanobacteria for assignment to *Prochlorococcus*, within the SAR11 cluster for  
121 *Pelagibacter* and within the OM60 clade itself for OM60 reads. Taxon-specific ortholog  
122 count files were used in baySeq in pairwise differential gene expression tests to identify  
123 those orthologs that were either enriched or under-represented in a single treatment  
124 relative to the control at each time point. For taxon-specific analyses, we opted to do  
125 pairwise comparisons between a single treatment and sample at each time point for  
126 organism specific bins and tease apart the differences and similarities between  
127 treatments by examining differentially expressed orthologs in central and auxiliary  
128 metabolic pathways as outlined in the results and discussion. The structure for this  
129 analysis pipeline was informed and guided by preliminary results from the whole  
130 community baySeq analysis, which indicated that many differentially expressed  
131 reference genes shared between both treatments were due to growth signals such as  
132 ribosomal proteins. The differential gene expression of individual KEGG annotated

133 orthologs was used to direct and support comparisons of taxon-specific pathway  
134 abundances between treatment and control cDNA samples (Figure 3, Datasets S2-S5).  
135 Changes in pathway abundances supported by DE KOs between treatment and control  
136 time points for *Prochlorococcus* and *Pelagibacter* were displayed in heatmaps (Figure 3)  
137 which were generated in R using the heatmap.2 function in gplots (Warnes et al., 2009)  
138 (<http://hosho.ees.hokudai.ac.jp/~kubo/Rdoc/library/gplots/html/00Index.html>).  
139 Many DE orthologs from *Prochlorococcus* and *Pelagibacter* were from central metabolic  
140 pathways involved in growth, biosynthetic, or photosynthetic responses, providing  
141 information about the physiological state of the cell. To more efficiently examine the  
142 differential expression of orthologs involved in the degradation of specific DOM  
143 compounds, DE KOs involved in central metabolic pathways were filtered from the  
144 complete list of all DE orthologs detected from these organisms. The complete list of  
145 central metabolic pathways used to filter DE orthologs for each organism can be found  
146 in Supplementary file 2, along with the resulting list of auxiliary pathways. To eliminate  
147 redundancy, this list of central metabolic pathways also includes any pathway  
148 represented in the heatmaps in Figure 3, and often includes pathways that had no  
149 representation among the cDNA reads (but were included in that organism's complete  
150 list of pathways because they were present among DNA reads). DE orthologs from  
151 auxiliary pathways for *Prochlorococcus* are in tables S1-2 and *Pelagibacter* in tables S7-8.  
152 In the case of the OM60 clade, the majority of DE occurred in the final two time points,  
153 and all DE orthologs detected as enriched or underrepresented are displayed in Tables  
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Supplementary Figure 1. Physiochemical characteristics of the mixed surface layer at Station ALOHA in 2010 plotted from the Hawaii Ocean Time-series Data Organization & Graphical System (HOT-DOGS) website (<http://hahana.soest.hawaii.edu/hot/hot-dogs/>) A) Monthly mixed layer depth calculated using potential temperature. B) Mean and standard deviation of monthly Low-level Nitrogen within the mixed layer depth. C) Mean and standard deviation of monthly Low-level Phosphate within the mixed layer depth. D) Mean and standard deviation of monthly Dissolved Organic Carbon within the mixed layer depth.

Table S1: Differentially expressed Prochlorococcus Orthologs enriched in HMWDOM belonging to auxiliary KEGG level 3 pathways<sup>1</sup>

Ortholog	KO	KEGG Level <sup>2</sup>	Avg. fold change <sup>3</sup>	Time point <sup>4</sup>
Cluster 1909	K00540 K00273, DAO; D-amino-acid oxidase [EC:1.4.3.3]	00260 Glycine, serine and threonine metabolism	7.96	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 729	K00812, aspB; aspartate aminotransferase [EC:2.6.1.1]	00250 Alanine, aspartate and glutamate metabolism	3.76	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 172	K00297, metF; methylenetetrahydrofolate reductase (NADPH) [EC:1.5.1.20]	00680 Methane metabolism	3.63	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 25	K00946, thil; thiamine-monophosphate kinase [EC:2.7.4.16]	00730 Thiamine metabolism	3.04	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 1458	K00611, OTC, argI; ornithine carbamoyltransferase [EC:2.1.3.3]	00330 Arginine and proline metabolism	2.41	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 53	K00620 argJ; glutamate N-acetyltransferase / amino-acid N-acetyltransferase [EC:2.3.1.35 2.3.1.1]	00330 Arginine and proline metabolism	3.98	12h (6:00 PM), 36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 449	K00286, proC; pyrroline-5-carboxylate reductase [EC:1.5.1.2]	00330 Arginine and proline metabolism	2.38	12h (6:00 PM), 36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1180	K08479 sasA; two-component system, OmpR family, clock-associated histidine kinase SasA [EC:2.7.13.3]	02020 Two-component system	5.70	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 2296	K03073 secE; preprotein translocase subunit SecE	02044 Secretion system	5.07	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 1344	rhomboid family membrane serine protease	01002 Peptidases	4.94	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 393	K01259 pip; proline iminopeptidase [EC:3.4.11.5]	00330 Arginine and proline metabolism	4.65	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 1861	K01358 clpP; ClpP; ATP-dependent Clp protease, protease subunit [EC:3.4.21.92]	01002 Peptidases	4.16	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 1490	putative signal peptidase; Signal peptidase I;	01002 Peptidases	2.94	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 227	ATP-dependent ClpB protease Hsp 100	01002 Peptidases	2.60	27h (9:00 AM), 36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1812	K00820, glnS; glucosamine-fructose-6-phosphate aminotransferase (isomerizing) [EC:2.6.1.16]	00250 Alanine, aspartate and glutamate metabolism	2.33	27h (9:00 AM), 36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1858	K01714 dapA; dihydrodipicolinate synthase [EC:4.2.1.52]	00300 Lysine biosynthesis	1.73	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 147	K10697 rpaA; two-component system, OmpR family, response regulator RpaA	02020 Two-component system	1.66	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 3062	K02473, whpP; UDP-N-acetylglucosamine 4-epimerase [EC:5.1.3.7]	00520 Amino sugar and nucleotide sugar metabolism	inf	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 5393	K03116 tatA; sec-independent protein translocase protein Tata	03060 Protein export	inf	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1643	K00969 nrdD; nicotinate-nucleotide adenyltransferase [EC:2.7.7.18]	00760 Nicotinate and nicotinamide metabolism	10.53	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 623	K00383, GSR, gor; glutathione reductase (NADPH) [EC:1.8.1.7]	00480 Glutathione metabolism	5.26	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 339	K07738 nrdB; transcriptional repressor NrdR	03000 Transcription factors	2.98	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1168	K01649, leuA; 2-isopropylmalate synthase [EC:2.3.3.13]	00290 Valine, leucine and isoleucine biosynthesis	2.87	36h (6:00 PM)

<sup>1</sup> Prochlorococcus orthologs detected among all cDNA and DNA samples in this experiment represented 140 KEGG level 3 pathways that were sorted into 50 core pathways and 90 auxiliary pathways. Core pathways were defined as those involved in DNA replication, cell growth, biosynthesis and photosynthesis. Auxiliary pathways represent the remainder of pathways. Only those Prochlorococcus orthologs that were detected as DE and belonged to an auxiliary KEGG level 3 pathway are represented. For each KO, only two pathways are shown. Sometimes a Prochlorococcus ortholog had two KO numbers, and in those cases, only a single functional annotation is represented. Peptide orthologs without a KO number were manually assigned to a pathway based on NCBI annotation.

<sup>2</sup> Amino acid metabolism was included among the auxiliary pathways as it should be directly affected by increased nitrogen availability.

<sup>3</sup> Indicates the average fold change if the ortholog was differentially expressed at multiple time points

<sup>4</sup> Time point(s) that the ortholog was detected as differentially expressed



Table S2: Differentially expressed *Prochlorococcus* Orthologs enriched in ProDOM belonging to auxiliary KEGG level 3 pathways<sup>1</sup>

Ortholog	KO	KEGG Level <sup>3</sup>	Avg. fold change <sup>2</sup>	Time point <sup>3</sup>
Cluster 1883	metal-dependent protease; conserved hypothetical protein;	01002 Peptidases	Inf	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 1909	K00540 K00273, DAO; D-amino-acid oxidase [EC:1.4.3.3]	00260 Glycine, serine and threonine metabolism	9.35	2h (8:00 AM), 12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 5067	K01625 eda; 2, dehydro-3-deoxyphosphogluconate aldolase [EC:4.1.2.14.4.1.3.16]	00330 Pentose phosphate pathway	9.32	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 158	putative metal-dependent protease; putative molecular chaperone	01002 Peptidases	8.93	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 48	K01585, speA; arginine decarboxylase [EC:4.1.1.19]	00330 Arginine and proline metabolism	5.96	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 63	Dipeptidyl aminopeptidases/acylaminoacyl-peptidases	01002 Peptidases	4.86	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 623	K00383, GSR, gor; glutathione reductase (NADPH) [EC:1.1.1.7]	00480 Glutathione metabolism	4.40	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 25	K00946, thl; thiamine-monophosphate kinase [EC:2.7.4.16]	00730 Thiamine metabolism	4.07	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 1528	K01255 CARR, pepA; leucyl aminopeptidase [EC:3.4.11.1]	01002 Peptidases	3.07	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 1458	K00611, OTC, argB, argI; ornithine carbamoyltransferase [EC:2.1.3.3]	00330 Arginine and proline metabolism	2.79	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 172	K00297, metF; methylenetetrahydrofolate reductase (NADPH) [EC:1.5.1.20]	00680 Methane metabolism	2.78	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 153	K11329 rpaB; two-component system, OmpR family, response regulator RpaB	02020 Two-component system	1.77	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 1699	K10206, L-diaminomelate aminotransferase [EC:2.6.1.83]	00300 Lysine biosynthesis	1.77	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 1743	K03076 secY; preprotein translocase subunit SecY	03060 Protein export	1.70	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 1344	thomboid family membrane serine protease	01002 Peptidases	15.92	12h (6:00 PM), 27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 1848	K00794 ribH; riboflavin synthase beta chain [EC:2.5.1.-]	00740 Riboflavin metabolism	4.54	12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 522	K03118 tatC; sec-independent protein translocase protein TatC	03060 Protein export	3.92	12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1023	K03568 tldD; TldD protein	01002 Peptidases	3.53	12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1893	K00605, gcvT; aminomethyltransferase [EC:2.1.2.10]	00260 Glycine, serine and threonine metabolism	3.08	12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1812	K00820, gms5; glucosamine-fructose-6-phosphate aminotransferase (isomerizing) [EC:2.6.1.16]	00250 Alanine, aspartate and glutamate metabolism	2.56	12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1830	K01077, phoA, phoB; alkaline phosphatase [EC:3.1.3.1]	00361 gamma-Hexachlorocyclohexane degradation	2.37	12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 504	K02259 COX15; cytochrome c oxidase subunit XV assembly protein	00860 Porphyrin and chlorophyll metabolism	1.81	12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 393	K01259 plp; proline iminopeptidase [EC:3.4.11.5]	00330 Arginine and proline metabolism	4.06	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 1690	trypsin-like serine protease	01002 Peptidases	2.58	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 1508	K01358 dpp, CLPP; ATP-dependent Clp protease, protease subunit [EC:3.4.21.92]	01002 Peptidases	2.22	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 1509	K01358 dpp, CLPP; ATP-dependent Clp protease, protease subunit [EC:3.4.21.92]	01002 Peptidases	2.18	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 818	K00392, sir; sulfite reductase (ferredoxin) [EC:1.8.7.1]	00450 Selenoamino acid metabolism	2.06	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 1643	K00969 nadD; nicotinate-nucleotide adenyltransferase [EC:2.7.7.18]	00760 Nicotinate and nicotinamide metabolism	17.05	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1187	K01583, K01582, lysine decarboxylase [EC:4.1.1.19]	00330 Arginine and proline metabolism	5.07	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 449	K00286, proC; pyrroline-5-carboxylate reductase [EC:1.5.1.2]	00330 Arginine and proline metabolism	4.75	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 53	K00620 argJ; glutamate N-acetyltransferase / amino-acid N-acetyltransferase [EC:2.3.1.35.2.3.1.1]	00330 Arginine and proline metabolism	4.51	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 13	K01755, argH; argininosuccinate lyase [EC:4.3.2.1]	00250 Alanine, aspartate and glutamate metabolism	4.03	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 339	K07738 ndrB; transcriptional repressor NdrR	03000 Transcription factors	3.34	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 36	K05912 K00436 E1.12.1.2; hydrogen dehydrogenase [EC:1.12.1.2]	00630 Glyoxylate and dicarboxylate metabolism	2.12	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 350	K03797, prc, ctpA; carboxyl-terminal processing protease [EC:3.4.21.102]	01002 Peptidases	1.98	36h (6:00 PM)

<sup>1</sup> *Prochlorococcus* orthologs detected among all cDNA and DNA samples in this experiment represented 140 KEGG level 3 pathways that were sorted into 50 core pathways and 90 auxiliary pathways. Core pathways were defined as those involved in DNA replication, cell growth, biosynthesis and photosynthesis. Auxiliary pathways represent the remainder of pathways. Only those *Prochlorococcus* orthologs that were detected as DE and belonged to an auxiliary KEGG level 3 pathway are represented. For each KO, only two pathways are shown. Sometimes a *Prochlorococcus* ortholog had two KO numbers, and in those cases, only a single functional annotation is represented. Peptide orthologs without a KO number were manually assigned to a pathway based on NCBI annotation.

<sup>2</sup> Amino acid metabolism was included among the auxiliary pathways as it should be directly affected by increased nitrogen availability.

<sup>3</sup> Indicates the average fold change if the ortholog was differentially expressed at multiple time points

<sup>4</sup> Time point(s) that the ortholog was detected as differentially expressed

Table S3: Differentially expressed *Pelagibacter* transport Orthologs underrepresented in HMWDOM<sup>1</sup>

Ortholog	Annotation	Avg. fold change <sup>2</sup>	Time point <sup>3</sup>
Cluster 1009	K02025 ABC-type amino acid transport system, permealase component	0.00	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 973	Probable ammonium transporter, marine subtype	0.43	2h (8:00 AM),12h (6:00 PM),27h (9:00 AM),36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 643	K02002 Glycine betaine/proline transport system substrate-binding protein (prox)	0.44	2h (8:00 AM),12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 600	K02051 Sulfonate/nitrate/taurine transport system substrate-binding protein (ssuA, tauA)	0.45	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 1323	K01999 Branched-chain amino acid transport system substrate-binding protein (lwk)	0.57	2h (8:00 AM),12h (6:00 PM),27h (9:00 AM),36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1203	K09969 General L-amino acid transport system substrate-binding protein (aapl, bztA)	0.59	2h (8:00 AM),12h (6:00 PM),27h (9:00 AM),36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 971	TRAP-type bacterial extracellular solute-binding protein, family 7	0	12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1289	TRAP dicarboxylate transporter, dctp subunit	0.19	12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1830	TRAP-type extracellular solute-binding protein	0.22	12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 753	K02002 Glycine betaine/proline transport system substrate-binding protein (prox)	0.30	12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 2267	Ammonium transporter	0.36	12h (6:00 PM),36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1286	Ammonium transporter	0.50	12h (6:00 PM),36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1145	K06901 Xanthine/uracil/vitamin C permease family protein	0.53	12h (6:00 PM),27h (9:00 AM),36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 688	K10018 Octopine/nopaline transport system substrate-binding protein (occt, nocT)	0.54	12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1786	K02027 ABC-type sugar transport system, periplasmic	0.55	12h (6:00 PM),36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 297	TRAP dicarboxylate transporter - DctP subunit (mammil)/chloroaromatic compounds	0.57	12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 130	K01999 Branched-chain amino acid transport system substrate-binding protein (lwk)	0.60	12h (6:00 PM),36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 696	K02055 Spermidine/putrescine-binding periplasmic protein	0.70	12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1189	K02040 Phosphate transport system substrate-binding protein (pstS)	0.27	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 924	K02027 ABC-type sugar transport system, periplasmic	0.41	27h (9:00 AM),36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 456	Arabinose efflux permease	0.42	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 557	K02195 Heme exporter protein C (cmC)	0.44	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 462	TRAP-type bacterial extracellular solute-binding protein, family 7	0.58	36h (6:00 PM)

Table S4: Differentially expressed *Pelagibacter* transport Orthologs underrepresented in ProDOM<sup>1</sup>

Ortholog	Annotation	Avg. fold change <sup>2</sup>	Time point <sup>3</sup>
Cluster 971	bacterial extracellular solute-binding protein, family 7	0.04	2h (8:00 AM),12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1289	TRAP dicarboxylate transporter, dctp subunit	0.11	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 2267	Ammonium transporter	0.28	2h (8:00 AM),36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 973	Probable ammonium transporter, marine subtype	0.40	2h (8:00 AM),12h (6:00 PM),36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1254	K02012 Iron(II) transport system substrate-binding protein (afuA, fbpA)	0.41	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 1286	Ammonium transporter	0.45	2h (8:00 AM),12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1145	K06901 Xanthine/uracil/vitamin C permease family protein	0.48	2h (8:00 AM),36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 600	K02051 Sulfonate/nitrate/taurine transport system substrate-binding protein (ssuA, tauA)	0.48	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 1323	K01999 Branched-chain amino acid transport system substrate-binding protein (lwk)	0.49	2h (8:00 AM),12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 462	TRAP-type bacterial extracellular solute-binding protein, family 7	0.50	2h (8:00 AM),36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 643	K02002 Glycine betaine/proline transport system substrate-binding protein (prox)	0.50	2h (8:00 AM),12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 924	K02027 ABC-type sugar transport system, periplasmic	0.52	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 1203	K09969 General L-amino acid transport system substrate-binding protein (aapl, bztA)	0.54	2h (8:00 AM),12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 889	TRAP dicarboxylate transporter- dctp subunit	0.54	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 130	K01999 Branched-chain amino acid transport system substrate-binding protein (lwk)	0.58	2h (8:00 AM),12h (6:00 PM),36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 696	K02055 Spermidine/putrescine-binding periplasmic protein	0.68	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 1786	K02027 ABC-type sugar transport system, periplasmic	0.53	12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1189	K02040 Phosphate transport system substrate-binding protein (pstS)	0.23	27h (9:00 AM)

<sup>1</sup> DE Orthologs represented are either annotated with KEGG level 3 pathway 02000 Transporters or identified as transporters from ortholog annotations unassigned in KEGG

<sup>2</sup> Indicates the average fold change if the ortholog was differentially expressed at multiple time points

<sup>3</sup> Time point(s) that the ortholog was detected as differentially expressed

**Table S5: Differentially expressed Pelagibacter transport Orthologs enriched in HMWDOM<sup>1</sup>**

Ortholog	Annotation	Avg. fold change <sup>2</sup>	Time point <sup>3</sup>
Cluster 1389	K02196 Heme exporter protein D ( ccmD)	inf	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 703	K02030 ABC-type amino acid transport substrate-binding protein (PheC)	2.54	2h (8:00 AM), 36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 3	K11720 Predicted permease YigP/YigQ family protein	inf	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 646	K02023 ABC sugar transporter, ATP-binding protein;	inf	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 1423	K07003 Resistance-Nodulation-Cell Division Superfamily transporter	2.47	27h (9:00 AM), 36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 698	K02010 Iron (III) transport system ATP-binding protein [EC:3.6.3.30]	14.19	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 865	K03499 Potassium transporter peripheral membrane component (trka)	6.21	36h (6:00 PM)

**Table S6: Differentially expressed Pelagibacter transport Orthologs enriched in ProDOM<sup>1</sup>**

Ortholog	Annotation	Avg. fold change <sup>2</sup>	Time point <sup>3</sup>
Cluster 1389	K02196 Heme exporter protein D ( ccmD)	inf	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 1492	K09013 FeS assembly ATPase SufC;	3.50	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 1423	K07003 Resistance-Nodulation-Cell Division Superfamily transporter	3.15	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 643	K02002 Glycine betaine/proline transport system substrate-binding protein (proX)	2.00	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 250	Lysine exporter protein; transporter;	3.92	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 703	K02030 ABC-type amino acid transport substrate-binding protein (PheC)	2.19	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1203	K09969 General L-amino acid transport system substrate-binding protein (aapJ, bztA)	1.80	36h (6:00 PM)

<sup>1</sup> DE Orthologs represented are either annotated with KEGG level 3 pathway 02000 Transporters or identified as transporters from ortholog annotations unassigned in KEGG

<sup>2</sup>Indicates the average fold change if the ortholog was differentially expressed at multiple time points

<sup>3</sup>Time point(s) that the ortholog was detected as differentially expressed

Table S7: Differentially expressed *Pelagibacter* Orthologs enriched in HMWDOM belonging to auxiliary KEGG level 3 pathways<sup>1</sup>

Ortholog	KO	KEGG Levels <sup>2</sup>	Avg. fold change <sup>3</sup>	Time point <sup>4</sup>
Cluster 1393	K01586	lysX; diaminoipimate decarboxylase	6.13	12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 577	K00013	hidD; histidinol dehydrogenase	5.82	12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 647	K03072	secD; preprotein translocase subunit SecD	2.18	12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 324	K03074	secE; preprotein translocase subunit SecE	2.90	12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 896	K01755	argH; ASL; argininosuccinate lyase	3.87	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 300	K01938	fls; formate-tetrahydrofolate ligase	2.14	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 479	K07638	envZ; two-component system, OmpR family, osmolarity sensor histidine kinase EnvZ	16.39	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 1220	K00820	E2.6.1.6; glmS; glucosamine-fructose-6-phosphate aminotransferase (isomerizing)	6.88	2h (6:00 AM)
Cluster 14	K00240	sdhB; succinate dehydrogenase iron-sulfur protein	5.14	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1279	K01653	E2.2.1.65; ilvH; ilvN; acetolactate synthase (//III small subunit)	inf	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 85	K00620	argI; glutamate N-acetyltransferase / amino-acid N-acetyltransferase	4.68	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1084	K00075	murB; UDP-N-acetylmuramate dehydrogenase	inf	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 612	K01069	E3.1.2.6; glpB; hydroxyacylglutathione hydrolase	inf	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1363	K11175	purN; phosphoribosylglycnamide formyltransferase 1	inf	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1587	K02221	ygrT family protein	11.35	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1442	K02653	Type II Secretion System PilC;	3.28	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 576	K03217	hidC; spoIIJ; OXA1; preprotein translocase subunit YidC	2.26	36h (6:00 PM)

Table S8: Differentially expressed *Pelagibacter* Orthologs enriched in ProDOM belonging to auxiliary KEGG level 3 pathways<sup>1</sup>

Ortholog	KO	KEGG Levels <sup>2</sup>	Avg. fold change <sup>3</sup>	Time point <sup>4</sup>
Cluster 404	K01903	malate-CoA ligase subunit beta	10.96	2h (6:00 AM)
Cluster 85	K00620	argI; glutamate N-acetyltransferase / amino-acid N-acetyltransferase	7.09	2h (6:00 AM)
Cluster 752	K00641	E2.3.1.31; metX; homoserine O-acetyltransferase	3.03	2h (6:00 AM)
Cluster 1217	K01740	E2.5.1.49; metY; O-acetylhomoserine (thiol)-lyase	2.52	2h (6:00 AM)
Cluster 837	K00471	E1.14.11.1; gamma-butyrobetaine dioxygenase	4.09	12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1279	K01653	E2.2.1.65; ilvH; ilvN; acetolactate synthase (//III small subunit)	inf	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 664	K00858	E2.7.1.23; NAD+ kinase	6.99	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 371	K00042	glmU; bifunctional UDP-N-acetylglucosamine pyrophosphorylase / Glucosamine-1-phosphate N-acetyltransferase	4.78	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 450	K03210	yglC; preprotein translocase subunit YglC	3.19	36h (6:00 PM)

<sup>1</sup>*Pelagibacter* orthologs among all cDNA and DNA samples in this experiment represented 141 KEGG level 3 pathways that were sorted into 79 core pathways and 62 auxiliary pathways. Core pathways were defined as those generally involved in DNA replication, cell growth and biosynthetic processes. Auxiliary pathways represent non-core pathways. Only those *Pelagibacter* orthologs that were detected as DE and belonged to an auxiliary KEGG level 3 pathway are represented here. A single KO can sometimes belong to multiple pathways and in these instances only two pathways are shown. Sometimes a *Pelagibacter* ortholog had two KO numbers, and in those cases, only a single functional annotation is represented.

<sup>2</sup> Amino acid metabolism was included among the auxiliary pathways as it should be directly affected by increased nitrogen availability.

<sup>3</sup> Indicates the average fold change if the ortholog was differentially expressed at multiple time points

<sup>4</sup> Time point(s) that the ortholog was detected as differentially expressed

Table S9: Differentially expressed OM60 Orthologs enriched in HMWDOM<sup>1</sup>

Hierarchy	Annotation	KEGG LevelB	Avg. fold change <sup>2</sup>	Time point <sup>3</sup>
Cluster 258	Cytochrome C' superfamily protein cytochrome c, class II protein cytochrome c556	unassigned	inf	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 277	K00939 E2.7.4.3, adk adenylate kinase (ATP-AMP transphosphorylase) [EC:2.7.4.3]	00230 Purine metabolism	inf	12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 232	K03551 ruvB holliday junction DNA helicase	03440 Homologous recombination 03400 DNA repair and recombination proteins	inf	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 3076	K00615 E2.2.1.1, tkfA, tkfB transketolase [EC:2.2.1.1]	00030 Pentose phosphate pathway 00710 Carbon fixation in photosynthetic organisms	inf	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 2148	K00820 E2.6.1.16, glmS glucosamine-fructose-6-phosphate aminotransferase (isomerizing) [EC:2.6.1.16]	00250 Alanine, aspartate and glutamate metabolism 00520 Amino sugar and nucleotide sugar metabolism	inf	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 2139	K02110 ATPPOC, atpE F-type H <sup>+</sup> -transporting ATPase subunit c [EC:3.6.3.14]	00190 Oxidative phosphorylation	inf	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 382	K00798 E2.5.1.17, cobO, btuR, cobJ/jalamin adenosyltransferase [EC:2.5.1.17]	00860 Porphyrin and chlorophyll metabolism	inf	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 1333	K02970 RP-S21, rpsU small subunit ribosomal protein S21	03011 Ribosome	inf	27h (9:00 AM), 36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 4450	TonB-dependent receptor subfamily protein TonB-dependent receptor, plug	unassigned	inf	27h (9:00 AM), 36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 9889	Glycosyl hydrolases family 16	unassigned	4.86	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 2112	K01878 gYQ, gYcy-tRNA synthetase alpha chain [EC:6.1.1.14]	00970 Aminoacyl-tRNA biosynthesis	inf	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 8320	hypothetical protein MGP2080_01411	unassigned	inf	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1937	K01887 RARS, argS, argHyl-tRNA synthetase [EC:6.1.1.19]	00970 Aminoacyl-tRNA biosynthesis	inf	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 3300	K09903 pyrH Uridylate kinase UMP kinase [EC:2.7.4.22]	00240 Pyrimidine metabolism	12.04	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1226	K03666 hfq RNA chaperone Hfq Host factor Hfq	03036 Chromosome 03018 RNA degradation	10.90	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 2758	K02916 RP-L35, rpmI large subunit ribosomal protein L35	03011 Ribosome	10.90	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 3107	K03561 transporter, MtuA/TolQ/ExbB, proton channel family protein TonB system biopolymer transport component unassigned	unassigned	3.31	36h (6:00 PM)

<sup>1</sup> Includes all OM60 orthologs detected as differentially expressed regardless of KEGG annotation

<sup>2</sup> Indicates the average fold change if the ortholog was differentially expressed at multiple time points

<sup>3</sup> Time point(s) that the ortholog was detected as differentially expressed

Table S10: Differentially expressed OM60 Orthologs enriched in ProDom<sup>1</sup>

Hierarchy	Annotation	KEGG Level3	Avg. fold change <sup>2</sup>	Time point <sup>3</sup>
Cluster 268	K03317 putative Na <sup>+</sup> dependent nucleoside transporter NupC protein	unassigned	inf	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 1965	K00324 pntA NAD(P) transhydrogenase subunit alpha [EC:1.6.1.2]	00760 Nicotinate and nicotinamide metabolism	inf	12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 2133	K03495 tRNA uridine 5-carboxymethylaminomethyl modification enzyme GtaA glucose-inhibited division protein A	03036 Chromosome	inf	12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1800	K06149 universal stress protein UspA-like protein universal stress protein family, putative	unassigned	inf	12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 4573	K00099 dnr 1-deoxy-D-xylulose 5-phosphate reductoisomerase [EC:1.1.1.267]	00900 Terpenoid backbone biosynthesis	inf	12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 5505	Predicted Fe-S oxidoreductase, putative Fe-S oxidoreductase	unassigned	inf	12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1297	penicillid repeat domain protein	unassigned	inf	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 2148	K00820 E2.6.1.16, glnS glucosamine-fructose-6-phosphate aminotransferase (isomerizing) [EC:2.6.1.16]	00250 Alanine, aspartate and glutamate metabolism	inf	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 2180	K01142 E3.1.1.1.2, xbaA exodeoxyribonuclease III [EC:3.1.1.2]	03400 DNA repair and recombination proteins	inf	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 2639	K01689 ENO, eno enolase [EC:4.2.1.11] phosphopyruvate hydratase Enolase	00010 Glycolysis / Gluconeogenesis	inf	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 4450	TonB-dependent receptor subfamily protein TonB-dependent receptor, plug	unassigned	inf	27h (9:00 AM), 36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 3118	K00873 Pk, pyk pyruvate kinase [EC:2.7.1.40] pyruvate kinase II	00620 Pyruvate metabolism	11.88	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 192	K0382 DLD, lpd, pldD dihydroloipamide dehydrogenase [EC:1.8.1.4]	00020 Citrate cycle (TCA cycle)	5.62	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 193	K00658 DLS1, subB 2-oxoglutarate dehydrogenase E2 component (dihydroloipamide succinyltransferase) [EC:2.3.1.61]	00020 Citrate cycle (TCA cycle)	4.86	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 4655	K00526 E1.17.4.1B, ndbB, ndfB ribonucleoside-diphosphate reductase beta chain [EC:1.17.4.1]	00240 Pyrimidine metabolism	4.73	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 2298	K00525 E1.17.4.1A, ndfA, ndfC ribonucleoside-diphosphate reductase alpha chain [EC:1.17.4.1]	00240 Pyrimidine metabolism	2.58	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 1333	K02970 RP-S21, rpsU small subunit ribosomal protein S21	03010 Ribosome	inf	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1042	hypothetical protein MGp2080_03820 conserved hypothetical protein F1gH protein	unassigned	inf	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 3689	K00031 IDH1, IDH2, lcid isocitrate dehydrogenase [EC:1.1.42]	00020 Citrate cycle (TCA cycle)	inf	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 3636	K03106 SRP54, fth signal recognition particle subunit SRP54 [TC:3.A.3.1.1]	03060 Protein export	inf	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1937	K01887 RAKS, argS arginyl-HRNA synthetase [EC:6.1.1.19]	00970 Aminoacyl-HRNA biosynthesis	inf	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 2334	K03671 Thioleidoxin	03110 Chaperones and folding catalysts	inf	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1040	K02386 flag flagella basal body P-ring formation protein	02040 Flagellar assembly	inf	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1701	TonB-dependent outer membrane receptor	unassigned	inf	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 2112	K01878 glvQ glvY-HRNA synthetase alpha chain [EC:6.1.1.14]	00970 Aminoacyl-HRNA biosynthesis	inf	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 190	K01902 succD succinyl-CoA synthetase alpha subunit [EC:6.2.1.5]	00020 Citrate cycle (TCA cycle)	inf	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 3627	K01733 E4.2.3.1, thrC threonine synthase [EC:4.2.3.1] Threonine synthase	00260 Glycine, serine and threonine metabolism	inf	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 7065	K01130 E3.1.6.1, asA arylsulfatase [EC:3.1.6.1] Sulfatase, secreted	00140 Steroid hormone biosynthesis	inf	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 3167	penicillin-binding protein, beta-lactamase class C	unassigned	inf	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 766	K00919 ispE 4-diphosphoerythyl-2-C-methyl-D-erythritol kinase [EC:2.7.1.148]	00900 Terpenoid backbone biosynthesis	inf	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1021	K10941 fliA sigma-54 specific transcriptional regulator, flagellar regulatory protein A	03000 Transcription factors	inf	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 2762	K04764 integration host factor, alpha subunit	03036 Chromosome	inf	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 7376	K03071 secB preprotein translocase subunit SecB Protein export cytoplasm chaperone protein	03070 Bacterial secretion system	15.43	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 3117	K03704 putative "cold-shock" DNA-binding domain protein CspE	03000 Transcription factors	10.29	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1226	K03666 hfq RNA chaperone Hfq host factor Hfq	03056 Chromosome	9.82	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 3465	K06142 hypothetical protein MGp2080_08019 Outer membrane protein (OmpH-like)	unassigned	5.14	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1084	K02952 RP-S13, rpsM small subunit ribosomal protein S13	03010 Ribosome	3.68	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 3107	K03561 transporter, MotA/TotQ/ExlB proton channel family protein TonB system biopolymer transport component	unassigned	3.36	36h (6:00 PM)

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Table S11: Differentially expressed OM60 Orthologs underrepresented in HMWDOM<sup>1</sup>

Hierarchy	Annotation	KEGG Level3	Avg fold change <sup>2</sup>	Time point <sup>3</sup>
Cluster 1453	aerobic-type carbon monoxide dehydrogenase, large subunit CoxL/CutL-like protein	unassigned	0.00	2h (8:00 AM)
Cluster 2338	K03640 18k peptidoglycan-associated outer membrane lipoprotein, secreted OmpA/MotB	unassigned	0.00	12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 6892	K09516 RETSAT all-trans-retinol 13,14-reductase [EC:1.3.99.23] FAD dependent oxidoreductase domain protein	00830 Retinol metabolism	0.24	12h (6:00 PM), 36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 7809	TonB-dependent receptor	unassigned	0.00	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 9740	K02275 coxB cytochrome c oxidase subunit II [EC:1.9.3.1]	00190 Oxidative phosphorylation	0.00	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 8518	TonB-dependent receptor	unassigned	0.00	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 4025	K02014 TonB-dependent receptor domain protein outer membrane receptor protein	unassigned	0.23	27h (9:00 AM), 36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 7577	putative hexachlorocyclohexane dehydrochlorinase 1	unassigned	0.00	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 3451	K01474 hylB N-methylhydantoinase B/acetone carboxylase, alpha subunit [EC:3.5.2.14]	00330 Arginine and proline metabolism	0.00	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 387	TonB-dependent receptor plug domain protein	unassigned	0.00	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 8853	TonB-dependent receptor	unassigned	0.00	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 64	K13482 xdhB xanthine dehydrogenase large subunit [EC:1.17.1.4]	00230 Purine metabolism	0.00	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 2921	K13643 iron-sulfur cluster assembly transcription factor IscR transcriptional regulator <sup>1</sup>	03000 Transcription factors	0.06	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 3712	K03088 SIG3.2_rpoE RNA polymerase sigma-70 factor	03020 RNA polymerase	0.10	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 4700	hypothetical protein OMB55_00019360 hypothetical protein MGP2080_08414	unassigned	0.16	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 8788	TonB-dependent receptor	unassigned	0.18	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 7324	K16089 K02014 putative TonB-dependent receptor hypothetical protein NOR51B_2110 Outer membrane protein	unassigned	0.26	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 5367	hypothetical protein MGP2080_00560 hypothetical protein IMCC3088_1417	unassigned	0.26	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 3689	hypothetical protein OMB55_00014460 conserved hypothetical protein secreted protein	unassigned	0.42	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 3082	outer membrane cobalamin receptor protein TonB-dependent receptor domain protein	unassigned	0.43	36h (6:00 PM)

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Table S12: Differentially expressed OM60 Orthologs underrepresented in ProDOM<sup>1</sup>

Hierarchy	Annotation	KEGG Level3	Avg. fold change <sup>2</sup>	Time point <sup>3</sup>
Cluster 7809	TonB-dependent receptor	unassigned	0.00	12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 4882	K02404 GTP-binding signal recognition particle SRP54 flagellar biosynthetic protein FlhF	02035 Bacterial motility proteins	0.00	12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 27	K03314 nhbB Na <sup>+</sup> /H <sup>+</sup> antiporter	unassigned	0.00	12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 3548	K01690 ecd phosphogluconate dehydratase [EC:4.1.1.12] 6-phosphogluconate dehydratase	00030 Pentose phosphate pathway	0.00	12h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 4025	K02014 TonB-dependent receptor domain protein outer membrane receptor protein	unassigned	0.23	12h (6:00 PM), 27h (9:00 AM), 36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1229	K01448 N-acetylmuramoyl-L-alanine amidase domain protein AhnC	03036 Chromosome	0.00	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 3615	DNA integration/recombination/inversion protein phage integrase family	unassigned	0.00	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 8325	hypothetical protein MGP2080_01466	unassigned	0.06	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 6468	K02014 TonB-dependent receptor domain protein Outer membrane protein	unassigned	0.06	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 7992	K00257 E1.3.99- [EC:1.3.99-] butyryl-CoA dehydrogenase	00281 Geraniol degradation 00624 1- and 2-Methyl-naphthalene degradation	0.07	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 5678	K00174 korA 2-oxoglutarate ferredoxin oxidoreductase subunit alpha [EC:1.2.7.3]	00020 Citrate cycle (TCA cycle) 00720 Reductive carboxylate cycle (CO <sub>2</sub> fixation)	0.10	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 1127	K03073 secE preprotein translocase subunit SecE [TC 3.A.5.1.1]	03060 Protein export 03070 Bacterial secretion system	0.12	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 4700	hypothetical protein OM655_00019560 hypothetical protein MGP2080_08414	unassigned	0.12	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 392	K01627 E4.1.3.1, aceA isocitrate lyase [EC:4.1.3.1]	00630 Glyoxylate and dicarboxylate metabolism	0.22	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 2316	K02014 TonB-dependent receptor domain protein outer membrane receptor protein	unassigned	0.27	27h (9:00 AM)
Cluster 3801	hypothetical protein NOR518_2319 TonB-dependent receptor, plug	unassigned	0.25	27h (9:00 AM), 36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 6892	K09516 RETSAT all-trans-retinol 13,14-reductase [EC:1.3.99.23] FAD dependent oxidoreductase domain protein	00830 Retinol metabolism	0.25	27h (9:00 AM), 36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 4041	K00134 GAPDH, gapA glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase [EC:1.1.1.12]	00010 Glycolysis / Gluconeogenesis	0.00	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1317	K00966 GMP, mannose-4-phosphate guanylyltransferase [EC:2.7.1.13]	00051 Fructose and mannose metabolism 00520 Amino sugar and nucleotide sugar metabolism	0.00	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 6134	conserved hypothetical protein	unassigned	0.04	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 2974	K03320 Ammonium Transporter Family subfamily protein	unassigned	0.06	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 2503	RND transporter, HAE1/HME family, permease protein	unassigned	0.17	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 8788	TonB-dependent receptor	unassigned	0.18	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 5367	hypothetical protein MGP2080_00560 hypothetical protein MCC3088_1417	unassigned	0.18	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 3712	K03088 SIG3.2, rpoE RNA polymerase sigma-70 factor	03020 RNA polymerase	0.19	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 4786	glycine/D-amino acid oxidase, deaminating; putative monomeric sarcosine oxidase	unassigned	0.22	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 3689	hypothetical protein OM655_00014460 conserved hypothetical protein secreted protein	unassigned	0.28	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 7264	TonB-dependent receptor domain protein hypothetical protein NOR518_558	unassigned	0.32	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 930	K00257 E1.3.99- [EC:1.3.99-] Acyl-CoA dehydrogenase	00281 Geraniol degradation 00624 1- and 2-Methyl-naphthalene degradation	0.33	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 1528	K15987 V-type H <sup>+</sup> -translocating pyrophosphatase pyrophosphate-energized proton pump	unassigned	0.35	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 3082	outer membrane cobalamrin receptor protein TonB-dependent receptor domain protein	unassigned	0.41	36h (6:00 PM)
Cluster 3201	Ohr-like outer membrane protein protein_OmpA family	unassigned	0.42	36h (6:00 PM)

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