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# LC-MS/MS analysis of lipophilic toxins in Japanese *Dinophysis* species

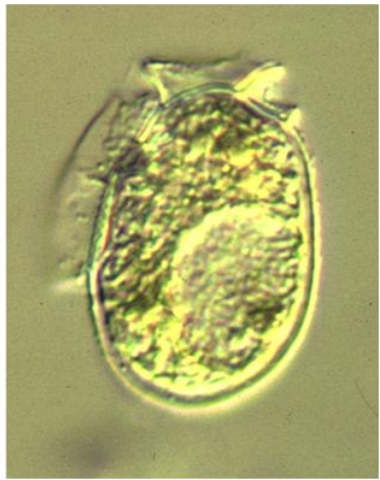
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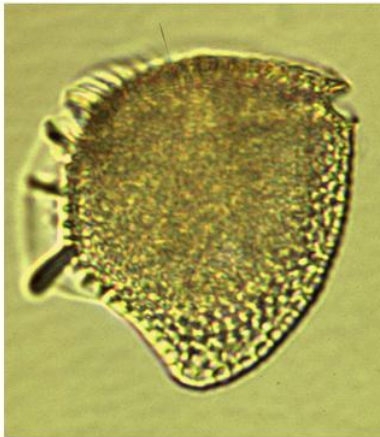
# Dinophysis species in Japan



*D. acuminata*



*D. fortii*



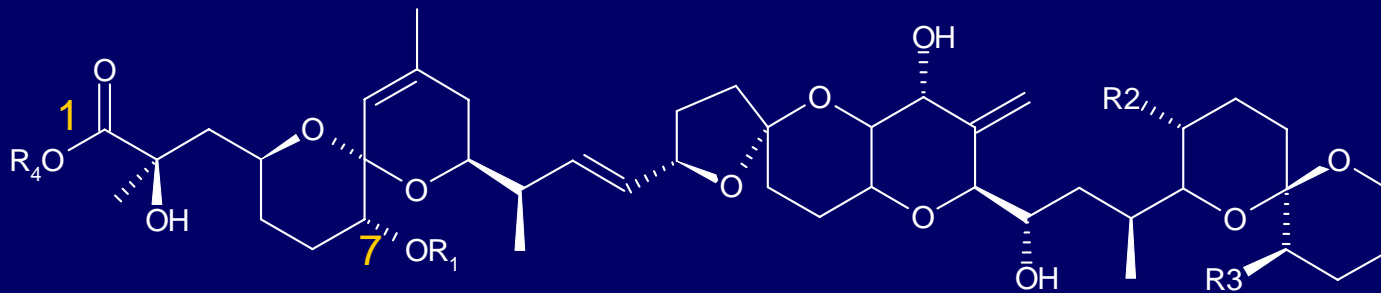
*D. mitra*



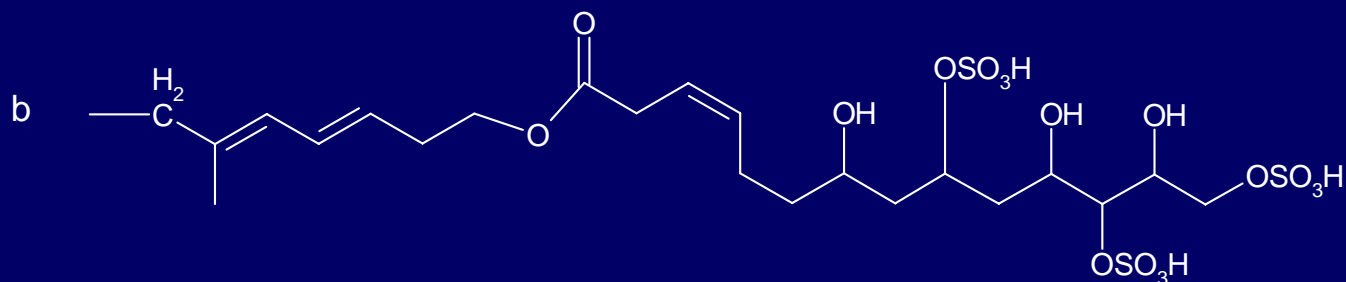
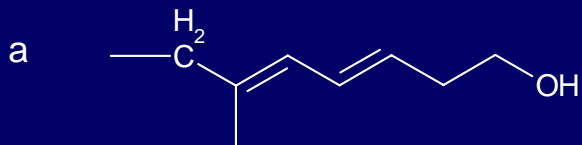
*D. caudata*

- *D. fortii*, *D. acuminata*, *D. mitra*, *D. tripos*, *D. rotundata* etc.
- Carrier species: Bivalves (Scallops, Mussels, etc.)

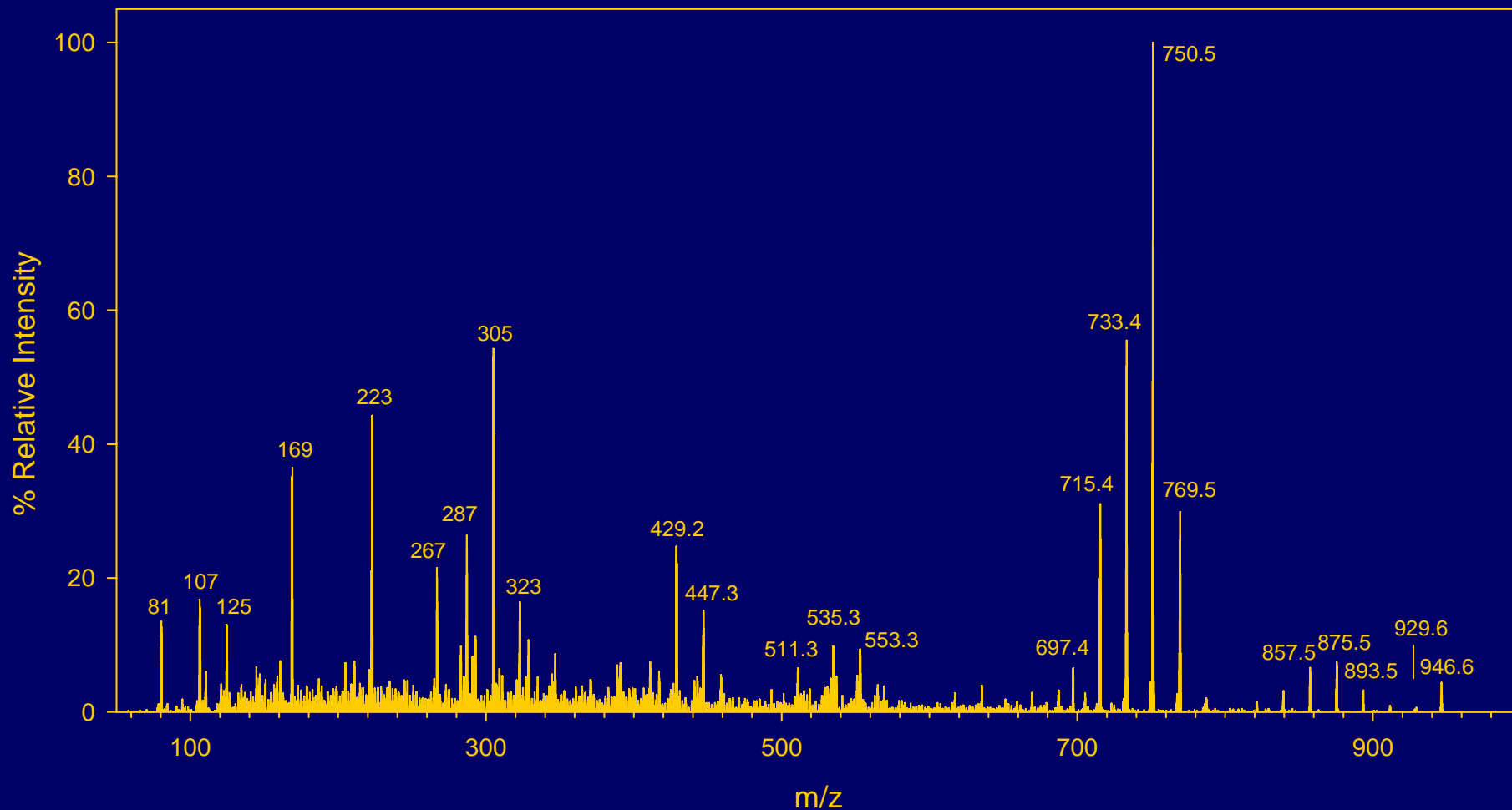
**Toxic  
Dinophysis**



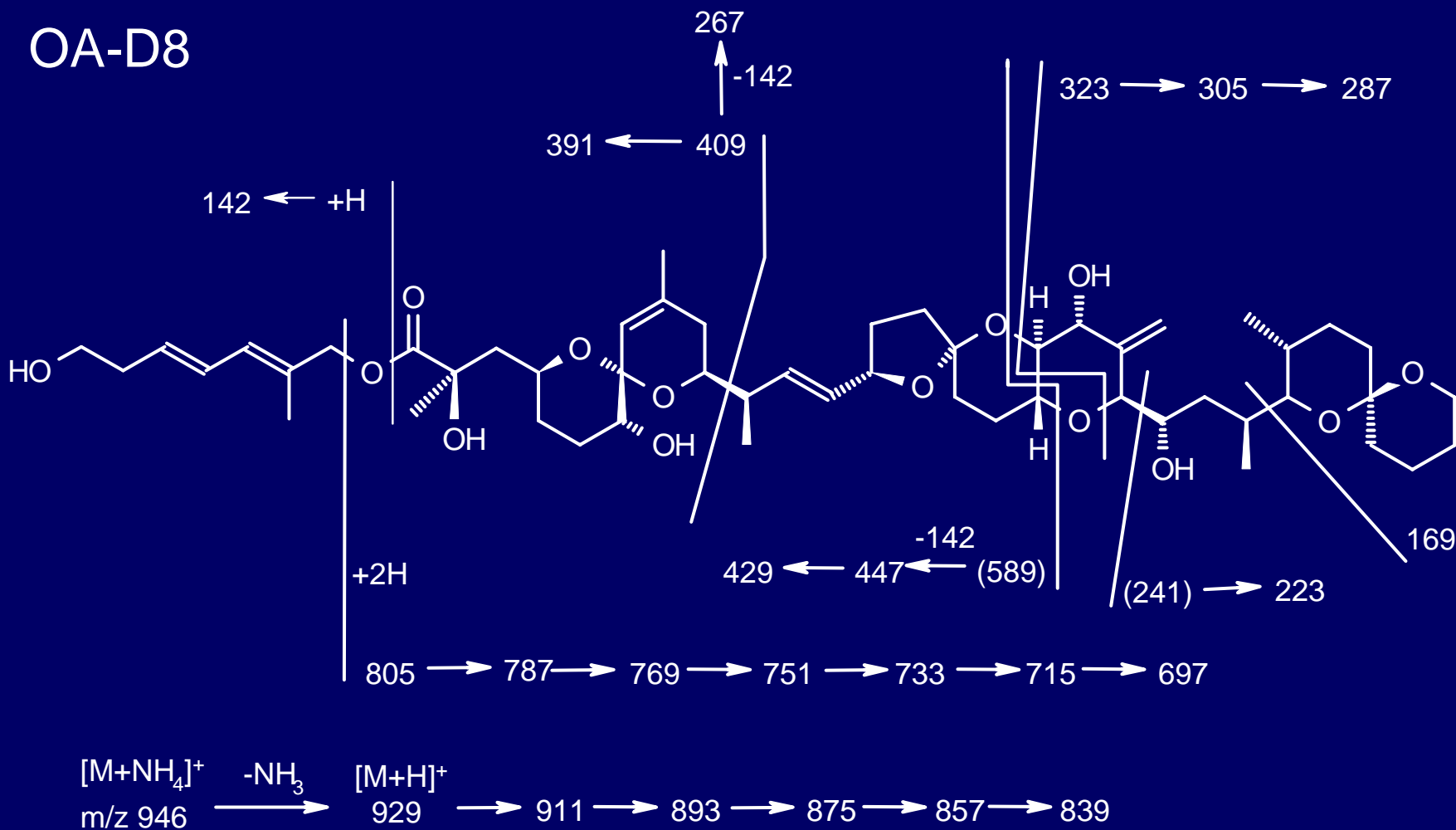
		R1	R2	R3	R4
<b>free toxins</b>	okadaic acid (OA)	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H
	dinophysistoxin-1 (DTX1)	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	H
	dinophysistoxin-2 (DTX2)	H	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	H
<b>7-O-acyl-esters</b>	dinophysistoxin-3 (DTX3)	acyl	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	H
<b>1-diol-esters</b>	OA diol esters	R1	R2	R3	R4
	OA D8	H	CH3	H	a
	DTX4	H	CH3	H	b



# LC-MS/MS of peak #1 (OA D8)



# Proposed MS/MS fragmentation for OA-diol ester



# LC-MS chromatogram of all the OA diol esters obtained from *D. acuta* in New Zealand

## LC-MS conditions

Column: Hypersil-BDS-C8

(150 mm x 2 mm i.d)

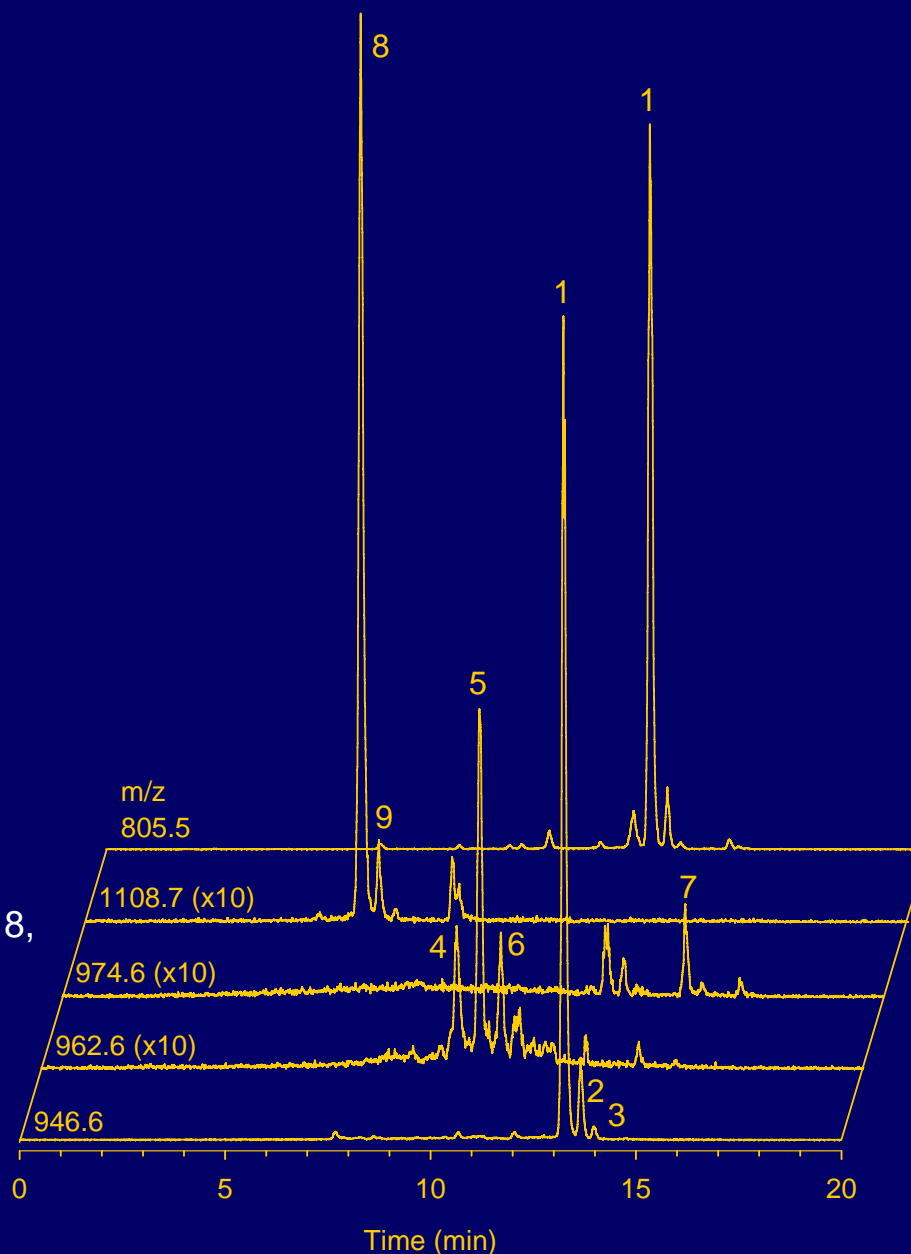
Flow rate: 0.2 mL/min

Mobile phase: A water, B 95% MeCN

both containing 2 mM HCOONH<sub>4</sub> and 50 mM HCOOH

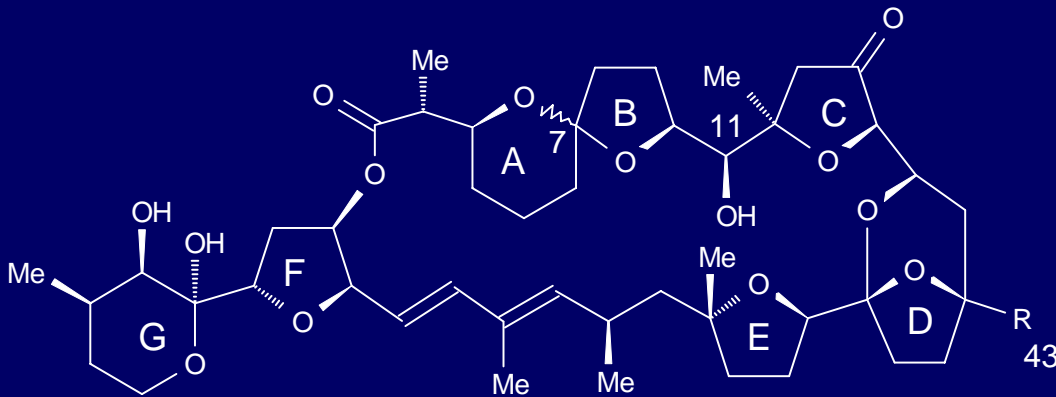
Step 1: 40 % B 100%B for 20 min

Step 2: 100 % B for 20 min

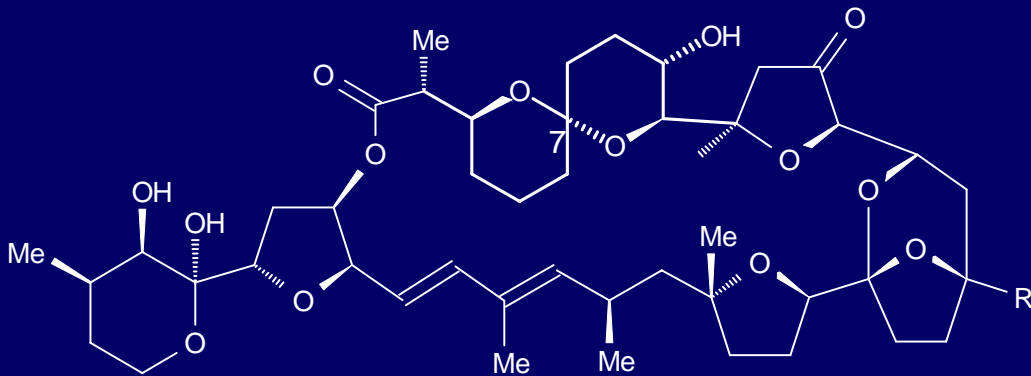


T. Suzuki et al., Rapid Comm. Mass Spectrom. 18, 1131-1138, 2004

# Pectenotoxins (PTX)



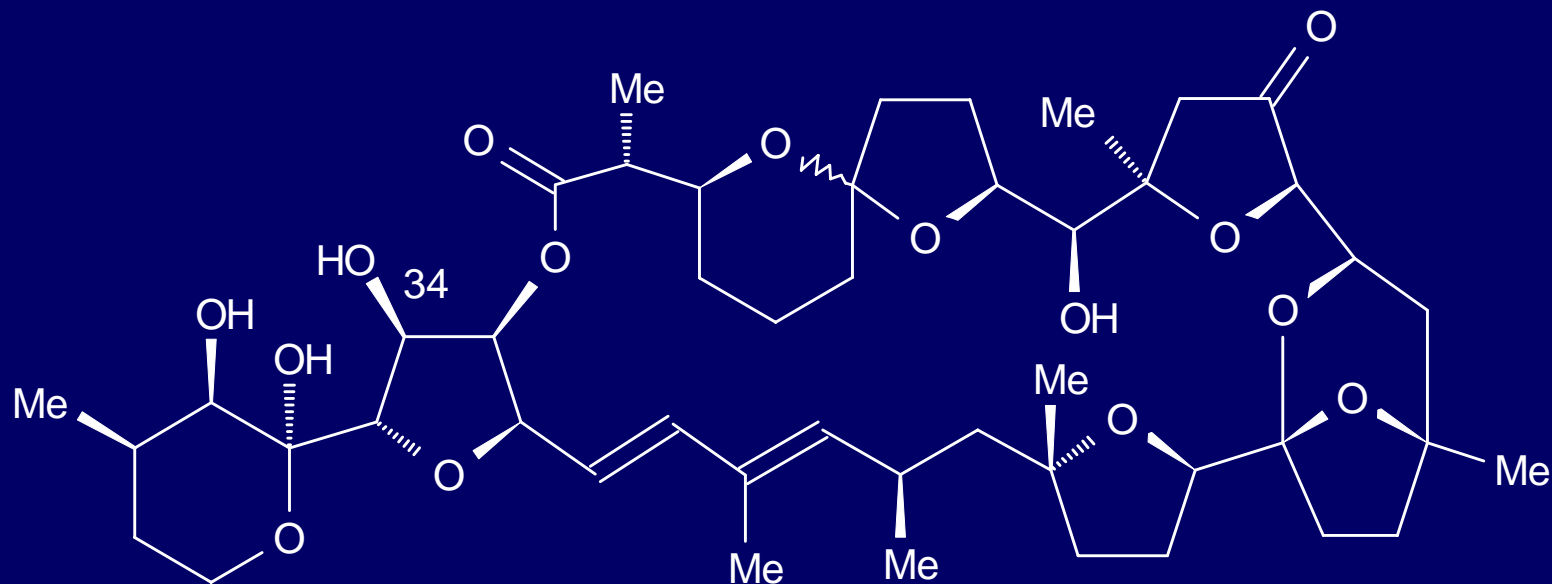
R	C7	MW
	R S	
<b>CH<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>PTX2</b>	<b>858.5</b>
<b>CH<sub>2</sub>OH</b>	<b>PTX1, PTX4</b>	<b>874.5</b>
<b>CHO</b>	<b>PTX3</b>	<b>872.5</b>
<b>COOH</b>	<b>PTX6, PTX7</b>	<b>888.5</b>



R	C7	MW
	R S	
<b>CH<sub>2</sub>OH</b>	<b>PTX8</b>	<b>874.5</b>
<b>COOH</b>	<b>PTX9</b>	<b>888.5</b>

- **Hepatotoxic**
- **Depolymerization of actin**

## Structure of a novel PTX elucidated by NMR



***PTX11 (34-OH PTX2)***



## *Lipophilic toxin profiles in Dinophysis species in Japan*

Species	Toxins
<i>D. fortii</i>	DTX1, PTX2
<i>D. acuminata</i>	OA
<i>D. mitra</i>	DTX1
<i>D. tripos</i>	DTX1
<i>D. rotundata</i>	DTX1

J.S. Lee et al., J. Appl. Phycol. 1, 147-152, 1989

T. Suzuki et al., J. Appl. Phycol. 8, 509-515, 1997

T. Suzuki et al., Toxicon 37, 187-198, 1999

T. Suzuki et al., J. Chromatogr. A 815, 155-160, 1998

# Dinophysis samples

No	Date	Site	Species	Cell numbers
1	2005/ 1/ 18	Yakumo	D tripos	12
2	2005/ 1/ 18	Yakumo	D ovum	2
3	2005/ 4/ 26	Yakumo	D norvegica	100
4	2005/ 4/ 26	Yakumo	D norvegica	111
5	2005/ 4/ 26	Yakumo	D acuminata or ovum	35
6	2005/ 4/ 26	Yakumo	D norvegica	120
7	2005/ 4/ 26	Yakumo	D acuminata or ovum	56
8	2005/ 5/ 10	Yakumo	D acuminata or ovum	53
9	2005/ 5/ 10	Yakumo	D acuminata or ovum	153
10	2005/ 5/ 19	Abashiri	D acuminata	223
11	2005/ 5/ 19	Abashiri	D acuminata	200
13	2005/ 6/ 20	Yakumo	D acuminata	18
14	2005/ 6/ 20	Yakumo	D fortii	7
15	2005/ 6/ 20	Yakumo	D acuminata	142
16	2005/ 6/ 20	Yakumo	D fortii	32
17	2005/ 6/ 20	Yakumo	D rudgei	11
18	2005/ 6/ 20	Yakumo	D infundibulus	92
19	2005/ 7/ 20	Yakumo	D fortii	149
20	2005/ 7/ 20	Yakumo	D rudgei	16
21	2005/ 8/ 22	Yakumo	D mitra	100
22	2005/ 8/ 22	Yakumo	D mitra	100
23	2005/ 8/ 22	Yakumo	D rotundata	88
24	2005/ 8/ 22	Yakumo	D tripos	73
25	2003/ 5/ 20	Yamada	D fortii	200

# Solid phase extraction (SPE) of toxins

*Dinophysis* spp. ( 30-200 cells ) / 1mL DW



Samples were kept in a freezer



Sep Pak C18 Plus



5 mL distilled water

5 mL methanol

Methanol eluate was evaporated



200 uL methanol

10 uL injection into LC-MS

# LC-MS/MS chromatogram of lipophilic toxins obtained from *D. fortii* in Hokkaido Japan

Column: Hypersil-BDS-C8

(50 mm x 2 mm i.d)

Flow rate: 0.2 mL/min

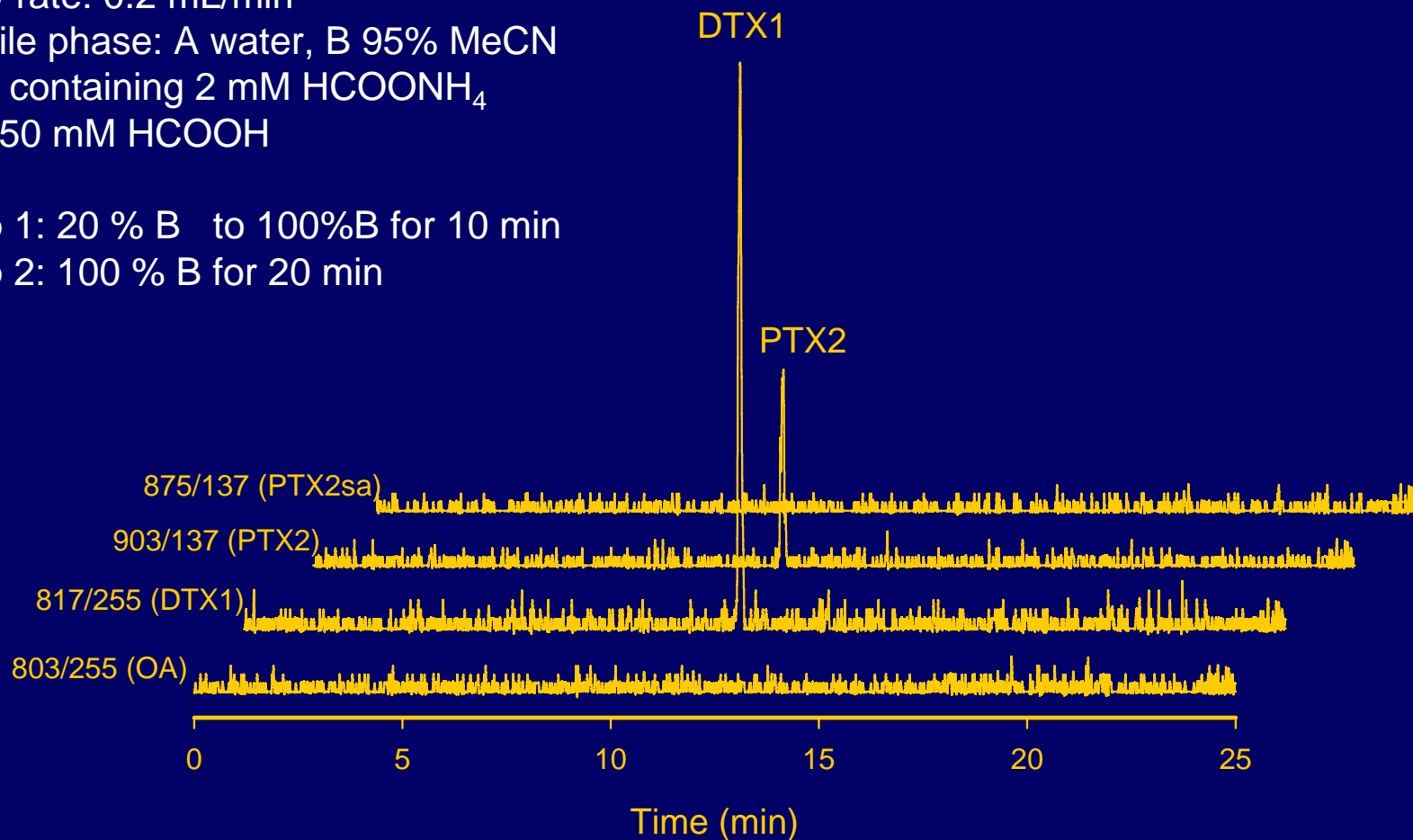
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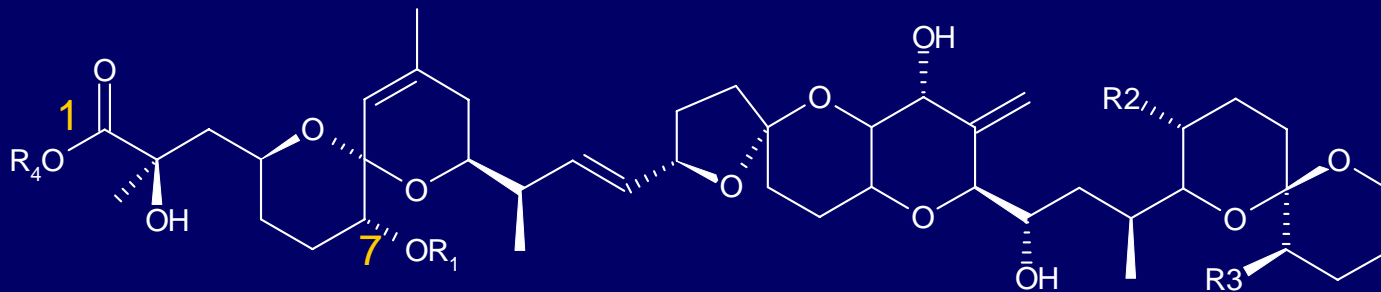
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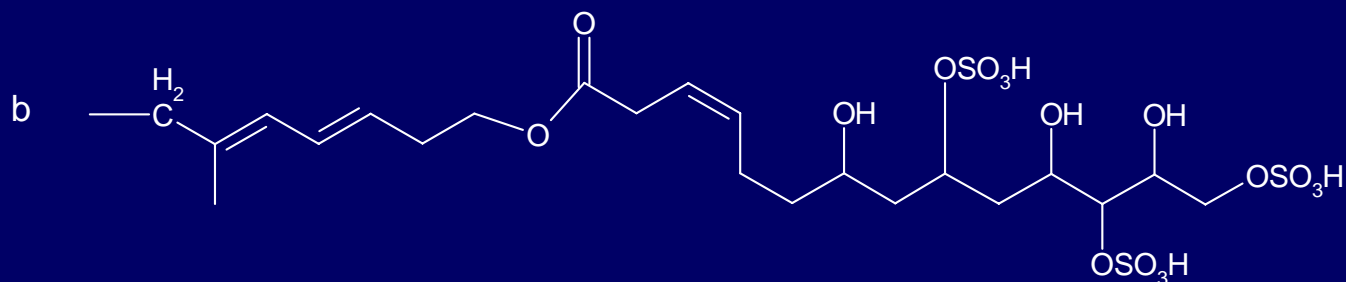
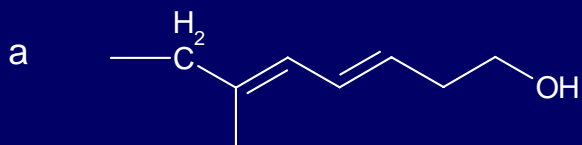
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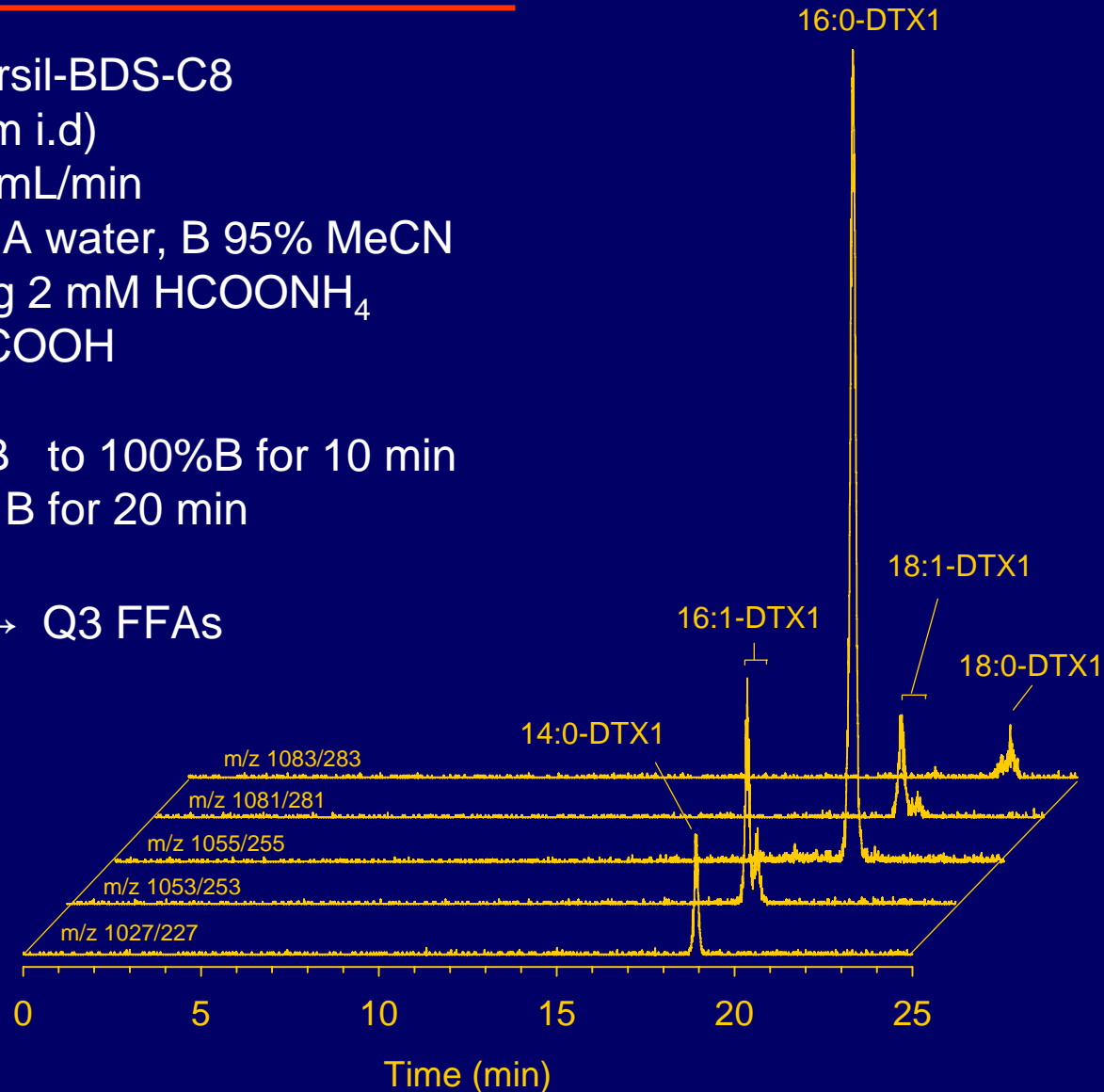


# LC-MS/MS chromatogram of 7-O-acyl-DTX1 esterified with several fatty acids detected in scallops

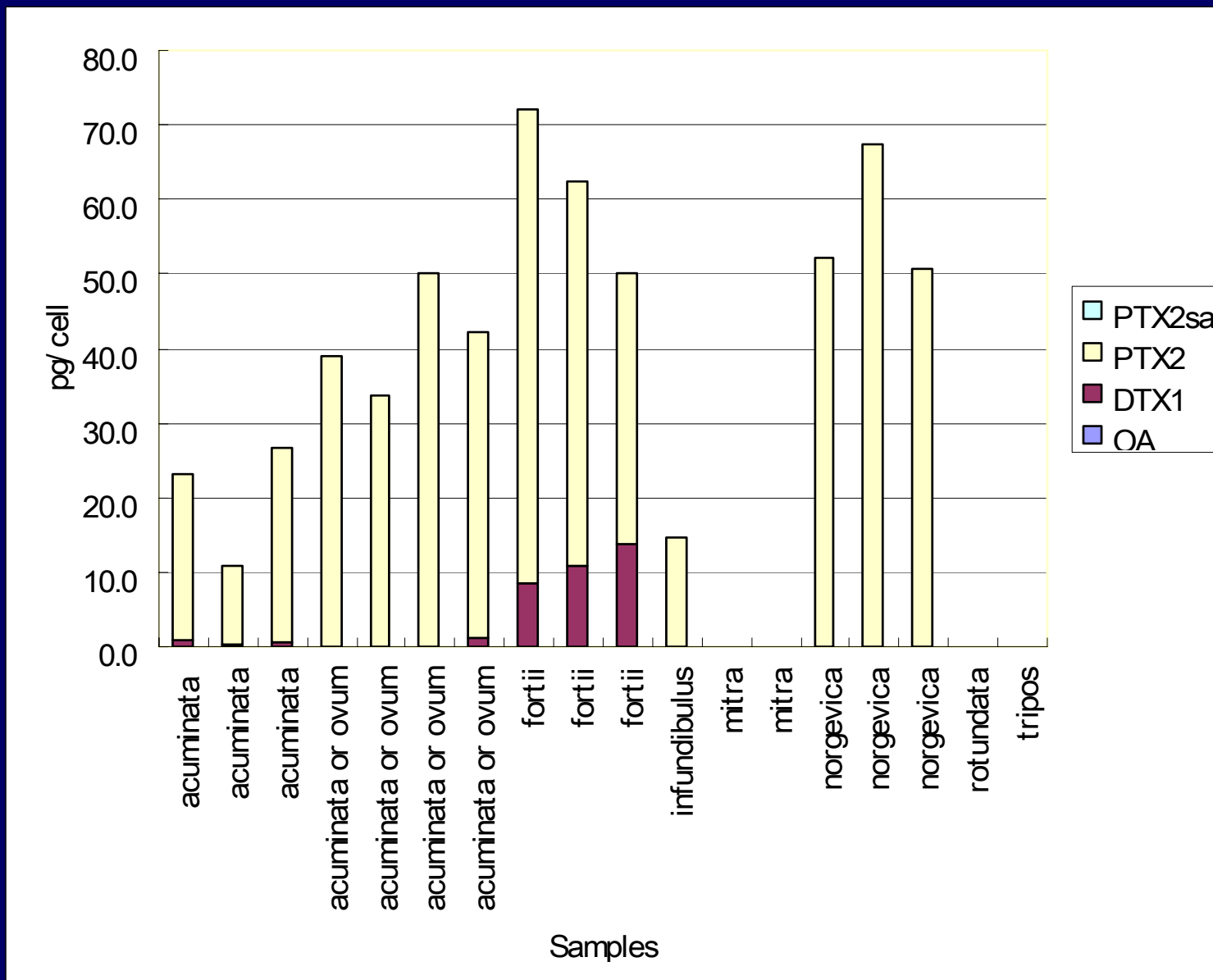
Column: Hypersil-BDS-C8  
(50 mm x 2 mm i.d)  
Flow rate: 0.2 mL/min  
Mobile phase: A water, B 95% MeCN  
both containing 2 mM HCOONH<sub>4</sub>  
and 50 mM HCOOH

Step 1: 20 % B to 100%B for 10 min  
Step 2: 100 % B for 20 min

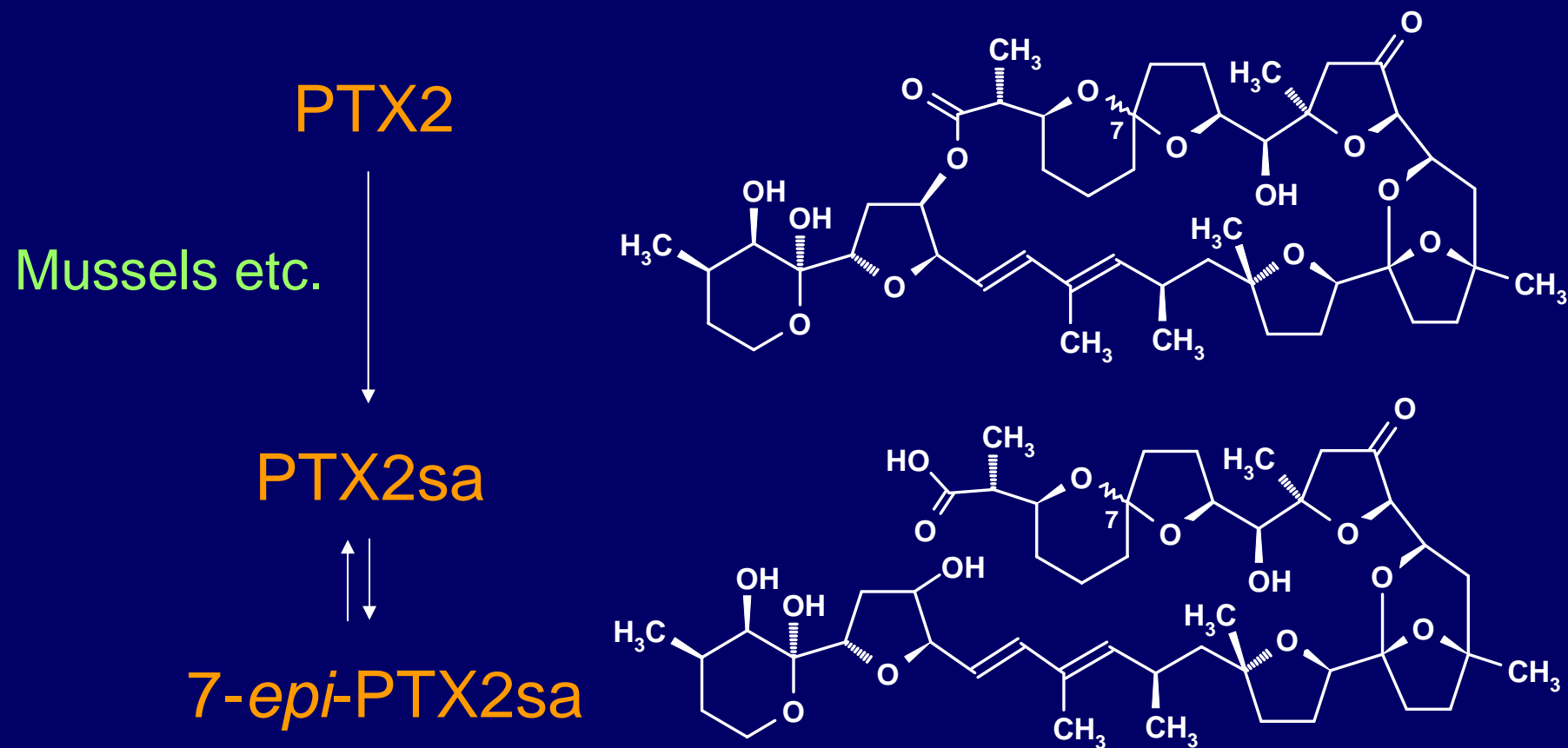
(-) Q1 [M-H]<sup>-</sup> → Q3 FFAs



# Toxin profiles of *Dinophysis* species in Japan



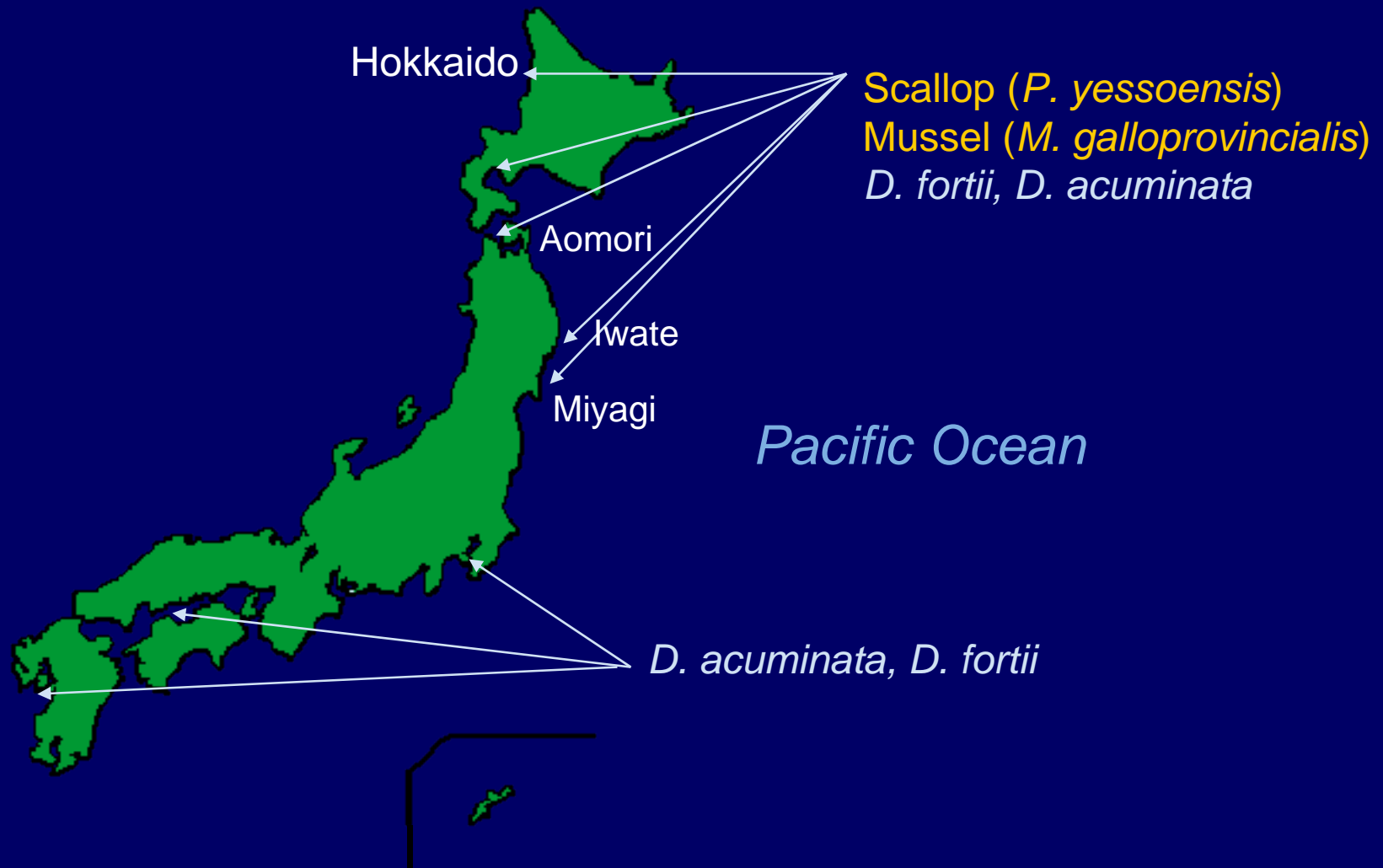
# Conversion of *PTX2* in bivalves



Suzuki, T., Mackenzie, L., Stirling, D., & Adamson, J. (2001).  
Toxicon 39, 507-514.



# Production areas where harvesting was ceased due to contamination of shellfish with lipophilic toxins in 2005



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# Summary

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- In our previous study, several OA diol-esters and a novel pectenotoxin, PTX11, were discovered in *D. acuta* collected in New Zealand. These toxins were not detected in any *Dinophysis* strains in Japan.
- PTX2 was the dominant toxin in *D. acuminata*, *D. norvegica* and *D. infundibulus* whereas both DTX1 and PTX2 were the principal toxins in *D. fortii*.
- *D. mitra* and *D. tripos* did not produced any toxins.