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Abstract

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33	Species of Alexandrium produce potent neurotoxins termed paralytic shellfish toxins, and are
34	expanding their ranges worldwide, concurrently with increases in sea surface temperature.
35	The metabolism of molluscs is temperature-dependent, and increases in ocean temperature
36	may influence both the abundance and distribution of Alexandrium and the dynamics of toxin
37	uptake and depuration in shellfish. Here, we conducted a large-scale study of the effect of
38	temperature on the uptake and depuration of paralytic shellfish toxins in three commercial
39	oysters (Saccostrea glomerata and diploid and triploid Crassostrea gigas, n=252 per
40	species/ploidy level). Oysters were acclimated to two constant temperatures, reflecting current
41	and predicted climate scenarios (22 and 27 °C), and fed with the paralytic shellfish toxin-
42	producing species Alexandrium minutum. While the oysters fed on Alexandrium minutum in
43	similar quantities, concentrations of the toxin analogue GTX1,4 were significantly lower in
44	warm-acclimated S. glomerata and diploid C. gigas after 12 days. Following exposure to A.
45	minutum, toxicity of triploid C. gigas was not affected by temperature. Generally,
46	detoxification rates were reduced in warm-acclimated oysters. The routine metabolism of the
47	oysters was not affected by the toxins, but a significant effect was found at a cellular level in
48	diploid C. gigas. The increasing incidences of Alexandrium blooms worldwide are a challenge
49	for shellfish food safety regulation. Our findings indicate that rising ocean temperatures may
50	reduce paralytic shellfish toxin accumulation in two of the three oyster types, however, they
51	may persist for longer periods in oyster tissue.

52 Introduction

53 Increases in ocean temperature have widespread effects on the distribution, abundance, 54 physiology and interactions of marine species (IPCC, 2013; Vermeer and Rahmstorf, 2009; 55 Poloczanska et al., 2012; Fig 1a). In Australia, the increase in ocean temperature at mid-56 latitudes of up to 2.0 °C over the past 100 years (Thompson et al. 2009; Ridgway et al. 2012) 57 is significantly greater than the global mean, and is related to a southern range extension of 58 the East Australian Current. The majority of animals within the world's oceans are ectotherms 59 that are influenced directly by increases in ambient temperature. Temperature increases lead 60 to thermodynamic changes in physiological function, and the ability of organisms to cope 61 with these changes will depend on the thermal sensitivity of thermal performance curves and 62 their plasticity resulting from developmental and reversible acclimation, or genetic adaptation 63 (Seebacher et al. 2010; Wilson et al., 2010; Hoffmann & Sgrò, 2011; Munday et al., 2012; 64 Seebacher & Franklin, 2012). For sessile intertidal organisms, acclimation is the most feasible 65 response to rapid ocean warming (Harley, 2011). 66 67 Ocean temperature change can also indirectly impact marine invertebrates due to its effects on

68 phytoplankton distribution and abundance (Hobday et al., 2006; Hallegraeff, 2010; Thomas et 69 al., 2012), specifically, changes to the abundance and distribution of harmful algal bloom 70 forming taxa (Glibert et al., 2014). The increase in temperature in the East Australian current 71 region is likely to cause an earlier timing of peak production and an increase in the seasonal 72 window of species of Alexandrium and Gymnodinium catenatum (Hallegraeff, 2010), which 73 produce paralytic shellfish toxins (PSTs). PSTs produced by species of *Alexandrium* include 74 more than 20 known analogues, of which saxitoxin (STX), neosaxitoxin (NEO) and the 75 gonyautoxins (GTX1, GTX2, GTX3, GTX4) are the most potent (Llewellyn et al., 2006). 76 PSTs have severe impacts on humans, and a broad range of marine organisms, including

77	mammals, birds, fish, molluscs and crustaceans, by selectively blocking voltage-gated Na+
78	channels in excitable cells, affecting neural impulse generation (Catterall, 1980). In the
79	context of human wellbeing, negative effects of climate change on valuable food species are
80	of particular concern. Global annual mollusc food production is approximately 2.1×10^7 t, of
81	which oyster production comprises around 22% (FAO, 2014). Pacific oysters (Crassostrea
82	gigas) are produced worldwide, and in Australia the indigenous Sydney rock oyster,
83	Saccostrea glomerata, is one of the main species produced (Fig. 1c). Since 2005, there has
84	been an increase in blooms of Alexandrium in south eastern Australian coastal waters (Farrell
85	et al., 2013; Fig. 1b), which have resulted in over 50% of algal-related shellfish harvest area
86	closures.
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88	The thermal dependence of bivalve physiological responses to Alexandrium, and the way in
89	which this impacts the total PST concentrations in species, has never been assessed. This
90	information is crucial given the current and predicted rates of ocean temperature increases.
91	Based on experimental feeding studies, variation between bivalve species in the rate of and
92	the total uptake and depuration of PSTs has been found (Bricelj et al., 1990; Sekiguchi et al.
93	2001; Chen and Chou, 2002; Blanco et al., 2003; Lassus et al., 2005; Li et al., 2005; Kwong
94	et al., 2006; Asakawa et al., 2006; Hégaret et al., 2007; Lassus et al., 2007; Galimany et al.,
95	2008; Murray et al., 2009; Haberkorn et al., 2011; Contreras et al., 2012; Fernandez-Reiriz et
96	al., 2013; Bricelj et al., 2014; Haberkorn et al., 2014). This was hypothesized to be due to
97	differences in the feeding level on Alexandrium among bivalve species (Hégaret et al., 2007;
98	Contreras et al., 2012). Some studies have used relatively small samples sizes or pooled
99	samples, which may not take into account the substantial differences found between bivalve
100	individuals in PST toxin levels (Lassus et al., 2005; Kodama, 2010).

102 Our aim was to determine the temperature dependence of the dynamics of Alexandrium 103 feeding, PST accumulation and depuration, and physiological and enzyme responses of 104 oysters (S. glomerata and diploid and triploid C. gigas), using a large scale study, to take into 105 account large individual variability. As the ploidy level in C. gigas has been shown to impact 106 metabolic rate (Haberkorn et al. 2010, Guéguen et al. 2012), we tested both diploid and 107 triploid C. gigas. We hypothesised that oysters held at a predicted higher temperature (27 °C) 108 relative to their current range (22 °C), would not differ significantly in their rate of toxin 109 accumulation, as they would acclimate their metabolic processes accordingly. To test these 110 hypotheses, we temperature acclimated the oysters (n=252 per species/ploidy level) and fed 111 them with cultures of toxic Alexandrium minutum over a period of 12 days. We examined

112 toxin dynamics, routine metabolic rate and metabolic enzyme activity.

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113 Materials and methods

114 *Study species and acclimation treatments*

115 Adult S. glomerata and diploid and triploid C. gigas were sourced from farms in Port 116 Stephens, NSW, during September and October 2012, and all experiments were conducted at 117 the NSW Dept. Primary Industries, Port Stephens Fisheries Institute. Sea surface temperatures 118 at the time of collections were 18-19 °C. Shell size and body mass were measured before the 119 experiment to ensure that the specimens were of marketable condition (see supplementary 120 information Table S1). Oysters were cleaned to remove fouling and held in 400 L aerated 121 tanks (ca. 100 individuals $tank^{-1}$), containing 1 μ m-filtered seawater from their estuary of origin (salinity ~ 35 g L^{-1}). Over 5-7 days, tank water temperatures were gradually increased 122 123 to either 22 or 27 °C (± 0.5 °C) and 100 oysters per genotype or species were held in each 124 acclimation treatment. The oysters were held at the final constant acclimation temperatures 125 for two weeks. Seawater changes took place every two days and no mortalities occurred 126 during the acclimation period.

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128 *Phytoplankton culture growth and maintenance*

All algal cultures were grown at 23 °C with a 12/12-h light:dark photoregime at 60 μ m² s⁻¹. 129 130 Non-toxic live feed comprising Isochrysis aff. galbana (CS-177), Pavlova lutheri (CS-182) 131 and Chaetoceros muelleri (CS-176) were grown in f/2 medium (Guillard & Ryther, 1962). 132 During the acclimation period (described above), the ovsters were fed daily with a mixed algal diet of late exponential phase non-toxic feed (2×10^9 cells oyster⁻¹ day⁻¹). Alexandrium 133 134 minutum culture CS-324/16 was obtained from the CSIRO National Algae Culture Collection. 135 This strain was originally isolated from Adelaide, South Australia. The toxin profile of the 136 strain was characterized as containing primarily gonyautoxins GTX1,4 and low levels of 137 GTX2,3 and STX (Negri et al., 2003). A. minutum cultures were grown in GSe medium and

138 harvested during late exponential phase. To confirm the presence of PSTs, two samples (200

139 mL of ~200,000 cells mL⁻¹, 400 mL of ~120,000 cells mL⁻¹) of late exponential phase A.

140 *minutum* were collected and centrifuged at 5,000 rpm. The supernatant was removed and the

141 pellet was frozen at -80 °C for later quantification of toxins.

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143 Feeding experiments

144 A. minutum feeding experiments were carried out in 200 L aquaria. For each species and

145 temperature combination, 252 oysters were distributed randomly across 12 tanks (21 oysters

146 tank⁻¹), a total of 756 oysters. For 12 days, 6 tanks received a mixed non-toxic algal diet only.

147 The remaining 6 tanks received the mixed algal diet, plus late exponential phase cultures of A.

148 *minutum* (300 cells mL⁻¹) were added three times daily. *A. minutum* cell concentrations in the

tanks were checked twice daily. Salinity was $\sim 35 \text{g L}^{-1}$ and water temperatures were

150 maintained at 22 °C and 27 °C \pm 0.5 °C. Seawater changes took place every two days. Water

151 samples were collected directly from each water tank, preserved with lugol's iodine and

152 examined, via light microscopy, in order to determine *A. minutum* clearance (feeding) rate by

the oysters. A. *minutum* cells were added to maintain a minimum tank concentration of 300

154 cells mL⁻¹ to ensure maximum consumption (Bricelj *et al*, 1990, Murray *et al.*, 2009). On day

155 0, before introduction of the A. *minutum*, and on days 6 and 12, three oysters were collected

156 from each tank. This was equivalent to 36 individuals per time point for each oyster

157 species/ploidy level. Following the seawater change on day 12, the remaining oysters of all

treatments were fed the mixed algal diet only to allow depuration of toxins. Depuration was

159 carried out for 7 days and further sampling (3 oysters tank⁻¹) was carried out on days 13 and

160 19. At the time of sampling, body mass, shell length, breadth and height of each oyster were

161 recorded. After euthanising, the shell and tissue wet mass were also recorded for each oyster,

162 and tissue was retained at -80 °C for toxin analysis.

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164	Toxin analysis
165	The PST content was measured in 300 individual oysters ($n = 9$ oysters per toxic treatment
166	and n=30 non-toxic control oysters), according to Lawrence et al. (2005) and Harwood et al.
167	(2013). Briefly, homogenised (Omni Tissue Homogeniser, Omni International, USA) oyster
168	tissue was vortexed with 3 mL of 1% acetic acid solution. The mixture was heated at 100 $^\circ$ C
169	for 5 min, re-vortexed and then cooled and incubated at 4 °C for 5 min. Following
170	centrifugation (10 min at 4,500 rpm), the supernatant was collected. The pellet was re-
171	suspended with a further 3 mL of 1% acetic acid and re-centrifuged (10 min at 4,500 rpm).
172	The resulting supernatant was added to the original quantity and diluted with deionised water
173	to 10 mL. The A. minutum cell pellet was extracted according to the same method with slight
174	modifications. Initially, the cell pellets were freeze-thawed to ensure cell lysis. Also, after
175	both supernatants were combined, the dilution step to gain a final volume of 10 mL was
176	excluded to gain a higher toxin yield. Prior to analysis, a SPE C18 clean up (GracePure SPE
177	C18-Max 500 mg/3 mL, Alltech Associates (Australia) Pty Ltd) was carried out on 1 mL of
178	each extract. The pH of the final 4 mL effluent was adjusted to 6.5 with 1 M NaOH.
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180	Quantification of toxins by ultra-performance liquid chromatography (UPLC) and
181	fluorescence detection (FD) was carried out as per Harwood et al. (2013). Analytical certified
182	reference standards were sourced from the National Research Council of Canada. The UPLC
183	chromatogram of the extract from the A. minutum pellet had two peaks that corresponded to
184	the analogues GTX1,4 and a third peak that fit the retention times of both GTX1,4 and
185	GTX2,3 (refer supplementary information; Fig. S1b). The GTX1,4 concentration was
186	determined from the second peak (Fig. S1b), while the concentration of GTX2,3 was verified
187	by an additional peroxide oxidation (Harwood et al., 2013). Extracts from oysters that had not

188	been exposed to A. minutum were spiked with known quantities of GTX1,4 and GTX2,3, to
189	estimate the method's recovery factor. Recovery factors were incorporated into the final
190	estimates of toxin levels.
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192	Routine metabolic rate
193	On day 0 and day 12, the routine metabolic rate (RMR) of individual oysters (3 oysters tank ⁻¹)
194	was measured using a closed respirometry system according to Parker et al. (2012). In total
195	the measurement procedure was carried out on 216 individual oysters (n=9 oysters treatment ⁻¹
196	sampling point ⁻¹). Measurements were carried out at either 22 °C or 27 °C, depending on the
197	treatment temperature. During RMR measurements, one control (non-toxic diet) diploid C.
198	gigas (27 °C) and one replicate (toxic diet) S. glomerata (27 °C) failed to respire during the
199	analysis. RMR represents the level of metabolism for normal, unrestricted activity. In this
200	case, the valve of the oysters was unhindered, and the shells could open freely. Digestion was
201	ongoing, evidenced by the production of faecal pellets during the measurement process. This
202	differed from measurements of standard or resting metabolic rate, where minimal activity,
203	independent of digestion, is quantified (Willmer et al., 2009) A fiber-optic probe (PreSens
204	dipping probe DP-PSt3, AS1 Ltd, Palmerston North, New Zealand) was fitted to an airtight
205	500 mL chamber. Individual oysters (displacement volume < 50 mL) were submerged gently
206	in seawater within the darkened chamber. Estimates of RMR were based on the time taken for
207	the percentage oxygen saturation of seawater in the chamber to reduce from 100 to 80%,
208	because of respiration by the oyster. The oxygen probe was calibrated based on a two-point
209	calibration (0% and 100%). Values for RMR (mg $O_2 g^{-1} DTM h^{-1}$) were calculated as
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$$RMR = \frac{V_r \times \Delta C_w 0_2}{\Delta t \times DTM}$$
(1)

- 213 where V_r (L) is the volume of the chamber minus the displacement volume of the oyster
- 214 $\Delta C_w O_2$ (mg $O_2 L^{-1}$) is the measured change in oxygen concentration over time Δt (h), and
- 215 values were normalized to 1g of dry tissue mass (DTM, g).
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- 217 Metabolic enzyme activities
- 218 After RMR measurements, the 216 individual oysters (n=9 oysters treatment⁻¹ sampling point⁻¹
- ¹) were euthanised and 50 mg of tissue from the adductor muscle and digestive gland were
- 220 dissected, placed in 1.5 ml Eppendorf tubes and flash frozen with liquid nitrogen. All samples
- 221 were stored at -80 °C until further enzyme analysis. The remaining oyster tissue was freeze-
- dried for 48hrs (Alpha 2-4 LSC plus, Martin Christ Gefriertrocknungsanlagen GmbH,
- 223 Germany) to determine dry tissue mass (DTM).
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225 Activities of citrate synthase (CS), cytochrome c oxidase (COX) and the combined activity of 226 lactate, glycine and β -alanine dehydrogenase (LDH), were measured as indicators of 227 tricarboxylic acid cycle, mitochondrial electron transfer, and anaerobic ATP production, 228 respectively. All assays were conducted according to published protocols (Seebacher et al. 229 2003; Sinclair et al. 2006). Briefly, digestive gland or adductor muscle tissue (0.05g) was homogenised in nine volumes of extraction buffer (50 mmol l^{-1} imidazole/HCl, 2 mmol l^{-1} 230 MgCl₂, 5 mmol l⁻¹ ethylene diamine tetra-acetic acid (EDTA), 1 mmol l⁻¹ reduced glutathione 231 and 1% Triton X-100). All samples were kept on ice during homogenisation. For COX and 232 233 CS assays, homogenates from digestive gland tissue, were further diluted by a factor of 10. 234 All assays were measured spectrophotometrically in an UV/visible spectrophotometer 235 (Ultrospec2100 pro, Biochrom, UK) with a temperature controlled cuvette holder (Seebacher 236 et al., 2003). Each assay was performed in duplicate at two temperatures, which coincided 237 with acclimation temperatures (22 and 27 °C).

239	Clearance rate (CR) of A. minutum was calculated according to
240	$CR = \frac{(lnC_o - lnC) \times V}{t} \tag{2}$
241	where C_o and C are the initial and final A. <i>minutum</i> cell concentrations, respectively, V is the
242	volume of suspension (holding tank volume) and t is time (Coughlin, 1969).
243	On selected days ($n=5$ oyster species/ploidy level ⁻¹ treatment ⁻¹), the final cell concentration
244	for each replicated was estimated over 24 hour periods, following tank seawater changes.
245	Clearance rates were normalised to 1 g oyster tissue wet weight based on the mean values in
246	Table S1 (Bricelj et al., 1990). To determine any significant difference between oyster
247	species/ploidy level and acclimation temperature on clearance rates, data were analysed by a
248	two-way permutation analysis of variance (ANOVA).
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250	In order to determine the effect of temperature on the accumulation and depuration of PSTs
251	(GTX1,4 and GTX2,3) in oysters, we examined toxicity on day 12, the period of maximum
252	exposure to A. minutum, and day 13, following 24 hours of the oysters receiving a non-toxic
253	diet only (depuration). Analysis of PSTs in each oyster species/ploidy level was by two-way
254	permutation ANOVA with exposure treatment (days 12 and 13, as above) and acclimation
255	temperature as factors.
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257	Also on day 12, RMR data for each oyster species/ploidy level ($n = 9$ oysters treatment ⁻¹)
258	were analysed by a two-way permutation ANOVA with diet (toxic or non-toxic) and
259	acclimation temperature as factors. Enzyme activities were analysed ($n = 9$ oysters treatment ⁻
260	¹) with a three-way permutation ANOVA with acclimation temperature and diet as factors and
261	test temperature as a repeated measure.

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Statistical analyses

- 263 All analyses were carried out in R (R.app GUI 1.63, 2012). Permutation analysis were carried
- 264 out using the ImPerm package (Wheeler, 2014), Results are expressed as mean ± standard
- 265 error mean (SEM). For all statistical analyses, the significance level was set at the $p \le 0.05$
- 266 alpha-level. For each multifactorial analysis, the highest significant interaction was examined.
- 267 Significant main effects were only examined when no significant interactions were reported.
- 268 Post hoc analysis of means was by Tukey's Honest Significant Difference (HSD). For
- analyses where nominal variables had only two levels, no post hoc analysis was carried out. 269

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270 Results

- 271 Uptake of A. minutum
- 272 Temperature did not affect the rate at which the different oyster species/ploidy levels fed on
- toxic A. minutum (Fig. 2, Table 1, S2).
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- 275 Toxicity of A minutum and oysters
- 276 The PST analogues GTX 1,4 $(1,112 \pm 208 \text{ ng mL}^{-1})$ and GTX 2,3 $(22.21 \pm 4.01 \text{ ng mL}^{-1})$
- 277 were found in the culture of A. minutum. These concentrations corresponded to 0.59 ± 0.08 pg
- 278 GTX1,4 cell⁻¹ and 0.012 ± 0.003 pg GTX2,3 cell⁻¹. All oysters that were exposed to a toxic
- diet of A. *minutum* accumulated both GTX1,4 and GTX2,3 during the 12-day treatment (Fig.
- 280 3). PSTs were not found in the control (non-toxic diet) or day 0 samples (data not shown).

- 282 GTX1,4 concentrations were lower (exposure treatment × acclimation temperature; Tables 1
- and 2) in warm-acclimated diploid C. gigas (Fig. 3a) and S. glomerata (Fig. 3c) following 12
- 284 days of exposure to A. *minutum*. Following 24 hours of receiving a non-toxic algal diet only,
- warm-acclimated diploid C. gigas (Fig. 3a) and S. glomerata (Fig. 3c) had slower
- detoxification of GTX1,4 (exposure treatment × acclimation temperature, Tables 1 and 2).
- 287 GTX2,3 concentrations after the 12-day exposure treatment and 24-hour depuration process
- were unaffected by temperature for both of these species (Tables 1 and 2, Fig. 3b,d).
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- 290 GTX1,4 concentrations after the 12-day exposure treatment and 24-hour depuration process
- were unaffected by temperature for triploid *C. gigas* (Tables 1 and 2, Fig. 3e). Similarly,
- temperature did not influence concentrations of GTX2,3 in triploid C. gigas at the end of the
- 293 12-day exposure to a toxic diet. However, following the 24-hour depuration treatment,

294	detoxification was reduced in warm-acclimated triploid C. gigas (exposure treatment \times

- acclimation temperature interaction; Tables 1 and 2, Fig. 3f).
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- 297 Routine metabolic rate and metabolic enzyme activities
- 298 Diet and acclimation temperature did not have a significant influence on RMR in diploid and
- triploid C. gigas (Tables 1 and 3, diploid C. gigas: Fig. 4a,b; triploid C. gigas: Fig. 4e,f).
- 300 RMR was higher in warm-acclimated *S. glomerata*, independent of diet (Table 3, Fig. 4c,d).

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- 302 LDH activity was elevated in digestive gland tissue from warm-acclimated diploid *C. gigas*
- 303 (Tables 1 and 4, Fig. S2). Lower LDH activity was observed in adductor muscle of diploid *C*.
- 304 *gigas* exposed to a toxic diet (Table 5, Figure S3).

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- 306 CS activity was reduced in digestive gland tissues from warm-acclimated S. glomerata
- 307 (Tables 1 and 4, Fig. S4). The acclimation temperature × diet × test temperature interaction
- 308 was significant for LDH activity in adductor muscle samples from *S. glomerata* (Table 5, Fig.

309 S5). The interpretation of this interaction was unclear based on very little discernable

310 differences in the graphed results. However, samples from warm-acclimated oysters had

311 greater LDH activity (Tables 1 and 5, Fig S5).

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313 Triploid C. gigas digestive gland samples had a reduced response for LDH and CS activities

314 in warm-acclimated oysters (Tables 1 and 4, Fig. S6). Triploid C. gigas adductor muscle

315 tissue had elevated LDH activity in warm-acclimated oysters at the 27 °C test temp

- 316 (acclimation temperature × test temperature interaction) (Tables 1 and 5, Fig. S7), whereas CS
- 317 and COX activities were reduced in the adductor muscle of warm-acclimated triploid C. gigas
- 318 (Table 5, Fig. S7).

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- 320 Where test temperature produced a significant main effect (Tables 4 and 5), the majority of
- 321 increased responses were at 27 °C (LDH: diploid C. gigas adductor muscle (Fig. S3); CS: all
- 322 oyster species/ploidy level digestive gland (Figs. S2, S4, S6), S. glomerata and triploid C.
- 323 gigas adductor muscle (Figs. S5, S7); COX: S. glomerata and triploid C. gigas adductor
- 324 muscle (Figs. S5, S7). LDH activity for triploid C. gigas digestive gland was elevated at the
- 325 22 °C test temperature (Table 4, Fig. S6).

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326 Discussion

327	Filter-feeding bivalves face a combination of stressors from climate change, because the
328	metabolic and physiological responses of these ectotherms are modulated by water
329	temperature (Hawkins, 1995, Angilletta et al., 2002, Peck et al., 2004, Clarke and Fraser,
330	2004), and also because the distribution and abundance of toxin producing dinoflagellate
331	species are likely to change (Hallegraeff, 2010, Glibert et al., 2014). South-eastern Australia
332	in particular is considered a climate change "hotspot" due to decadal increases in temperature
333	of ~0.2 °C since the 1940s, accompanied by a southern range expansion of the Eastern
334	Australian Current (Ridgway, 2007, Ridgway & Hill, 2012; Wu et al. 2012), and has a
335	substantial bivalve shellfish aquaculture industry.
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337	We conducted the first large-scale experiment examining toxin uptake and depuration
338	dynamics in three oyster species/ploidy levels to determine the combined impact of PSTs and
339	temperature. While differences in the feeding efficiency on A. minutum by the different oyster
340	types were not apparent (Table 1), significant differences in the concentration of PST
341	analogues were observed between oyster types and acclimation temperatures after the 12-day
342	exposure treatment (Table 1). In particular, diploid C. gigas and S. glomerata contained less
343	GTX1,4, the more potent of the two PST congeners present, at warmer temperatures (Table
344	1). There was no apparent influence of temperature in the accumulation of GTX1,4 by triploid
345	C. gigas or GTX2,3 by any of the three oyster types, at the end of the 12 day exposure
346	treatment. PST analogues, identical to that in the Alexandrium minutum, were detected in all
347	individual oysters after 12 days of exposure to a toxic diet (Fig. S1). Biotransformation of
348	PST analogues, in which the toxin analogues or their proportions in bivalves differs from that
349	of the Alexandrium culture, commonly occurs in clams, scallops, and mussels (Kwong et al,
350	2006; Sagou et al., 2005; Bricelj & Shumway 1998; Bricelj et al 2014), but appears to be less

commonly reported in oysters (Bricelj & Shumway 1998; Murray *et al.*, 2009), in line with
our findings.

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354	In our study, triploid C. gigas and S. glomerata were found to be approximately 50% less
355	toxic than diploid C. gigas at the end of the period of exposure to a toxic diet. Experimental
356	feeding studies using PST-producing dinoflagellates have been conducted on mussels (Bricelj
357	et al., 1990, Blanco et al., 2003, Li et al., 2005, Kwong et al., 2006, Galimany et al., 2008),
358	scallops, cockles and clams (Bricelj et al., 1990; Sekiguchi et al., 2001; Chen and Chou, 2001,
359	2002; Kodama, 2010; Higman and Turner, 2010; Contreras et al., 2012;) and oysters (Lassus
360	et al., 2005, 2007; Murray et al., 2009; Haberkorn et al., 2010, 2011, 2014). Most studies
361	analysed a single bivalve species or strain, but for those studies that compared total toxicity
362	among species or ploidy levels, given the same experimental conditions, significant
363	differences were generally found (Haberkorn et al. 2011, Contreras et al., 2012). This was
364	attributed to differences in feeding levels amongst bivalve species (Hegaret et al., 2007;
365	Higman and Turner, 2010, Contreras et al., 2012) or ploidy levels (Haberkorn et al., 2010). In
366	our study, differences in total PST toxicity were found among species (Table 1) and at certain
367	temperature treatments despite the fact that feeding levels on Alexandrium were not
368	significantly different. This indicates that differences in PST metabolism rates may be instead
369	contributing to these differences.
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Both diploid and triploid *C. gigas* acclimated their RMR to their respective treatment

372 temperatures independently of diet, which indicated that the exposure to *Alexandrium*

373 *minutum* did not incur a metabolic cost. However, the reduced response in LDH activity

374 suggested an increase in potential for aerobic metabolism in diploid *C. gigas* that were fed

375 with A. minutum. Aerobic metabolism in oysters is associated with increased circulation and

376	filtration of seawater (Lucas, 2012). This finding may explain how, overall, the greatest
377	toxicity was observed in diploid C. gigas, at both temperatures. Previously, faster
378	accumulation of PSTs has been found in triploid C. gigas compared to diploid strains, and
379	was considered to be correlated to their faster metabolic rates (Haberkorn et al., 2010),
380	depending on sexual maturity (Guéguen et al., 2012).
381	
382	We had anticipated that oysters would adjust their metabolic processes with increasing
383	temperatures. This was not the case for S. glomerata on day 12, as the elevated RMR,
384	independent of diet, implied a higher metabolic maintenance cost associated with warmer
385	conditions. Temperature-dependent responses of some metabolic enzyme activities (CS and
386	LDH) promoted the potential for anaerobic metabolic pathways in warm-acclimated S.
387	glomerata. While all three oyster species/ploidy levels experienced some effects of higher
388	temperature acclimation on metabolic enzyme activity, a greater number of responses were
389	noted in triploid C. gigas. The majority of these suggested a greater potential for anaerobic
390	metabolic scope (Table 1). Multiple stressors (temperature and cadmium or temperature and
391	elevated CO ₂) have been found to have inhibitive effects on the aerobic scope of <i>C. gigas and</i>
392	Crassostrea virginica (Lannig et al. 2006; 2010). Our findings on S. glomerata and diploid C.
393	gigas were similar, although the responses were fewer than in triploid C. gigas.
394	
395	In both diploid C. gigas and S. glomerata, warm-acclimated oysters had a slower depuration
396	of GTX1,4, following the dietary change from A. minutum to a diet of non-toxic algae only,
397	while there was no effect of temperature on the detoxification of GTX2,3 for either of these
398	species. For triploid C. gigas, the detoxification rate of GTX1,4 was unaffected by
399	temperature, however, warm-acclimated triploid C. gigas experienced slower reduction of
400	GTX2,3. Detoxification rates have been found previously to vary between species (Mons et

401 *al.*, 1998, Kwong *et al.*, 2006). While exposure to a toxic diet had a significant effect at a

402 cellular level in diploid C. gigas, the temperature-dependent responses of metabolic enzyme

403 activities to warmer conditions suggested that predicted changes to ocean temperatures will

404 influence toxin accumulation and depuration dynamics in all three oyster types.

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- 406 By simulating an *Alexandrium* bloom under two temperature scenarios, using a large scale
- 407 study, we have shown differential toxin uptake and depuration in three oyster species/two
- 408 ploidy levels. Our findings indicate that both S. glomerata and diploid C. gigas may have
- 409 lower GTX1,4 concentrations in warmer waters given the same density of A. minutum bloom,
- 410 while detoxification will be slower. However, the current trend of increasing abundance and
- 411 distribution of PST producing species of *Alexandrium* (Anderson *et al.*, 2012) will add a layer
- 412 of complexity to determining future risk of PSTs in commercial bivalves.

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601 Supporting information legends

602 **Fig. S1** Example chromatographs showing the toxin peaks for the extracts from the A.

603 minutum pellet (a) and the corresponding peaks observed in extracts from oyster tissue (b and

604 c).

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606 **Fig. S2** Activities (μmol g⁻¹ min⁻¹) of lactate, glycine and β-alanine dehydrogenase (LDH; a-

b), citrate synthase (CS; c-d), cytochrome c oxidase (COX; e-f) from diploid *C. gigas*

608 digestive gland. Data for oysters exposed to either a toxic or non-toxic diet are shown

separately. Each panel shows results from oysters acclimated at current mean summer water

610 temperature (22 °C; white bars) and predicted warmer conditions (27 °C; black bars), and test

611 temperature is shown on the x-axis; n = 9; bars = SEM. There were no significant interaction

612 terms.

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614 **Fig. S3** Activities (μmol g⁻¹ min⁻¹) of lactate, glycine and β-alanine dehydrogenase (LDH; a-

b), citrate synthase (CS; c-d), cytochrome c oxidase (COX; e-f) from diploid *C. gigas*

616 adductor muscle. Data for oysters exposed to either a toxic or non-toxic diet are shown

617 separately. Each panel shows results from oysters acclimated at current mean summer water

618 temperature (22 °C; white bars) and predicted warmer conditions (27 °C; black bars), and test

619 temperature is shown on the x-axis; n = 9; bars = SEM.

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621 **Fig. S4** Activities (µmol g⁻¹ min⁻¹) of lactate, glycine and β-alanine dehydrogenase (LDH; a-622 b), citrate synthase (CS; c-d), cytochrome c oxidase (COX; e-f) from *S. glomerata* digestive 623 gland. Data for oysters exposed to either a toxic or non-toxic diet are shown separately. Each 624 panel shows results from oysters acclimated at current mean summer water temperature (22

625	°C; white bars) and predicted warmer conditions (27 °C; black bars), and test temperature is
626	shown on the x-axis; $n = 9$; bars = SEM. There were no significant interaction terms.
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628	Fig. S5 Activities (μ mol g ⁻¹ min ⁻¹) of lactate, glycine and β -alanine dehydrogenase (LDH; a-
629	b), citrate synthase (CS; c-d), cytochrome c oxidase (COX; e-f) from S. glomerata adductor
630	muscle. Data for oysters exposed to either a toxic or non-toxic diet are shown separately.
631	Each panel shows results from oysters acclimated at current mean summer water temperature
632	(22 °C; white bars) and predicted warmer conditions (27 °C; black bars), and test temperature
633	is shown on the x-axis; $n = 9$; bars = SEM.
634	
635	Fig. S6 Activities (μ mol g ⁻¹ min ⁻¹) of lactate, glycine and β -alanine dehydrogenase (LDH; a-
636	b), citrate synthase (CS; c-d), cytochrome c oxidase (COX; e-f) from triploid C. gigas
637	digestive gland. Data for oysters exposed to either a toxic or non-toxic diet are shown
638	separately. Each panel shows results from oysters acclimated at current mean summer water
639	temperature (22 °C; white bars) and predicted warmer conditions (27 °C; black bars), and test
640	temperature is shown on the x-axis; $n = 9$; bars = SEM. There were no significant interaction
641	terms.
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643	Fig. S7 Activities (μ mol g ⁻¹ min ⁻¹) of lactate, glycine and β -alanine dehydrogenase (LDH; a-
644	b), citrate synthase (CS; c-d), cytochrome c oxidase (COX; e-f) from triploid C. gigas
645	adductor muscle. Data for oysters exposed to either a toxic or non-toxic diet are shown
646	separately. Each panel shows results from oysters acclimated at current mean summer water
647	temperature (22 °C; white bars) and predicted warmer conditions (27 °C; black bars), and test
648	temperature is shown on the x-axis; $n = 9$; bars = SEM.

650 Table S1 Summary of oyster species/ploidy level and weight ranges used for the controlled 651 feeding experiment.

- 653 **Table S2** Analysis of clearance rate of *A. minutum* by each oyster species/ploidy level
- 654 (diploid and triploid C. gigas and S. glomerata) at each acclimation temperature across the
- 655 12-day exposure period. This was a two-way permutation ANOVA based on estimates of A.
- Lours L 656 *minutum* clearance rate for 24 hours after each tank seawater change (n=5 species/ploidy
- level⁻¹ temp⁻¹) with oyster species/ploidy level and acclimation temperature as factors. 657

- 658 Tables
- **Table 1** Summary of significant (interaction or main effect) responses by warm (27 °C)
- 660 acclimated oysters (diploid and triploid C. gigas and S. glomerata) to experimental measures
- of *A. minutum* clearance rate, paralytic shellfish toxin (PST) concentrations after 12-days of
- 662 exposure to toxic diet and 24 hour depuration, routine metabolic rate and metabolic enzyme
- 663 activity (lactate, glycine and β -alanine dehydrogenase (LDH), citrate synthase (CS),
- 664 cytochrome c oxidase (COX)).

		Oyster species/ploidy level (27 °C treatment)							
Experiment		diploid <i>C. gigas</i>	S. glomerata	triploid <i>C. gigas</i>	Ref.				
Clearance rate of toxic <i>A. mintutum</i>		0.	-	-	Fig. 2, Table S2				
PSTs after 12-day exposure GTX1,4 GTX2,3		↓ -	↓ -	- -	Table 2, Fig. 3				
PSTs after 24hr depuration GTX1,4 GTX2,3		↓	¥ -	Ý	Table 2, Fig. 3				
Routine metabolic rate (irrespective of diet)		-	↑	2	Table 3 Fig. 4,				
Metabolic enzymes Digestive gland	LDH CS COX	↑ -	- ↓ -	↓ ↓	Table 4, Figs S2, S4, S6				
Muscle	LDH CS COX	- -	↑ - -	↑ ↓	Table 5, Figs S3, S5, S7				

Key: \uparrow increased response; \downarrow reduced response; - no significant response

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- 667 **Table 2** Summary of two-way permutation ANOVA for accumulation of paralytic shellfish
- toxins (GTX1,4 and GTX2,3) in each oyster species/ploidy level, with exposure treatment
- 669 (maximum exposure to A. minutum, and 24 hours of depuration) and acclimation temperature
- 670 as factors.

			diploid <i>C. gigas</i>		triploid <i>C. gigas</i>		S. glomerata	
		_						
PST analogue	Source of Variation	df	F	р	F	р	F	р
	Exposure	1	63.99	< 0.001	1.93	0.318	21.48	< 0.001
CTV 1 4	Temperature	1	15.03	< 0.002	0.00	0.902	9.02	0.002
GIA 1,4	Exposure*Temperature	1	5.96	0.014	0.00	1.000	4.19	0.035
	Error	32						
	Exposure	1	9.94	0.004	0.75	0.400	10.22	0.000
	Temperature	1	0.02	0.922	12.30	0.001	0.88	0.390
GIA 2,3	Exposure*Temperature	1	0.39	0.554	5.88	0.016	1.79	0.121
	Error	32						

- 673 **Table 3** Summary of two-way permutation ANOVA for routine metabolic rate, RMR (mg 0₂
- $674 ext{ g}^{-1} ext{ DTM } ext{ h}^{-1} \pm ext{ SEM}$), for each oyster species/ploidy level on day 12, the maximum period of
- 675 exposure to A. minutum. Acclimation temperature and diet (toxic or non-toxic) were factors
- 676 for each analysis.

		diploid triploid			d	S. glomerata			
Source of Variation	df	<u> </u>	us n	df	<u> </u>	n n	<u>ځ</u> df	<u>r</u> F	<u>и</u> п
Diet	1	1.49	0.115	1	0.01	0.922	1	0.15	0.804
Temperature	1	1.58	0.322	1	0.03	0.863	1	4.78	0.024
Diet*Temperature	1	1.96	0.171	1	0.66	0.548	1	1.46	0.413
Error	31			32			31		

- **Table 4** Summary of three-way permutation ANOVA for lactate, glycine and β-alanine
- 679 dehydrogenase (LDH), citrate synthase (CS), cytochrome c oxidase (COX) from diploid and
- 680 triploid *C. gigas* and *S. glomerata* digestive gland. Acclimation temperature (Acc), diet (toxic
- 681 vs. non-toxic) and test temperature (Test; repeated measure) were factors for analysis.

			diploid		<i>S</i> .		triploid	
			C. gigas		glomerata		C. gigas	
Assay	Source of Variation	df	F	р	F	р	F	р
	Between subject effects							
	Acc	1	5.58	0.012	1.25	0.200	3.19	0.030
	Diet	1	0.03	0.980	0.03	0.902	0.15	0.745
	Acc *Diet	1	0.04	0.784	0.12	0.726	0.60	0.391
	Error	32						
LDH	Within subject effects							
	Test	1	6.22	0.161	1.27	0.222	28.96	0.040
	Acc*Test	1	1.82	0.162	0.06	0.667	0.20	0.961
	Diet*Test	1	0.84	0.473	0.05	0.824	0.00	0.863
	Acc*Diet*Test	1	0.05	0.961	0.82	0.273	0.30	0.527
	Error	32						
	Between subject effects							
	Acc	1	0.12	0.941	7.36	0.002	3.74	0.050
	Diet	1	1.06	0.267	0.36	0.452	1.40	0.236
	Acc *Diet	1	1.48	0.216	0.36	0.824	0.12	0.980
	Error	32						
CS	Within subject effects							
	Test	1	55.10	< 0.001	132.88	<0.001	208.70	< 0.001
	Acc*Test	1	0.09	0.922	0.08	0.824	0.16	0.745
	Diet*Test	1	2.55	0.765	0.19	0.594	0.80	0.686
	Acc*Diet*Test	1	0.01	0.922	0.09	1.000	0.32	0.882
	Error	32						
	Between subject effects							
COX	Acc	1	1.13	0.220	1.40	0.414	2.42	0.191
	Diet	1	0.03	0.686	2.01	0.201	3.38	0.058
	Acc *Diet	1	0.55	0.385	0.47	0.478	1.39	0.667
	Error	32						
	Within subject effects							
	Test	1	10.01	0.452	10.34	0.065	0.60	0.070
	Acc*Test	1	0.00	0.686	1.58	0.324	0.06	0.643
	Diet*Test	1	0.01	1.000	3.64	0.065	0.23	0.444
	Acc*Diet*Test	1	0.20	0.863	0.78	0.706	0.00	1.000
	Error	32						

- **Table 5** Summary of three-way permutation ANOVA for lactate, glycine and β-alanine
- 683 dehydrogenase (LDH), citrate synthase (CS), cytochrome c oxidase (COX) from diploid and
- 684 triploid C. gigas and S. glomerata adductor muscle. Acclimation temperature (Acc), diet
- 685 (toxic vs. non-toxic) and test temperature (Test; repeated measure) were factors for analysis.

			diplo	oid	S		trip	loid
			C. gigas		glomerata		C. gigas	
Assay	Source of Variation	df	F	р	F	р	F	р
	Between subject effects							
	Acc	1	0.02	0.941	15.32	< 0.001	4.74	0.038
	Diet	1	7.81	0.014	0.27	0.500	1.09	0.236
	Acc *Diet	1	0.41	0.373	0.27	0.592	0.53	0.638
	Error	32						
LDH	Within subject effects							
	Test	1	25.68	0.007	145.06	< 0.001	89.96	< 0.001
	Acc*Test	1	0.56	0.686	7.55	0.006	5.85	0.022
	Diet*Test	1	1.35	0.193	0.38	0.444	0.05	0.922
	Acc*Diet*Test	1	0.82	0.660	4.58	0.044	3.48	0.059
	Error	32						
	Between subject effects							
	Acc	1	1.13	0.295	0.44	0.368	19.19	< 0.001
	Diet	1	0.01	1.000	0.97	0.258	0.47	0.411
	Acc *Diet	1	0.23	0.686	2.55	0.165	0.70	0.667
	Error	32						
CS	Within subject effects							
	Test	1	22.88	0.061	69.99	0.000	164.47	< 0.001
	Acc*Test	1	2.54	0.082	1.15	0.396	0.32	0.633
	Diet*Test	1	0.64	0.583	0.21	0.660	1.11	0.304
	Acc*Diet*Test	1	3.67	0.069	0.01	1.000	0.12	1.000
	Error	32						
	Between subject effects							
	Acc	1	0.06	0.784	0.88	0.394	3.22	0.042
	Diet	1	0.17	0.554	0.24	0.583	0.65	0.288
	Acc *Diet	1	0.97	0.346	0.88	0.371	0.32	0.554
	Error	32						
COX	Within subject effects							
	Test	1	2.26	0.571	65.36	0.006	8.51	0.615
	Acc*Test	1	0.57	0.765	1.22	0.321	3.35	0.170
	Diet*Test	1	1.94	0.147	0.10	0.726	0.85	0.302
	Acc*Diet*Test	- 1	1 29	0.396	0.10	0.980	1 52	0.231
	Fror	32	1.27	0.570	0.10	0.200	1.52	0.231
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686 Figure Legends

687 Fig. 1 (a) Estimated annual mean surface temperature change between 1986–2005 and

- 688 2081–2100 for two climatic model scenarios (RCP2.6: low forcing and RCP8.5: high
- emission levels) (adapted from IPCC, 2013). (b) Total number of months each year where
- 690 positive Alexandrium-related PSTs were reported along the NSW coastline between February
- 691 2005 and December 2014 (NSW Food Authority, 2014). (c) Global distribution of production
- 692 of C. gigas (FAO, 2014) and S. glomerata (NSW DPI, 2014) overlain on reported incidence
- 693 of PSTs worldwide 1970 (Hallegraeff, 2003) and current (Hallegraeff, 2014).
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695 **Fig. 2** Average daily clearance rate (mL min⁻¹ g⁻¹ wet tissue) of *A. minutum* for each oyster

type and temperature treatment across the feeding trial. Results are shown from oysters

697 acclimated at current mean summer water temperature (22 °C; white bars) and predicted

698 warmer conditions (27 °C; black bars), and oyster species/ploidy level is shown on the x-axis;

699 n = 5; bars = SEM.

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701 Fig. 3 Paralytic shellfish toxin content in oysters after the maximum period of exposure (day

12) to *A. minutum* and 24 hours after feeding with toxic cells had ceased (day 13).

703 Concentrations (µg 100g tissue⁻¹) of the analogues GTX1,4 (a, c, e) and GTX2,3 (b, d, f) are

shown for each oyster species/ploidy level: diploid C. gigas (a, b), triploid S. glomerata (c, d),

705 C. gigas (e, f). Each panel shows results from oysters acclimated at current mean summer

706 water temperature (22 °C; white bars) and predicted warmer conditions (27 °C; black bars),

- and A. minutum exposure treatment is shown on the x-axis; n = 9; bars = SEM. For GTX1,4,
- there were significant interactions between exposure treatment and acclimation temperature
- for diploid C. gigas (a) and S. glomerata (c). For GTX2,3, there was a significant interaction
- 710 between exposure treatment and acclimation temperature for triploid *C. gigas* (f).

- **Fig. 4** Routine metabolic rate, RMR, (mg 0_2 g⁻¹ DTM h⁻¹± SEM) on day 12, the maximum 711 712 period of exposure in oysters that received A. minutum (a, c, e) and those that were fed a non-713 toxic diet only (b, d, f) are shown for each oyster species/ploidy level: diploid C. gigas (a, b), 714 triploid C. gigas (c, d), S. glomerata (e, f). Each panel shows results from oysters acclimated 715 at current mean summer water temperature (22 °C; white bars) and predicted warmer 716 conditions (27 °C; black bars), and test temperature, which corresponded to the acclimation 717 temperatures, is shown on the x-axis; n = 9, with the exception of non-toxic diploid C. gigas 718 and toxic *S. glomerata* at 27 °C, where n=8 (see text); bars = SEM. There was a significant
- 719 main effect of temperature for *S. glomerata* (e, f).

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720 Supporting Information

- 721 **Table S1** Summary of oyster species/ploidy level and weight ranges used for the controlled
- 722 feeding experiment.

Oyster species/ploidy level	Total Weight (g)	Total Tissue (g)
(n=216)	(mean ± SD)	(mean ± SD)
Diploid C. gigas	33.29±7.52	4.89±1.47
Triploid C. gigas	66.59±13.34	10.01±2.79
S. glomerata	29.49±4.95	4.64±1.02

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- 724 **Table S2** Analysis of clearance rate of *A. minutum* by each oyster species/ploidy level
- 725 (diploid and triploid *C. gigas* and *S. glomerata*) at each acclimation temperature across the
- 726 12-day exposure period. This was a two-way permutation ANOVA based on estimates of *A*.
- 727 *minutum* clearance rate for 24 hours after each tank seawater change (n=5 species/ploidy
- ⁷²⁸ level⁻¹ temp⁻¹) with oyster species/ploidy level and acclimation temperature as factors.
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Source of Variation	df	F	р
Temperature	1	0.26	0.478
Oyster	2	0.10	0.961
Oyster*Temperature	2	0.42	0.737
Error	24		



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