**Supplementary Information for 'Single-bacterial genomics validates the rich and varied specialized metabolism of uncultivated** *Entotheonella* **sponge symbionts'**

#### **Supplementary Materials and Methods**

#### **Sponge collection, preparation of 'Entotheonella'-enriched fraction, and single-cell analysis**

Samples of Japanese *T. swinhoei* WA were collected in 2011 by SCUBA off the coast of Hachijo-jima, Japan, as described previously (1). Three *T. swinhoei* samples were collected at Eilat, Red Sea (29°29'57.63"N / 34°54'54.61"E) in 2014 by SCUBA diving at 20 m depth (with a permit from the Nature and Parks Authority), and processed on site at the Interuniversity Institute for Marine Sciences. All further work was performed in a laminar flow hood under sterile conditions.

Japanese *T. swinhoei* WA sponges were subjected to cell separation by differential centrifugation as described previously (1). The resulting 'Entotheonella' fraction was resuspended in 200 ml Ca- and Mg-free artificial sea water (2) and stored at 4 °C. Single 'Entotheonella' filaments were sorted by FACS into 96 well plates, and two positive wells G6 and H6 were identified by PCR after multiple displacement amplification (MDA) of the DNA and subsequently sequenced as described previously (1).

Like the Japanese samples, Israeli *T. swinhoei* sponges were subjected to cell separation by differential centrifugation as described previously (1). The resulting 'Entotheonella' fraction was resuspended in 200 ml Ca- and Mg-free artificial sea water (2) and stored at 4 °C. DNA was prepared using the protocol described by Tauch *et al*. (3). For sequencing, a TruSeq PCR-free library (Illumina Inc., Netherlands) was prepared according to the manufacturer's instructions. Sequencing was performed on an Illumina MiSeq platform, using the 2x 300 bp sequencing kit.

For the Japanese TSWA sequences G6 and H6, data was processed as described before (4). In brief, FastQC (5) was applied for quality control of raw sequence reads and quality trimming was

performed using trimmomatic 0.35 (6) and default settings (Remove leading and trailing low quality or N bases (below quality 3); scan the read with a 4-base wide sliding window, cutting when the average quality per base drops below 15; drop reads below the 36 bases long). Upon sequencing and processing of the obtained data, SPAdes (version 3.9.0.) (7) was used for a *de novo* assembly default settings for single cells and long Illumina reads including kmer 21, 33, 55, 77, 99 and 127. Automatic annotation was performed within the platforms Prokka 1.11 (8) and GenDB 2.0 (9). BUSCO (v3.0.0) with the training set for Bacteria was used to test for completeness of the draft genome assembly (10). BUSCO tests the coverage of Single-Copy Orthologues that are represented as BUSCO gene models used for training of AUGUSTUS (v3.0.3) gene prediction (11).

For the Israeli sample, a total of 194,941,818 reads (3.96 Gbp) were screened against the contigs from the Japanese strains using BlastN, reads (and their mates) with >= 95% identity were retained. This filtering reduced the dataset to a total of 4,085,316 reads (955.2 Mbp) that were assembled using the Newbler (v2.8) *de novo* assembler. The resulting assembly consisted of 937 scaffolds containing 1,528 contigs with a total of 6.57 Mbp. The resulting contigs were automatically annotated with RAST (9).

#### **Sequence analysis**

Bioinformatic analysis of natural product genes was carried out as described previously (12). Briefly, manual identification and annotation of natural product biosynthetic genes were conducted with BLAST using validated biosynthetic genes as queries. Automated identification of natural product genes and clusters was performed with Antibiotics and Secondary Metabolite Analysis Shell (antiSMASH) 3.0 (13), NaPDoS (14), and manual BLAST analysis of uncertain regions. All manual annotation and routine bioinformatic analysis was performed using Geneious version 8.1.6 created by Biomatters (available from http://www.geneious.com). Scaffold gaps were closed using PCR amplification with Phusion® High-Fidelity or Q5® High-Fidelity DNA polymerase (New England Biolabs) and sequencing (Microsynth). PCR primers used for gap closing were designed from the terminal ends of assembled contigs from 'E. serta' TSWA1 and 'E. serta' TSWB phylotypes from the

Israel collection (Table S8). Average nucleotide identity (ANI) analyses were performed as recently described (15, 16).

#### **Chemical analysis of sponges**

3 g of Japanese *T. swinhoei* WA specimen (stored at -80 °C) and approximately 3 g of different specimens of the Israel chemotype WB (stored in ethanol at 4 °C) were individually sliced into small pieces. These were extracted with a 1:1 mixture of dichloromethane and methanol overnight at 4 °C (17). The extracts were filtered and dried under reduced pressure. Extracts were resuspended in acetonitrile and subjected to data-dependent ultra-high performance liquid chromatography-high resolution heated electrospray-tandem mass spectrometry (UPLC HR HESI MS/MS) analysis using a Dionex Ultimate 3000 UPLC system connected to a Thermo QExactive mass spectrometer. A solvent gradient ( $A = H<sub>2</sub>O + 0.1\%$  formic acid and  $B =$  acetonitrile + 0.1% formic acid with B at 5% for 0-2 min, 5-95% for 2-14 min and 95% for 11-17 min at a flow rate of 0.5 mL/min) was used on a Phenomenex Kinetex 2.6  $\mu$ m C18 100A (150 × 4.6 mm) column at 27 °C. The MS was operated in positive ionization mode at a scan range of 600-2000 *m/z* to account for single and double charged theonellamides. The spray voltage was set to 3.7 kV and the capillary temperature to 320 °C. MS<sup>2</sup> data were acquired in a data-dependent fashion with the parent ion scan at a resolution of 70,000 and the  $MS<sup>2</sup>$  scan at a resolution of 17,500. The 10 most abundant peaks of each parent ion scan were subjected to CID fragmentation with a normalized collision energy (NCE) of 35 for network analysis, and 20, 25, 30, 40 and 45, respectively, for MS-based structure elucidation and the dynamic exclusion time was set to 10 sec. MS/MS scans were conducted with an AGC target of  $3 \times 10^6$  or a maximum injection time of 150 ms. Thermo raw files were converted into mzXML file format using MSExport, and uploaded onto the GNPS web server (18). For network analysis, the data were filtered by removing all MS/MS peaks within +/- 17 Da of the precursor *m/z*. MS/MS spectra were windowfiltered by choosing only the top 6 peaks in the  $+/-$  50 Da window throughout the spectrum. The data were then clustered with MS-Cluster with a parent mass tolerance of 2.5 Da (to minimize isotopes of halogenated theonellamides appearing as different nodes in the network) and a MS/MS fragment ion tolerance of 0.5 Da to create consensus spectra. Further, consensus spectra that contained less than 2

spectra were discarded. A network was then created where edges were filtered to have a cosine score above 0.7 and more than 6 matched peaks. Further edges between two nodes were kept in the network if and only if each of the nodes appeared in each other's respective top 10 most similar nodes (18). Data were downloaded and visualized using Cytoscape 3.2. The full LC-MS dataset was uploaded to the MASSIVE database (MSV000081318 PW: 2017). Individual spectra were manually annotated using the software Xcalibur. Spectra of annotated molecules were uploaded to the GNPS library (gnps.ucsd.edu) to make them available for the community.

#### **Phylogenetic analysis of AT domains**

To analyze the putative theonellamide loading AT domain, amino acid sequences of 31 AT domains from *cis*-AT PKS modules of the polyketides soraphen, niddamycin, erythromycin, myxothiazole, pellasoren, gulmirecin, cystothiazole, and the theonellamide AT were selected. The AT from the *E. coli.* fatty acid synthase of (FabD) was selected as an outgroup. The sequences were retrieved from the GenBank database and aligned using Geneious 7.1.8 using the MUSCLE algorithm. The alignment allowed for the comparison of the diagnostic motif for AT-substrate specificity as described in (19). The phylogenetic reconstruction was performed with Geneious Tree Builder, employing the NJ algorithm. Bootstrap analysis was performed with 1,000 pseudo-replicate sequences. The substrates of known AT domains were inferred from polyketide structures.

#### **Synthesis of test substrates**

#### *S***-(2-Acetamidoethyl) 2-(4-bromophenyl)ethanethioate); 4-bromophenylacetyl-SNAC (13)**

*N*-Acetyl cysteamine (NAC) (66.0 µL, 0.59 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of 2-(4bromophenyl)acetic acid (253.7 mg, 1.18 mmol) and a catalytic amount of 4-DMAP (one crystal) in anhydrous dichloromethane (2.4 mL) at 0 °C. Addition of 1-ethyl-3-(3 dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide (208 µL, 0.59 mmol) was followed at 0 °C. After stirring overnight at room temperature the solution was quenched with saturated aqueous NH4Cl (4 mL),

extracted with dichloromethane ( $2 \times 4$  mL). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Purification of the residue by silica gel chromatography  $(SiO<sub>2</sub>, 1:1$  to 2:8 n-hexane/EtOAc, 254 nm,  $R_f$  (EtOAc) 0.41) gave thioester 13 (96.2) mg, 52% yield) as a white crystalline solid. Identity was confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ (ppm) 7.44 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.99 (br, 1H), 3.76 (s, 2H), 3.37 (q, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.99 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.88 (s, 3H) (Fig. S10) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 197.2, 170.4, 132.4, 131.9, 131.2, 121.7, 49.8, 39.4, 29.0, 23.2 (Fig. S11). Measured ESI-HRMS *m/z* 316.0001 (calculated for [M+H]<sup>+</sup> C12H15BrNO2S **<sup>+</sup>** 316.0001).

#### *S***-(2-Acetamidoethyl) 2-phenylethanethioate; phenylacetyl-SNAC (14)**

An excess amount of *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (DIPEA) (411 µL, 2.36 mmol) was added slowly to a stirred solution of NAC (66.0  $\mu$ L, 0.59 mmol) in anhydrous dichloromethane (1 mL) at 0 °C. 2-Phenylacetyl chloride (186.1 mg, 1.18 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous dichloromethane (1 mL) and added slowly to the solution. After stirring overnight at room temperature the solution was quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (4 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane ( $2 \times 4$  mL). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na2SO4, filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Purification of the residue by silica gel chromatography  $(SiO<sub>2</sub>, 1:1$  to 2:8 *n*-hexane/EtOAc, 254 nm, Rf (EtOAc) 0.45) gave thioester **14** (73.7 mg, 53% yield) as a yellow oil. Identity was confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.33 (m, 5H), 5.98 (br, 1H), 3.84 (s, 2H), 3.40 (q, J  $= 6.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.01 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.88 (s, 3H) (Fig. S12) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ (ppm) 198.0, 170.4, 133.4, 129.6, 128.8, 127.6, 50.6, 39.5, 28.9, 23.15 (Fig. S13). Measured ESI-HRMS  $m/z$  238.0892 (calculated for  $[M+H]^+C_{12}H_{16}NO_2S^+$  238.0896).

#### *S***-(2-Acetamidoethyl) (***E***)-3-phenylprop-2-enethioate; cinnamoyl-SNAC (15)**

An excess amount of DIPEA (404 µL, 2.32 mmol) was added slowly to a stirred solution of NAC  $(62.0 \,\mu L, 0.58 \,\text{mmol})$  in anhydrous dichloromethane  $(1 \,\text{mL})$  at  $0 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Cinnamoyl chloride  $(186.2 \,\text{mg})$ ,

1.12 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous dichloromethane (1 mL) and added slowly to the solution. After stirring overnight at room temperature the solution was quenched with saturated aqueous NH4Cl (4 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane  $(2 \times 4$  mL). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na2SO4, filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Purification of the residue by silica gel chromatography (SiO2, 1:1 to 2:8 *n*-hexane/EtOAc) gave a mixture of thioester **15** and cinnamic acid as an orange crystalline solid. Thioester **15** was then recrystallized in acetonitrile (46.8 mg, 32% yield) to yield a crystalline solid. Identity was confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ (ppm) 7.62 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.40 (m, 3H), 6.73 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (br, 1H), 3.50 (q, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.16 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.97 (s, 3H), consistent with previous reports (20). Measured ESI-HRMS  $m/z$  250.0884 (calculated for  $[M+H]^+C_{13}H_{16}NO_2S^+$  250.0896);

#### *S***-(2-Acetamidoethyl) ethanethioate; acetyl-SNAC (16)**

Synthesis was performed according to a previously published procedure (21).

#### **S-(2-acetamidoethyl) 3-hydroxybutanethioate; β-Hydroxybutanoyl-SNAC (17)**

Synthesis was performed according to a previously published procedure (22).

# *S***-(2-Acetamidoethyl) 4-oxopentanethioate (18),** *S***-(2-acetamidoethyl) 2-methyloxazole-4 carbothioate (19), and S-(2-acetamidoethyl) 2-methylthiazole-4-carbothioate (20)**

Syntheses were performed according to a previously published procedure (23).

#### **Construction of the** *tna* **AT-ACP expression vector**

The DNA sequence corresponding to the *tnaA* AT-ACP loading didomain was amplified from the metagenomic DNA from the filamentous bacterial fraction of *T. swinhoei* WA using the primer pair

#### AT\_fwd\_*Bam*HI (5'-GTC GGA TCC CTT GCA GCA TTA TGA CGA TGT TC-3') and

ACP\_rev\_*Hin*dIII (5'-CGT AAG CTT CTA GGT CTC TTG CCA TGG AGT C-3'). The gel purified gene fragment was digested with *Bam*HI and *Hin*dIII and cloned into pCDFDuet-1 (EMD Biosciences, Darmstadt, Germany), yielding the plasmid *tnaA*AT-ACP/pCDFDuet-1. The plasmid was isolated and introduced into the expression strains *E. coli* BL21(DE3) and *E. coli* BAP1. These strains were used for the expression of N-terminally His<sub>6</sub>-tagged TnaA AT-ACP in the apo (*E. coli* BL21) or holo (*E. coli* BAP1) form.

#### **Heterologous gene expression and protein purification of the** *holo***-AT-ACP didomain**

The *E. coli* expression strains were grown in TB medium supplemented with 50 µg/ml spectinomycin until an optical density  $OD_{600}$  of 0.8 was reached, after which the culture was cooled on ice for 30 min. Gene overexpression was induced by addition of isopropyl β-D-1-thiogalactopyranoside (IPTG) to a concentration of 0.1 mM. Induced cultures were grown for additional 24 h at 16 °C and afterwards harvested by centrifugation. Cell pellets were either processed directly or frozen in liquid  $N_2$  and stored at -80 °C.

All purification steps were carried out at 4 °C. Cells were resuspended in lysis buffer (50 mM NaH2PO4, pH 8.0, 300 mM NaCl, 10 mM imidazole, 1% glycerol) and disrupted by sonication using a Sonicator Q700 (QSonica, Newton, USA). The lysate was centrifuged for 45 min at 18,000 g to remove cell debris. The supernatant was incubated with Ni-NTA agarose (Macherey-Nagel, Oensingen, Switzerland) for 60 min and transferred to a fretted column. The resin was washed once with 3 ml lysis buffer (LB) and subsequently with 2 ml wash buffer 1 (same as LB, yet 20 mM imidazole) and finally eluted trice with 0.5 ml elution buffer (250 mM imidazole). Elution fractions were checked for the eluted protein by SDS-PAGE gel electrophoresis, after which a buffer exchange was conducted using a PD-minitrap column (GE Healthcare, Frankfurt a. M., Germany).

#### **Competitive substrate depletion assays**

To investigate the substrate specificity of the theonellamide loading module, we conducted substrate depletion assays, comparable to those of Zheng and co-workers (24). The purified AT-ACP didomain was simultaneously incubated with eight precursors (**13 - 20**) activated as *N*-acetylcysteamine thioesters (SNACs) to mimic naturally occurring CoA activated substrates. These included the predicted substrates bromophenylacetyl-SNAC (**13**) and phenylacetyl-SNAC (**14**), as well as the rather common PKS precursors cinnamoyl-SNAC (**15**) and acetyl-SNAC (**16**) and five further unusual precursors (**17**-**20**) as negative controls. All substrates were weighed in and individually dissolved in water containing 5 % DMSO to a stock concentration of 1 mM. Using the stock concentration, a master mix containing 100  $\mu$ M of each respective substrate was prepared in water. All respective in vitro assays were set up from the substrate master-mix and the protein stock solution. The competitive depletion assay was set up in triplicate in a volume of  $100 \mu$ , containing  $20.0 \mu$ M of the AT-ACP didomain, 20  $\mu$ M of each respective substrate, 1 mM tris(2-carboxyethyl)phosphine (TCEP), 4% [v/v] glycerol and 100 mM phosphate buffer (pH 8.0). Two negative controls were included in which the enzyme was either boiled at 98 °C for 10 min prior to addition of the substrates or substituted with buffer. Reactions were incubated at 30 °C for 20 min, quenched by addition of 20 μL concentrated formic acid and subsequently analyzed by HRMS. To prepare HPLC-MS samples, the precipitated protein was removed by centrifugation (4 °C, 15 min, 20000  $\times$  g) and the supernatant analyzed by HPLC-MS. Measurements were conducted on a QExactive Orbitrap MS (Thermo Scientific, Reinach, Switzerland) coupled to a UltiMate 3000 UHPLC system (Dionex, Reinach, Switzerland) and equipped with a Kinetex  $\circledR$  XB-C18 column (150  $\times$  4.6 mm; Phenomenex, Torrance, CA, USA). The mobile phase consisted of water as solvent A and acetonitrile as solvent B, both supplemented with 0.1% formic acid. The gradient was isocratic at 5% solvent B for 3 min and increased to 95% B in 10 min, stayed isocratic at 95% B for 3 min, linearly decreased to 5% B in 0.1 min, followed by isocratic conditions for 2.9 min. MS measurement was conducted in positive ionization mode in a mass range of 100 - 1000 *m/z*. Collected Data of all MS experiments was analyzed using the Thermo Xcalibur 2.2. software.

## **Supplementary Tables**



## **Table S1. 'E. serta' TSWA1 draft genome statistics**

### **Table S2. 'E. serta' TSWA1 draft single copy phylogenetic markers**

#### present:

	ffh	Signal recognition particle protein
	infB	Translation initiation factor IF-2
	lepA	Elongation factor 4
	pheS	Phenylalanine-tRNA ligase alpha subunit
	pheT	Phenylalanine-tRNA ligase beta subunit
	pyrG	CTP synthase
	rnhB	Ribonuclease HII
	tgt	Queuine tRNA-ribosyltransferase
	tpiA	Triosephosphate isomerase
	tsaD	tRNA N6-adenosine threonylcarbamoyltransferase
	rplA	50S ribosomal protein L1
	rpIB	50S ribosomal protein L2
	rpIC	50S ribosomal protein L3
	rpIE	50S ribosomal protein L5
	rpIF	50S ribosomal protein L6
	rplK	50S ribosomal protein L11
	rplN	50S ribosomal protein L14
	rplO	50S ribosomal protein L15
	rpIP	50S ribosomal protein L16
	rplR	50S ribosomal proteinGenes_L18
	rplV	50S ribosomal protein L22
	rplX	50S ribosomal protein L24
	rpsB	30S ribosomal protein S2
	rpsC	30S ribosomal protein S3
	rpsD	30S ribosomal protein S4
	rpsH	30S ribosomal protein S8
	rpsl	30S ribosomal protein S9
	rpsK	30S ribosomal protein S11
	rpsL	30S ribosomal protein S12
	rpsM	30S ribosomal protein S13
	rpsO	30S ribosomal protein S15
	rpsQ	30S ribosomal protein S17
	rpsS	30S ribosomal protein S19
Genes absent:		
	rpID	50S ribosomal protein L4
	rpIJ	50S ribosomal protein L10

**Table S3. Comparison of completeness between 'Entotheonella' genomes.**





**Table S4. Natural product biosynthetic domains and enzymes of 'E. serta' TSWA1 compared to the two previously sequenced 'Entotheonella' variants.**

Table S5. NRPSpredictor2 results for A domains from 'E. serta TSWA1'. TNA refers to A domains from theonellamide gene cluster contigs obtained by gap closure PCR, and are separated into TNA1 and TNA2 corresponding to regions 1 and 2 of the theonellamide BGC. A domains from theonellamide found on initial sequencing contigs are marked with [tna1] or [tna2]. When multiple A domains were detected on a contig, they are listed in sequence order. Not all A domains detected by antiSMASH and BLAST-based annotation yielded good predictions from NRPSpredictor.





Abbreviations: Oiv, 2-oxo-isovaleric acid; Iva, isovaleric acid; Ala-b, β-alanine; Pip, pipecolic acid; Bht, β-hydroxytyrosine; Aad, aminoadipic acid

**Table S6. ORFs detected on the 'E. serta' TSWA1 loci containing the** *tna* **genes and their putative functions.**









### **Table S7. LC-HRMS data of identified theonellamide analogs**



\* new theonellamides



## **Table S8. Primers used for gap closing in** *tna* **pathway from 'E. serta' TSWA1**

#### **Supplementary Figures**



**Fig. S1.** Molecular network of singly (A) and doubly charged (B) theonellamides from sponge samples from Japan and Israel. Nodes are color coded according to the sponge sample they were isolated from: blue, TSW Japan; red, TSW Israel; green, metabolites present in both sponges. Numbers within each node indicate the averaged exact masses over 2.5 Da and may include isotopes. As a result, the masses indicated are not to be interpreted as exact masses. The edge line width indicates the relatedness between two metabolites (cosine 0.7).



**Fig. S2.** Mass spectrum of theonellamide B (**8**), showing characteristic isotopic pattern of theonellamides. Detailed structural analysis of this compound is laid out in Figs. S7-9.



**Fig. S3.** Phylogram of AT domains from various pathways. Tip labels consist of the product of the relevant biosynthetic pathways, protein name, module number, putative substrate and organism. On the right is a sequence alignment of the corresponding AT region that contains residues previously identified (19, 25-27) as diagnostic for substrate specificity. The outgroup is the *E. coli* AT from fatty acid biosynthesis (FabD). In the alignment, the sequence of the AT substrate specificity motif is marked in bold. Yellow denotes ATs selecting malonyl-CoA units and green refers to methylmalonyl-CoA specificity. The putative loading AT from the 'E. serta' theonellamide biosynthetic pathway is marked in purple.



Fig. S4. Competitive TnaA AT-ACP depletion assay performed in triplicates. Depletion assay was carried out with substrates **13-21**, as shown in Fig. 4 and Figs. S5 and S6. Negative controls contain either boiled or no enzyme. Bar heights represent the average peak area of each compound. Error bars represent the standard deviation between the triplicates. Peak areas were assigned using the Avalon algorithm implemented in the Xcalibur software package and manual correction when necessary.



**Fig. S5.** Mass spectra of compounds **13**-**17** from the extracted ion chromatogram (EIC) of the boiled enzyme control (labeled a in Fig. 4). Monoisotopic peaks corresponding to the  $[M+H]$ <sup>+</sup> and [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> ions of the respective substrates labeled in blue. Orange labels mark background peaks from the MS instrument (x and y) and free NAC stemming from fragmentation during ionization.



**Fig. S6.** Mass spectra of compounds **18**-**20** from the EIC of the boiled enzyme control (labeled a in Fig. 4), and free NAC (**21**) from the reaction (labeled c) in Fig. 4). Monoisotopic peaks corresponding to the  $[M+H]^+$  and  $[M+Na]^+$  ions of the respective substrates labeled in blue and of free NAC in orange. Orange labels mark background peaks from the MS instrument (x and y) respectively, and free NAC stemming from fragmentation during ionization.

#### **Detailed Structural Analysis of Theonellamide B**

In this section, we describe in detail the MS-based structural assignment of theonellamide B, as an example of the analysis performed for each labelled node in Fig. 3.  $MS<sup>2</sup>$  spectra for structurally assigned theonellamides were uploaded to the GNPS library (gnps.uscd.edu). Theonellamides were identified based on their characteristic isotope pattern resulting from bromination. As a result of the chemical complexity and halogenation, the isotopic pattern of theonellamide B  $(8; C_{70}H_{89}BrN_{16}O_{23})$  is composed of six signals (Fig. S2), [**8**+H]<sup>+</sup> (65% of relative abundance), [**8**+H+1]<sup>+</sup> (65% of relative abundance),  $[8+H+2]^+$  (100% of relative abundance),  $[8+H+3]^+$  (65% of relative abundance),  $[8+H+4]^+$  (30% of relative abundance) and [**8**+H+5]<sup>+</sup> (10% of relative abundance). We observed theonellamides as either single or double charged ions. The fragmentation pattern, however, differed significantly (collision energy was set to 25 eV). Fig. S7 shows the MS<sup>2</sup> spectra of theonellamide B ( $m/z$  1601.5506 Da [8+H]<sup>+</sup> and  $m/z$  801.26 Da  $[8+2H]^{2+}$ ), either singly or doubly charged, as an example. MS-based structure elucidation was achieved by combining the information obtained from different collision energies.

In the MS<sup>2</sup> spectrum at  $m/z$  1601.5506 [8+H]<sup>+</sup>, the most intense fragment signal at  $m/z$  1583.5417 corresponds to a H2O loss from the molecular ion, and two additional H2O losses were observed with low intensities. Other fragments correspond to the (5*E*,7*E*)-3-amino-4-hydroxy-6-methyl-8-phenyl- 5,7 octadienoic acid (Apoa) moiety (Fig. S8). Interestingly, in the  $MS<sup>2</sup>$  spectrum of  $[8+2H]<sup>2+</sup>$ , the most intense signal is also related to Apoa, (Fig. S9), however Apoa is observed here as a signal at *m/z* 226.1224 Da and the most intense signal at  $m/z$  209.0959 corresponds to [Apoa-NH<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>.



Fig. S7. Comparison of MS fragmentation patterns between  $[8+H]^+$ , (top) and  $[8+2H]^2$ <sup>+</sup> (bottom).



Fig. S8. Observed fragments for  $[8+H]^+$ .



**Fig. S9**. Characteristic  $MS^2$ -fragments of  $[8+2H]^{2+}$ .







**Fig. S11.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl3) spectrum of **13**.

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**Fig. S10.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl3) spectrum of **14**.

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